



## **Charlie Cagampang Class of 1975**

I am a proud graduate of the KHS Class of 1975. The youngest of six boys, I was born at Kona Hospital in Kealahou and was raised in Kainaliu, Kona. My mother and father were coffee farmers for the most part. I've been married for 36 years to my wife Susan and have two children, now married adults, that I adore and love dearly.

Since 1984 I have made "The Evergreen State" – Washington, my home. I live in Puyallup, one of many cities surrounding Seattle. I love many things about my adopted home state. The vast amount of natural beauty rivals even Hawaii's. Two distinctive mountain ranges with trees, crags and waterfalls, nearby Mt. Rainier, countless rivers and lakes, and over one hundred islands in the Puget Sound to view and explore. Another reason I love Washington is the contrast in the four seasons of winter (snow and rain), spring (flowers and rain), summer (sunny and less rain), and fall (colorful fall leaves and rain). There are also all kinds of top tier artists and concerts to see at world class venues. I am also a true blue and green "12"! After forty years living in Washington, I love rooting for my Seattle Seahawks and also University of Washington's athletic programs and sometimes even for the Seattle Mariners. Enjoying life and having my Ohana around me makes it all worthwhile.

After graduating from KHS in 1975 I played music professionally for nine years. In 1984, I left the Hawaiian islands to start anew and made the move to Seattle, Washington. I immediately got a job working in the plumbing wholesale industry. I worked in the warehouse to start, then worked in sales for twenty plus years, ending up as a Branch and Operations manager at two different locations in the cities of Seattle and Tacoma for the last 14 years. After thirty six years of serving the plumbing supply business I announced my retirement. I've been happily retired since 2019. What I love most about KHS was the tremendous amount of forever friendships that I made and continue

to have even to this very day. Of course, I also harbor deep fond feelings for the band and choral departments.

My advice to today's young Wildcats is that you should work hard, love hard, and live harder. Find your purpose in every day and don't let anything or anyone stand in the way of achieving your goals and dreams.

The last time I was at the KHS campus was for a football game in the late 80's. I have driven around the campus on a few of my visits back to Kona. I love the flash backs I get when I see places that bring great memories of my home in Kona.

***“Hail Konawaena, Hail to thee”***