

Honolulu Quarterback Club

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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 65 Years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their luncheon, Monday, June 27th., at the MGR.:

+ **Dana Takahara-Dias – Head Coach – Women’s Basketball - UH**
+ **John McNamara – Associate Athletics Dir. – External Affairs – UH**

Dana Takahara-Dias - Head Coach - Women's Basketball - University of Hawai'i –

Coach Dana will be entering her third year as Head of the Wahine Basketball Team. Last season, Coach Dana lead the “Wahine” to a 11-19 record overall and 5-11 in the WAC and qualified for the WAC Tournament for the second year-in-a-row. Forward Kamilah Jackson and guard-forward Shawana-Lei Kuehu, who are both freshman, were selected as WAC All-Freshman. After the end of the season Coach Dana began adding staff and new players. She start by hiring Gavin Peterson as an assistant coach who was a former assistant coach and team manager for Vince Goo. New players recruited for next season are Ashleigh Karaitiana a 6-0 versatile guard from Sydney Australia; Alissa Campanero, 5-3 also playing guard from San Diego known for her strong defense and outside shot; Kalei Adolpho, 6-1 forward/center from Kaulapu'u Moloka'i; Malia Cravens 5-10 forward, from Temecula, CA; and Jasmine Ray 5-6 sophomore from San Bernadino, CA. Coach Dana will discuss next season and what she expects from her recruiting class. She will take questions.

John McNamara - Associate Athletics Director - External Affairs – University of Hawai'i -

John has been in his current position in External Affairs since 2004 at UH. The last time John spoke at the HQC was in 2009 and since them there has been lots of changes. He is responsible for marketing, corporate partnerships, media relations, advertising, promotions, licensing, and merchandising, including television, radio, computer operations and internet. He also is involved in the ticket office and was part of the team that designed the launch of UH's state-of-the-art, digital ticketing system. John will be talking about the upcoming “Warrior”Football season, new promotions for ticket holders, the stadium, stadium parking, and the new television contract with OC 16. John was instrumental in the development of the “Manoa Maniacs,” the “UH Kids Club,” and the “Family Zone”. John will be available for questions from luncheon attendees.

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.