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**CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED OVER \$470,000 FROM
CLARENCE T.C. CHING FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF Psy.D. STUDENTS**

HONOLULU (August 22, 2019) – Chaminade University of Honolulu received a \$478,464 grant from the Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation in support of Chaminade’s Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) in Clinical Psychology program on Monday, August 19, 2019. The grant will be utilized to provide tuition assistance to Psy.D. students.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation,” says Dr. Sean Scanlan, Director of the Psy.D. program at Chaminade University of Honolulu. “This generous gift will help ease the financial burden on students who have already experienced a tumultuous first part of the year when Argosy University suddenly closed.”

Upon Argosy University’s mid-semester closure in March 2019, Chaminade acquired Argosy’s Hawaii School of Professional Psychology (HSPP) doctor of psychology program and hired all full-time Psy.D. staff and faculty members. The program’s complete closure would have eliminated the nearest accredited Psy.D. program within 2,400 miles of Hawaii, severely impacting Hawaii’s mental health services. The move to acquire the program by Chaminade—and the support of the Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation—eliminated this potential crisis and allowed students to continue providing care to their patients.

“This program fulfills such an important need in our community,” says Tertia Freas, Executive Director for the Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation. “It is our honor to support these incredible students in their journey to bring much-needed mental health services to Hawaii.”

The Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation grant will provide scholarships for Psy.D. students to assist with their tuition so they may continue their studies.

“The five-year program is the only one of its kind in Hawaii, with last year’s students providing over 12,000 volunteer hours of direct services through clinical practicums to



the local community,” says Dr. Lynn Babington, President of Chaminade University of Honolulu. “We are excited to bring the Psy.D. program to Chaminade University as it fits perfectly with the academic programs we already provide and aligns with our mission to serve those in need.”

For more information, visit Chaminade University’s website at Chaminade.edu.

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Pictured from Left to Right: Raymond J. Tam, Trustee of Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation; Dr. Lynn Babington, President of Chaminade University; Dr. Sean Scanlan, Director of the Hawai`i School of Professional Psychology at Chaminade University of Honolulu; Catherine H.Q. Ching, Trustee of Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation; John K. Tsui, Trustee of Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation; and Kenneth T. Okamoto, Trustee of Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation.



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[Chaminade University of Honolulu](https://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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