

**James K. Scott, President
Punahou School**

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James Kapae‘alii Scott was born in Honolulu and graduated from Punahou School in 1970. He received an A.B. in political science from Stanford University before joining the faculty of Robert Louis Stevenson School in Pebble Beach, California. He later served as academic dean, while earning an M.A. in Private School Leadership at the University of San Francisco. In 1983, he pursued a master’s degree and doctorate in Administration, Planning and Social Policy at Harvard University, while serving as the headmaster at Catlin Gabel School in Portland, Oregon. In 1994, he became the 16th president of Punahou School.

Scott is actively engaged in leadership roles at the local and national levels, currently serving as a member of the National Association of Independent Schools Board of Trustees; chair of The Klingenstein Center Advisory Board at Teachers College, Columbia University; and president of Country Day School Headmasters’ Association of the U.S.

Under Scott’s leadership, Punahou School has achieved notable milestones, including recognition as an Apple Distinguished School; being named top Green School in America in 2006; and receiving the title of No. 1 high school athletics program in 2008 and 2009 from Sports Illustrated magazine.

A hallmark of Scott’s leadership at Punahou has been a commitment to a vigorous financial aid program and championing the public purpose of independent schools. In addition to its many professional development opportunities offered to teachers throughout the state of Hawai‘i, the award-winning Clarence T.C. Ching PUEO program encourages college readiness among public school students with economic need. In 2010, Punahou launched the Student Global Leadership Institute, which seeks to build an international cohort of leaders committed to positive social change. Today, the program hosts 24 schools from ten countries.