

Robert E. and Barbara A. Arthurs

BARBARA BONGO ARTHURS SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT AT HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REASON FOR THE GIFT

Bob Arthurs, along with his children Leilani and Rob, Jr, have established this gift in honor of the professional career and legacy of wife and mother, Barbara Bongo Arthurs. By establishing this endowment, they are providing perpetual funding for an annual scholarship for students to attend either Hawai'i Community College or the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. The family of Dr. Barbara Arthurs and thousands of others whose lives she has impacted during her service at both Hawai'i Community College and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, and around the world, wish to acknowledge the support and inspiration that she has provided as a counselor, mentor and role model.

ABOUT THE HONOREE



Dr. Barbara Bongo Arthurs retired as Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at Hawai'i Community College in 2010 as the first University of Hawai'i campus administrator of Filipino ancestry. Barbara also served in the capacity of counselor, and Dean of Students while at Hawai'i Community College, and as the Director of Student Support Services at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

Dr. Arthurs is a graduate of Waianae High School on O'ahu. Despite financial obstacles, Barbara and her parents worked hard to provide an opportunity for her to attend the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Her mother made and sold Filipino sweets (kankanen) to help pay for tuition and books while Barbara also worked as a pineapple trimmer and a grocery store cashier to help defray the cost of her education. Being class valedictorian, she received a couple of scholarships and made a promise to herself that one day she would be a scholarship donor to help the next generation of college students. Her grandaunt had ingrained in Barbara from an early age the importance of education.

Barbara's career spans the gamut of educational roles. She served as a public school teacher in Hawai'i, a high school counselor in Hawai'i, Colombia, South America, Trinidad and Tobago, and Arlington, VA. She also worked as a counselor and social worker in Canberra, Australia. Her educational roles led her to to accept positions at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and Hawai'i Community College.

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While serving as the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Hawai'i Community College, Barbara made it a point to meet with every student who wanted to see her. She reached out to students who were academically at risk and in danger of being dismissed. Many former students and colleagues have expressed their gratitude for the empathy and encouragement that Barbara showed them. Her legacy in the academic world has impacted thousands of lives.

It is the Arthurs' hope that recipients of this scholarship will one day be able to establish a scholarship for other students to continue the cycle of support and inspiration.