

# Honolulu Quarterback Club

*"The Preeminent Sports Source in Hawai'i, Recognizing All Sports"*

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## PRESS RELEASE

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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 65 Years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their luncheon, Monday, June 20th., at the MGR.:

- + **Michael Story – Tourism & Sports Manager – Hawai'i Tourism Authority**
- + **Kanani Souza – Retiring Athletic Director –Kamehameha**

**Michael Story – Tourism & Sports Manager - Hawai'i Tourism Authority** - Michael returns to the Quarterback Club during challenging economic times for the State. The HTA was established in 1998 as the lead agency and advocate for Hawai'i's tourism industry is responsible for creating a vision and overseeing tourism from a statewide perspective. The funding for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority comes from the transient accommodations tax where a set percentage assessed on hotels, vacation rentals and other types of accommodations. The revenue is used for developing, implementing and supporting its tourism programs and other efforts throughout the state. Sporting events that are selected by the HTA are events that give Hawai'i worldwide media coverage and that generate awareness of Hawai'i as the preferred destination for high profile, quality events. There are 18 events with partnerships that include the NFL Pro Bowl and the PGA Tour as well as international fishing tournaments, professional surfing competition and world championship triathlons. Michael will give us the latest information on the NFL Pro Bowl. How will the comment from Governor Abercrombie play in the negotiations for the upcoming contact renewal?

**Kanani Souza – Retiring Athletic Director - Kamehameha Schools** - The last time Kanani visited the Quarterback Club was in 2009 where is had completed his first year as Athletic Director. Since then, Kanani has had many challenges running the Athletic Department. What are his thoughts for the future of athletic programs at Kamehameha? His responsibilities cover 40 different athletic sports programs from grades 7 through 12, 115 teams, 211 coaches, with over 1,900 students and of these, there are over 800 girls who participate. The Athletic Programs at Kamehameha is known to have the largest number High School Sports Programs in the Country. Before becoming Athletic Director, Kanani was the Head Football Coach at Kamehameha and before that, he was an assistant football

coach at the University of Hawai'i for 11 years.

**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 these speakers!**

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