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**CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF \$118 MILLION
“BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE” CAMPAIGN**

*** Campus Celebration Took Place on April 23, 2019 ***

HONOLULU (April 23, 2019) – Chaminade University today celebrated the completion of its 10-year “Bridges to the Future” campaign, which surpassed its fundraising goal and raised \$118 million in support of students, academics, athletics, facilities and the arts. A Campus-wide celebration kicked off with the dedication and blessing of the university’s new Silversword Athletics facility, which was made possible through the campaign.

“Our ‘Bridges to the Future’ campaign exceeded expectations, both in terms of financial goals and outcomes, and we extend a heartfelt thanks to our donors, alumni, board members, foundations, partners, faculty and staff,” said Dr. Lynn Babington, president of Chaminade University. “The campaign allowed us to make great strides to address the ongoing need for access to quality higher education opportunities, particularly for students who might not otherwise be able to afford college. We were also able to implement a number of innovative, student-focused initiatives driven by our strong service-oriented mission.”

The funds raised through the Bridges to the Future campaign supported a number of successful outcomes in four critical areas: i) student access and success, ii) academic excellence, iii) athletics and iv) campus environment. Among the outcomes:

Student Access and Success:

- Establishment of 46 new privately-funded scholarships.
- Development of Hawaii’s only four-year graduation guarantee.
- Improved retention, graduation and job placement rates (e.g., 79% first- to second-year retention rate).
- Development and implementation of model program for Native Hawaiian student retention (90% first- to second-year retention rate for Native Hawaiian students).

Academic Excellence

- Increased the quality of and expanded academic program offerings.
- Launched the School of Nursing, which is tied for No. 1 in the nation based on the number of graduates passing the national licensure exam.
- Established the Marianist Center for Student Leadership, which will provide a signature formational four-year leadership development program for undergraduate students uniquely based on Marianist Catholic values and traditional Hawaiian values.

- Established a new Center for Teaching and Learning, which supports faculty in a variety of high-impact learning practices, as well as faculty scholarship.
- Recruited top-notch faculty.

Athletics

- Hired the first full-time athletics director and the first full-time women's volleyball coach.
- Built the new Silversword Athletics Training Center and Locker Rooms.

Campus Environment

- Completed renovation and upgrades to virtually every major building on campus, expanding the overall classroom footprint, creating new offices, state-of-the-art science labs and a centralized and lively student center.
- Re-imagined classrooms to be student-focused and created active learning centers, and invested in cutting-edge educational technology to bolster student engagement.
- Invested in environmentally sustainable infrastructure, in particular a new solar farm.

For a complete list of outcomes and impacts, visit <http://chaminade.edu/advancement/bridges/>.

Added Dr. Babington, "We at Chaminade University aspire to be the excellent, relevant university, the innovative university and the university that contributes to the betterment of society, and we are well on our way."

The Bridges to the Future campaign was completed in December 2018. With an initial fundraising goal of \$100 million, the campaign raised \$118 million through private gifts, grants and public funding.

For more information, visit Chaminade University at www.chaminade.edu.

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[Chaminade University of Honolulu](http://www.chaminade.edu) provides a collaborative and innovative learning environment that prepares graduate and undergraduate students for life, service and successful careers. Established in 1955, the university is guided by its Catholic, Marianist and liberal arts educational traditions, which include a commitment to serving the Native Hawaiian population. Chaminade offers an inclusive setting where students, faculty and staff collectively pursue a more just and peaceful society.

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