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SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL ANNOUNCES MAJOR GIFT FROM THE CLARENCE T. C. CHING FOUNDATION

HONOLULU – Saint Louis School is honored to announce they are the recipients of the largest single gift to date from the Clarence T. C. Ching Foundation; and it's the largest single gift they have ever received in their 167-year history. The gift comes in the form of a \$7.5 million matching gift with Saint Louis School having raised \$7.5 million in donations to trigger the gift.

This gift comes at the beginning of the Saint Louis School Capital Campaign - Crusade for Excellence – in Academics and Athletics. The Capital Campaign's first phase will begin with the demolition of the existing Brother Gerber Field House to make way for the new Clarence T. C. Ching Athletic Center featuring a state of the art athletic arena and weight training facility, along with new locker rooms and multi-purpose rooms. Additional phases of the Capital Campaign to follow in later months will include classroom renovations and high-tech upgrades.

Ray Tam, Clarence T. C. Ching Foundation Trustee's Vice Chairman said, "We are delighted to provide this gift to Saint Louis School to launch the construction of the new Athletic Center. Clarence. T. C. Ching came from a poor family and was gifted with a Saint Louis School education that he credited for giving him the foundation that helped make him successful in business and life - so successful that he left quite a legacy – and now the skinny young man from Kauai who loved sports will now have an athletic center named after him on his alma mater's campus. We know he will be looking down from heaven in delight," said Tam.

"The Clarence T. C. Ching Athletic Center is yet another shining example of the commitment of Saint Louis School to providing the greatest, well-rounded educational experience for our young men and student athletes, said Walter Kirimitsu, School President. This "mini-arena" will be a great tribute to the legacy of Clarence T. C. Ching and will provide quite a sports and event facility for our school and community." We are

grateful to the Clarence T. C. Ching Foundation for their generosity for the benefit of our students – it will surely be something to behold,” Kirimitsu said.

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The Clarence T. C. Ching Foundation Board of Trustees were on hand to present the sizable donation to President Kirimitsu, along with Principal Pat Hamamoto during the School assembly. “The students were not aware of the donation and check presentation before the assembly to officially announce the funding was now in place to build the new athletic center, so it was an incredible experience to be on hand to witness their excitement and share in their joy,” said Steve Gilley, President of the Clarence T. C. Ching Foundation.

Saint Louis School is a private all boys Catholic School created in the Marianist Catholic tradition for boys in grades 6-12. Saint Louis was founded in 1846.

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