



# GIRLS GOT GRIT

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**Team 5 Pitch Day Winners!**

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## Pitch Day Success

**Girls Got Grit** is off and running! This unique leadership program experienced outstanding success this past spring with 36 students in grades 10 through 12, working in 5 teams and directly mentored by some of Honolulu’s most prominent women leaders.

Throughout the months of February and March, each power-packed team envisioned and developed a fundraising idea to present to a panel of mentors, staff and invited guests. Their creative ideas raised money for the **Girls Got Grit** program to implement scholarships that enable more young women to take advantage of the superior leadership development program Sacred Hearts offers.

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### Fall 2017 GGG Current Mentors:

- Team 1: **Shelley Wilson** - Founder, President & CEO of Wilson Care Group  
**Kat Lin-Hurtubise** - Founder & President of Gourmet Events Hawaii
- Team 2: **Sharon Brown** - President of First Hawaiian Bank Foundation  
**Alethea Seto** - Senior VP of Sales & Service Division, First Hawaiian Bank
- Team 3: **Jasmin Rodriguez** - Dir of Mktng & Communications, Castle Med Ctr /Adventist Health  
**Kristina Lockwood** - President & General Manager of KHON 2
- Team 4: **Martha Smith** - CEO of Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children  
**Gail Lerch** - Exec Vice President of HR at Hawaii Pacific Health
- Team 5: **Dr. Angela Pratt** - Chief OB-GYN at Kapiolani Medical Center  
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*“Girls Got Grit offers the practical experience and networking opportunities necessary to be successful in this increasingly competitive world.” Betty White, SHA Head of School*

## Pitch Day Success, continued

Each team of students pitched their unique idea on Thursday, April 12th at the Sacred Hearts Campus. The panel voted on their favorite presentations based on creativity, strategy, presence, clarity and profitability.

Teams had such incredible fundraising ideas that the Academy plans to implement elements from each team idea within the next school year. Congratulations to all of the **GGG** students and mentors for developing such exciting ideas for the school. Watch for these events in the Fall and Spring!

Upon the completion of Phase 1 (mentoring and presentation development) students will begin Phase 2 in the Fall of 2018 and intern at various local companies to practice networking, communication skills and gain valuable insight into the professional world.

### Past Mentors: Fall 2016– Spring 2017

- Team 1: **Bobbie Lau** - Sr. GM , Howard Hughes
- Team 2: **Cathy Lee** - President, Cathy Lee Style  
**Tracy Wong** - Owner, Insurance Solutions
- Team 3: **Denise Yamaguchi** - CEO, Hawaii Food & Wine Festival  
**Ann Wharton** – Senior Markng Mgr, Lendlease
- Team 4: **Kathy Inouye** - KG Partners & COO, Kobayashi Group  
**Christine Camp** - Pres & CEO, Avalon Development Co
- Team 5: **Shelley Cramer** - VP & GM, Saks Fifth Avenue  
**Cara Nakamura** - Dir. Fin. Assets Div of Kamehameha Schls

### Mahalo to our Pitch Day Donors

Dr. Angela Pratt  
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 Kimberly Frank Consulting  
 Adventist Health/ Castle Medical Center  
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### Our Internship Phase begins in August 2018!



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*"We encourage girls to focus on a 'growth mindset'. This helps them learn that through hard work, commitment and good strategies you can develop your talents. The girls worry less about looking smart and put more emphasis into learning what it takes to achieve your goals." - Shelley Cramer, VP & GM of Saks Fifth Avenue, Founder of GGG*



*Kimi Tokunaga, class of 2018*



*Ashley Ung, class of 2019*

## GGG Scholarship recipients

To date, the **Girls Got Grit** program has raised over \$100,000 toward scholarships and program sustainability.

The latest **Girls Got Grit** scholarship recipients are Kimi Tokunaga '18 and Ashley Ung '19. Both are inspirational students with an ambition and passion for leadership.

**Kimi Tokunaga** embodies the academic and personal growth goals of the Academy by being involved in a plethora of student activities and clubs. Not only did she prioritize her participation in **Girls Got Grit**, but she was active in paddling, Big Brothers Big Sisters, National Honors Society, Liturgical Corps, band, hula and singing. She will be attending the University of Portland this fall and has high hopes of a career in neonatal nursing.

**Ashley Ung** is a leader in her class as the Division Community Service Chair. Ashley is involved in the Soroptimist Club, Cyber Lancers and the Interact Club. She looks forward to a career in Radiology, and she is excited about participating in Phase 2.

*"I hope to enhance my leadership skills through this program and lead my peers with what the mentors teach me. I want to make a difference and become a resourceful leader." - Ashley Ung*

Both students exemplify the qualities Sacred Hearts and **GGG**; they promote and are inspirational examples of ambitious and creative future role-models in Hawaii.

### Get Involved with GGG!

*Do you want to get involved?*

**Mentors:** We are seeking 5 to 10 new mentors to meet a team of 6 students for a minimum of 1 hour per week for January through April, 2019. Teams will devise a plan to tackle a current problem facing women in Hawaii.

**Internships:** Companies needed to provide internships for students on Wednesdays from 2-5p, Aug through Dec, 2019.

**Donations:** Financially partner with GGG to maximize the success and scope of our scholarship opportunities for valuable future leaders!

If you are interested, please reach out to the director of the **Girls Got Grit** program, Noe Oliver, (808) 734-5058 ext. 238



*Shelley Cramer  
VP and GM Saks Fifth Avenue  
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## Meet the New GGG Program Director



**Noe Oliver**  
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Noe Oliver brings an eclectic background in technology, administration, finance and youth ministry to the table as our new **Girls Got Grit** program coordinator. As an alum of the Academy she carries its DNA in her heart and is passionate about helping young ladies become inspired future leaders.

*“Sacred Hearts Academy provides these ladies with opportunities for achievement and **Girls Got Grit** presents them with the prospects for real-world success. I am honored to team up with such a powerful program!”*

Noe graduated with an Associates degree in Computer Applications from Black Hills State University and a Bachelors degree in Organizational Management from Colorado Christian University. She will oversee the **Girls Got Grit** program as well as the Spring STEM and other Development Office Events at Sacred Hearts.

Welcome, Noe, to the **GGG** team!

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