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CHAMINADE CELEBRATES FOUNDERS *--Three Members of University Honored--*

HONOLULU—January 23, 2009—Chaminade University recently celebrated the lives of its founders, Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, who is the university's namesake and inspired the unique spirit that is distinctly Marianist; Adele de Batz de Trenquellion, who co-founded the Marianist Sisters with Blessed Chaminade; and Marie Therese de Lamourous, who was deeply involved in assisting Chaminade in the establishment of the many faith communities in and around Bordeaux, France after the French Revolution. In honor of these three founders, the university selected three members of its community for its 2009 Founders Day Awards. "Many faculty, staff, and students in the Chaminade Ohana carry the vital spirit our three founders represent, but we wanted to single out three individuals who have been exemplary examples of this spirit," said Bro. Jerome Bommer, university rector.

Kapono Ryan, Chaminade director of communications, received the Marianist Award as a staff member who has exhibited a continuous and extraordinary commitment to the Marianist value of family spirit by living the Marian traits of openness, hospitality, graciousness, and faith in a loving God, and by drawing others into the challenge of building a collaborative community based on loving acceptance of others and a commitment to the vision and mission of Chaminade University.

Dr. Barbara Poole-Street, professor and interim dean of professional studies, received the Chaminade Award as a faculty member who has exhibited a continuous commitment to Marianist values in education by promoting the dignity and rights of all people, by accepting others with love and respect, by being dedicated to a collaborative and honest search for truth, by undertaking the intellectual life as a form of service in the interest of justice and truth, and by living the Marian traits of openness, hospitality, graciousness and faith in a loving God.

LaPria Wilks, Chaminade senior, received the Founders Award, as a student who has exhibited a commitment to Marianist values by her outstanding generosity, respect for others, and spirit of faith, and who is an exemplary role model for the Chaminade 'ohana

Celebrating more than 50 years of educating students for life, service and successful careers, Chaminade University offers programs of study grounded in the liberal arts with day, evening, online and accelerated courses. The main campus is located in Ka'imuki at 3140 Waialae Ave., Honolulu, HI 96816, with 10 satellite locations around Oahu. For more information, visit the Chaminade Web site at www.chaminade.edu or call (808) 735-4711.

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