

Girls Got GRIT Newsletter Winter 2019, Issue 2



2018 CELEBRATES SUCCESS

Girls Got GRIT wraps up its 2nd year celebrating upgrades programmatically and numerically!

The year started with a successful Mentorship season. Thirty-six students, consisting of 14 veterans and 22 new students, worked on 5 teams with prominent women leaders to develop a unique fundraising idea.

On April 12, 2018, the teams pitched their ideas to a panel of investors and raised funds to sustain the program and support two \$5000 scholarships for worthy GGG participants, Kimi Tokunaga and Ashley Ung.

The internship season, which started this August was successful as well. The 21 remaining Juniors and Seniors served at 20 different companies throughout the first semester, up from nine locations in 2017.

The students worked in a variety of fields including the political, industrial, medical and non-profit worlds. The skills and networking opportunities they received from these internships helped the students discern their career goals and solidify their future success.

In addition, the Sacred Hearts Senior Class has chosen to adopt one of the ideas pitched in Aprill. The GGG seniors will lead their classmates in implementing this creative project to support Project Grad this spring.















Internship Highlights











2019 PROMISES PROGRESS

The New Year brings excitement for the Girls Got GRIT program as we welcome twenty-six new Juniors and Sophomores teamed up with seven new mentors and three seasoned mentor veterans.

Our teams will tackle the question:

"If you were the Governor of Hawaii, what would you do to make an impact on improving this state?"

To add value to our mentorship and internship teams, Girls Got GRIT will also begin implementing weekly lunch workshops to fine-tune cooperative, organization and social skills. From time-management to client-management, GGG students will learn and practice relevant tools to ensure professional success.





Team ONE:



Gidget D. G. Roscetta Chief Operating Officer Pali Momi Medical Center



Suzie So-Mivahara Director of Imaging, Women's Center & Fitness Kapi'olani Medical Center

Team TWO:



Sharon Brown President First Hawai'ian Bank Foundation



Alethea Seto Senior VP of Sales, Service and Retail Trainina First Hawai'ian Bank

Team THREE:



Jenai Sullivan Wall Chairman & Chief **Executive Officer** Foodland Super Market,



Joan Bennet President & CEO The Bennet Group

Team FOUR:



Colleen Reyes Owner Island Style Innovations



Kat Lin-Hurtubise Gourmet Events Hawai'i

Team FIVE:



Sharlene Tsuda VP of Community Development The Queen's Health Systems (QHS)



Elizabeth M. Ignacio, M.D. Surgical Dir of Sports Medicine IMUA Orthopedics, Sports & Health

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Girls Got GRIT has had an amazing impact on our students and our school. The girls made connections with powerful women who have inspired them to realize a bigger and better future for themselves. GGG provides a missing link between the academic and professional worlds.

"I have been inspired by this program because I feel like there is no limit to what I can do." Aubrey '20

We are so grateful to our ten Phase 1 mentors and twenty Phase 2 internship locations. With their practical support and the patronage of our sponsors and donors, our program is shaping the futures of these outstanding students.

All are welcome to check out the newest addition to our campus foyer- the Girls Got GRIT display! Featuring pictures of some of the 2018 internship sights, we celebrate the valuable experiences the students had. Mahalo $\sim Noe$





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