



## A message from the Executive Vice President of Education

DR. HOLOUA STENDER

Aloha mai kākou e ka 'Ohana o Kamehameha,

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Taran Chun as our new Po'o Kula (Head of School) of Kamehameha Schools, Kapālama Campus. Dr. Chun, a 1995 KS Kapālama graduate, returns to his alma mater from his most recent position as principal of Mountain View High School in Orem, Utah where he has served since 2013. He will take on his Po'o Kula duties effective June 1, 2017.



Dr. Taran Chun

I also want to recognize and thank our interim Po'o Kula, Debra Lindsey, for her support and leadership throughout the search process. We would not have gotten to this positive outcome without a strong, stable leader guiding this campus through an entire school year. Mahalo nui e Debbie!

Dr. Chun is well-qualified for this position and understands the opportunities that a world-class, Hawaiian culture-based education can provide for Kamehameha students. He has held various education positions throughout his career, including classroom teacher, coach, school administrator, adjunct professor and university trustee. In his current role as principal of Mountain View High School, he is mission-oriented, possesses clear vision, and is a role-model for his haumāna and kumu and the entire school community. During

recognized student athlete and a talented performing artist. All of these experiences provide him a unique perspective that he'll bring to his new leadership role at Kamehameha.

During the next few months, Dr. Chun will be visiting Kamehameha at various times to meet with our elementary, middle and high school faculty and staff, parents, campus operations and most importantly, our haumāna. We will be looking for opportunities for our Kawaiha'ō and regional 'ohana as well as alumni to also meet him during these times.

Dr. Chun has expressed his excitement to return to campus to lead our faculty, staff and haumāna i mua, and I look forward to the wonderful things that he will bring to our campus 'ohana, especially his true spirit of aloha.

A native of Wahiawā, Dr. Chun is a graduate of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah where in 2001 he earned a B.S. in Physical Education Pedagogy, K-12 and an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership in 2004. In 2011, he earned an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of Utah.

Dr. Chun and his wife, Nizhoni, along with their five keiki will reside on campus in Hale Pelekikena. Please join me as we welcome Dr. Chun and his family back to Kapālama!

Me ka mahalo nui,

Dr. Holoua Stender  
Executive Vice President of Education



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