



WE ARE MANA

PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT FOR MANA ACADEMY





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MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in Mana Academy Charter School. Since opening our doors in 2013, we continue to be fervent in our commitment in developing life-long learners to become the future leaders of tomorrow.

Over the years, we have labored to provide scholars from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds an innovative learning experience that recognizes the value of the rich cultures they each bring to Mana Academy. When that simple act of validation is integrated into the curriculum and in everything we do, our scholars feel a sense of belonging and connectedness through the common values we share, and this foundation provides our scholars an environment primed for optimal learning. As a result, Mana Academy today is leading the way in Utah when measuring student growth in state proficiency exams and reading assessments.

We are highly encouraged by the growth data and the actualization that we are approaching a reality where opportunity gaps are closed, higher education is attainable for all and the lives of our scholars and our communities will be transformed.

It is my hope that you will consider a gift on behalf of our Mana Academy scholars. Your generous gift will help our scholars in their quest to ensure a brighter future for themselves and our communities.

Sincerely,
'Anapesi Ka'ili

OUR STORY

"WE ARE UNITED, WE ARE FAMILY, WE ARE MANA"

Much like our scholars we serve, our story is one of resilience and perseverance.

Founded in 2013, Mana Academy was created in response to concerns of low academic performance in under-served communities, specifically ethnic communities in the west side of the Salt Lake valley with a high population of Pacific Islanders and Latin Americans.

Armed with a mission and a mandate to close the opportunity gap in our respective communities, we created a unique school model that taps into and leverages the shared cultural values of our school community to create a space where our scholars feel a sense of belonging, connectedness and purpose.

With this foundation in place, we actively engage key partners—educators, parents, cultural practitioners from our community, local colleges and universities, and experts in various professions—to create learning experiences that will develop life long learners equipped with the 21st century skills and competence to succeed in life.



YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENSURES THAT MANA ACADEMY WILL BE ABLE FINANCIALLY SUSTAIN OUR EFFORTS IN MEETING OUR MISSION AND VISION AND TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OUR SCHOLARS AND OUR COMMUNITIES.

OUR SCHOLARS

USBE DATA GATEWAY SY 2017-2018

DEMOGRAPHIC

NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC

ISLANDER: 179

LATIN AMERICAN: 104

MULTI-RACE: 24

WHITE: 11

BLACK: 2

SUB-GROUPS

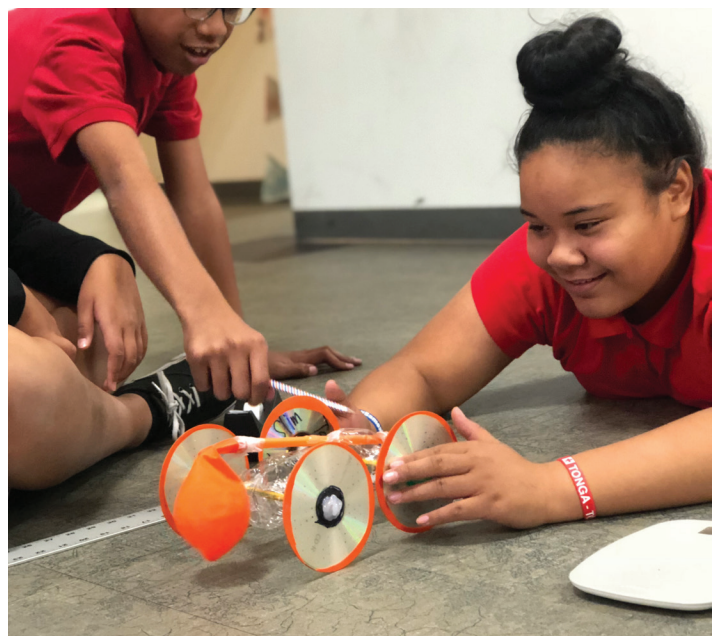
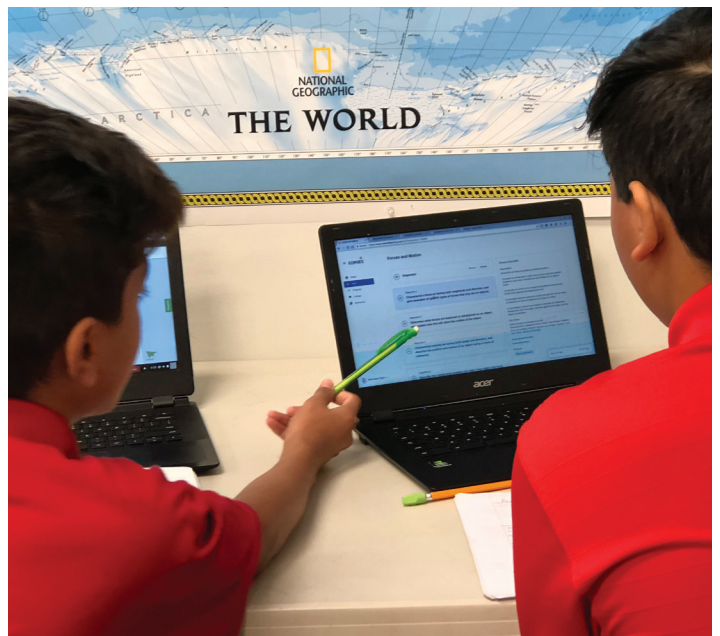
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED:

82%

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS: 15%

ETHNIC MINORITY: 97%

SPECIAL EDUCATION: 10%





OUR GROWTH

USBE DATA GATEWAY SY 2017-2018

TOP 10% DIBELS

Mana Academy's third grade class was in the top ten percent in Utah in meeting the Uniform Growth Goal for DIBELS reading pathway proficiency.



1ST IN GROWTH

First in GROWTH for Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders in the state of Utah in the 2018 SAGE English Language Arts exam.

1ST IN GROWTH

First in GROWTH for Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders in the state of Utah in the 2018 SAGE Math exam.



1ST IN GROWTH

First in GROWTH for Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders in the state of Utah in the 2018 SAGE Science exam.

3RD OVERALL

Third in overall GROWTH in the state of Utah in the 2018 SAGE English Language Arts exam.

A FUTURE OF POSSIBILITIES



*“Let us dream and
create a place where our
children are inspired to
make knowledge joyful.”*

- Dr. Manulani Aluli Meyer

Moving the academic growth of our students in such huge increments with the limited resources at our disposal is a feat in itself—but we did it. Imagine what we can do with access to a wealth of resources and opportunities!

Mana Academy is ready to engage private philanthropy as partners in helping us to attain our mission and vision. Your donation is an investment that will not only help a scholar at Mana Academy to achieve their full potential—it will transform entire communities.

HOW YOUR GIFT WILL BE USED:

- Curriculum enhancement
- Enhanced Art and Music programs
- Science lab equipment
- Teacher Recruitment and Support
- Middle School and High School Elective Classes
- Educational Field Trips
- Technology upgrades
- After-school programs
- Cultural Recital
- Speaker Fees
- Stipend for Cultural Experts & Practitioners
- Pay off outstanding lunch balances
- Field trip excursions

SCHOOL CREED

We are the scholars of Mana Academy. We embody the dreams and aspirations of our ancestors. We represent our families and communities.

We are dedicated, committed and focused. We respect ourselves and all people. We will not yield to uncertainty or fear. We will not accept mediocrity.

We take ownership of our academic success.

We are future college graduates.

We are united.

We are family.

We are Mana.



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