

HONOLULU QUARTERBACK CLUB

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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 68 years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their luncheon, Monday, March 3rd., at the MGR:

+ Vince Baldemor - Executive Director of Athletics - HPU

+ Keenyn Won - Head Acrobatics & Tumbling Coach

Vince Baldemor - Executive Director of Athletics - Hawai'i Pacific University -

Vince is in his first year as Executive Director of Athletics at HPU. He oversees the university's 14 intercollegiate sports and campus recreation. Vince is no stranger to Hawaii sports fans, he was hired in 2003 as executive director of Ahahui Koa Anuenue (AKA), the non-profit fundraising partner for UH Athletics, and in 2005 was promoted to president. He served on the athletics department leadership team and provided support and collaboration to the department in all areas of intercollegiate athletics and strategic planning. During his term, AKA raised \$70 million through its ticketing, booster clubs and annual giving programs. Vince oversaw fundraising that increased athletics endowments to \$5 million and solidified a planned giving program that now has more than \$14 million in bequests for athletics. He redeveloped the preferred seating and parking program, creating VIP courtside seats for arena sports. He managed the unification of 14 booster clubs, the 35th anniversary of the Rainbow Wahine fundraiser and the 100th year of UH Football fundraiser, and coordination and planning for the 2007 Sugar Bowl, among many other projects and responsibilities. Vince is a member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of America and the National Association of Athletic Development Directors, was also a member of the NCAA Leadership Institute for Minority Males. In Hawai'i, his community affiliations include the Pacific Century Fellows Program, FBI Citizen's Academy and the NFL Pro Bowl Host Committee. Before making his way to the islands, Vince earned a B.S. in Commerce from De Paul University and a MBA from the University of Notre Dame. He was a Division I tennis player for De Paul and an Ohio high school state tennis champion for Archbishop Alter High School. His work experience prior to UH includes stints with the Chicago Bulls basketball organization, International Management Group and the Nick

Bollettieri Tennis Academy. On Monday, Vince will talk about his challenges in his new position including the construction of the new campus at Aloha Tower.

Keenyn Won - Head Acrobatics and Tumbling Coach - Hawai'i Pacific University -

In the spring of 2014, Hawai'i HPU started an acrobatics and tumbling team for the first time. Keenyn Won will navigate the Sea Warriors in this NCAA emerging sport. Coach Keenyn, born and raised in Kunia, is a veteran of A&T. She was a student-athlete during A&T's inaugural year at the University of Oregon in 2010. Coach Keenyn was also a part of Duck teams that won the National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Association (NCATA) Championship in 2011 and 2012. Although not a Sea Warrior for long, she knows about the proud history of HPU Athletics. For the inaugural season her team motto is be "new team...same tradition." However, she knows she will need support to put A&T on the Hawaii Collegiate landscape, "It is going to be imperative that we build a strong foundation and with the support of the university and community. This program will be recognized as a leader in acrobatics and tumbling; a NCAA emerging sport," said Won. After earning her a Bachelor's degree in Sociology, she moved to Los Angeles and worked at the Staples corporate office. Coach Keenyn excelled as a competitive cheerleader here on Oahu as she was a four-time Hawai'i High School Athletics Association (HHSAA) All-State First Teamer while attending Kamehameha-Kapalama High School. In her senior year, she was the HHSAA Cheerleader of the Year. She led talented teams, winning the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) national championship in 2007 and 2008. Coach Keenyn would go onto being an instructor for two years for UCA. We welcome Coach Keenyn to the Honolulu Quarterback Club.

The Maple Garden Restaurant is located at 909 Isenberg (near the corner of King and Isenberg directly across from the Old Stadium Park) and there is free parking next to the Restaurant or street parking is available. The entrance to the meeting room is located at the rear of the Maple Garden building through the parking lot. Lunch is at 11:30 am and the program begins at 12 noon. The luncheon cost is \$15.00 per person for members and guests which includes tax and gratuities.

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED

Come to our meeting & celebrate this speaker!

There is parking next to the Maple Garden Restaurant and plenty of street Parking.