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Fujio & Amy Matsuda

FUJIO AND AMY MATSUDA SCHOLARSHIP

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The **Fujio and Amy Matsuda Scholarship** is established in memory of Dr. Fujio Matsuda and in honor of his wife, Amy M. Matsuda, to support students pursuing a degree in any area of study at the University of Hawai'i. The fund will place priority on students from Hawai'i who embody Aloha, and who respect and care for Hawaii's people and the 'Aina for the benefit of future generations.

ABOUT THE HONOREE AND DONOR

Dr. Fujio "Fudge" Matsuda was born in Kaka'ako, Honolulu and graduated from McKinley High School in 1942. His studies at the University of Hawai'i were postponed as he enlisted in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the U.S. Army during World War II and was assigned to the 291st Field Artillery Observation Battalion. He served in northern Germany and France earning a Bronze Star. After the war, Dr. Matsuda resumed his education and earned a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Rose Polytechnic Institute in 1949 and a Doctor of Science degree in Structural Engineering from MIT in 1952.

Dr. Matsuda co-founded the SMS Engineering firm in Honolulu and began his prestigious career with the University of Hawai'i during Hawai'i's transition to statehood from 1956 to 1962. While at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, he first served as professor of Civil Engineering, later becoming Department Chairman. From 1963 to 1973, he served as Director of the state's Department of Transportation under Governor John A. Burns. In 1973, Dr. Matsuda, fondly nicknamed "Fudge," became Vice-President and then President of the University of Hawai'i (1974), the only locally born president to date, and the nation's first Asian American to lead a major university. After his tenure as president, he became the Executive Director of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i in 1984.

Amy M. (Saiki) Matsuda was born near downtown Honolulu, raised in Kapahulu, and graduated from McKinley High School in 1943. Fujio and Amy were married in 1949 in Honolulu and then they moved to Boston so he could enroll at MIT. Together they raised six children in a close and loving family. At the time of Fujio's passing, he and Amy had 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Dr. Matsuda studied the traditional Japanese tea ceremony (Urasenke) and Amy studied traditional Japanese flower arranging (Ohara).