

## **RYAN GOO (PUNAHOU SCHOOL - Class of 2007)**

Over the years, Ikaika Basketball has helped mold me into the person I am today. Through fundraising and team bonding events, I created a second family that I could trust and love to spend time with. As a previous member of the team, I learned how to work hard, strive to do my best, cooperate with my teammates and other members of the Ikaika family, and to be courageous.

During the three years I was a member of Ikaika (2004-2007), I acquired many skills can be used in everyday life. I improved my social skills through fundraisers and many get-togethers and had a fun in the meantime. Before I was in Ikaika, I was a bit shy and unwilling to go out of my way to introduce myself and meet new people. I also wasn't much of a determined basketball player or a very good basketball player. Now, after three years of fundraising, meeting new people throughout the Ikaika community, and hardcore practices I am a different person in more ways than one. As a freshman in college, I am really glad that my parents forced me to try my hardest in everything that I did in Ikaika Basketball. They told me to have good attitude and try to have fun. In doing so, I learned how much of a role determination, integrity, respect, and attitude play not only in basketball, but in everyday life.