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## Punahou School Director of Admission Betsy Hata Receives SSATB Gourley Award



*Gourley award winner Betsy Hata (3rd from left) with (l-r): SSATB Board Chair Kilian Forgas, SSATB Executive Director Heather Hoerle, Betsy's husband Les Hata, presenter Lon Wysard, and SSATB Trustee Kevin Plummer. Photo credit: Robert Merhaut Photography.*

**September 19, 2014, Orlando, FL:** Betsy Hata, Director of Admission at Punahou School (HI), was the 2014 recipient of the Everett E. Gourley award from the Secondary School Admission Test Board (SSATB) at its annual meeting in Orlando, FL. The Gourley Award, named for former Director of Admission and Assistant Headmaster of the Asheville School, Everett Gourley, is given each year to the educator whose interest in students and concern for colleagues is an inspiration to those who serve in admission. The SSATB is a non-profit education organization that administers the Secondary School Admission Test and provides support and professional development for those working in admission.

Lon Wysard, Punahou's Associate Director of Admission, presented Ms. Hata with the award, saying, "Part of the description of the 'Gourley' reads that the award 'is given to the educator whose concern for colleagues is an inspiration to those who serve admission.' How has Betsy shown concern for her colleagues? By simply just being Betsy - collaborative, cooperative, inclusive, a good listener and leader, and having a constant surplus of positive energy."

Before she began her tenure in admission in 1998, Ms. Hata taught first and third grade at Punahou for 19 years, and another seven at Kamehameha Schools. She is a member of SSATB's Admission Leadership Council (ALC). In a letter of congratulations, Punahou President Jim Scott wrote: "Betsy, we are thrilled that you are being honored by your colleagues with the Gourley Award. You have carried your love for children, your perpetual optimism about the potential of a child and your deep understanding and respect for teachers into your role as an effective admissions professional. During your years in admission at Punahou, you have helped to make the student body more diverse – economically and ethnically – leading us into an era where a family's ability to pay is not a filter for admission. This will be your legacy."