

Wendell & Susan Foo

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ABOUT THE DONORS



Wendell Foo, MD graduated from the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) specializing in anesthesiology. Dr. Foo is also a Colonel (Retired) with the U.S. Army Reserve, Tripler Army Medical Center. Dr. Foo has organized Career Night, pairing JABSOM medical students in breakout sessions with physicians from a wide variety of specialties, for over several decades. Dr. Foo is a strong believer in giving back to the community, and was named 2004 Model Chinese Father of the Year by the United Chinese Society.

Susan Foo, graduated with her Masters degree in Education from Arizona State University. Mrs. Foo is active in property management and real estate development and received both a remodeling Grand Award and a historical preservation property award for her renovation projects. She was named the 2000 Millenium Model Chinese Mother of the Year by the United Chinese Society. She has been very active in the community, with service including the JABSOM Scholarship Committee (over 15 years), and has worked with organizations including Cancer Camp Kids, Bishop Museum, Goodwill Industries, MADD, Honolulu Symphony and Hawaii Medical Association Alliance.

Susan and Wendell have three children: Bryan Wahl, MD, JD, a JABSOM graduate and practicing hospitalist physician as well as a full-time law partner at the intellectual property law firm of Knobbe Martens; Deryck Wahl, JD, MBA, an attorney and independent real estate broker in California and Hawai'i; and Marisa Wahl, MBA, a Hollywood actress and filmmaker currently working at The Walt Disney Company.

REASON FOR THE GIFT

As a graduate of the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), I am proud and fortunate to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this venerable institution by establishing the Wendell and Susan Foo Endowed Scholarship in commemoration of the event.

Graduating from JABSOM prepared me well for both my medical practice, and its emphasis on community and volunteerism has stayed with me throughout my career. For example, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to organize the annual Career Night event, where JABSOM students learn about their existing or potential fields of interest from practicing Hawai'i physicians from a wide variety of specialties.

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JABSOM is far more and far better than “the only medical school in Hawai‘i”. It excels in family practice medicine, problem-based learning, and is a critical international center of research, teaching and learning in the Asia-Pacific region. It is critically important that the state, community and JABSOM alumni continue to support JABSOM’s mission and outreach even as the Kaka‘ako campus continues to thrive and expand.

Susan and I extend our heartiest congratulations to JABSOM on its 50th Anniversary! We hope our scholarship will contribute to the financial support of our medical students in the years to come! ~ Dr. Wendell Foo