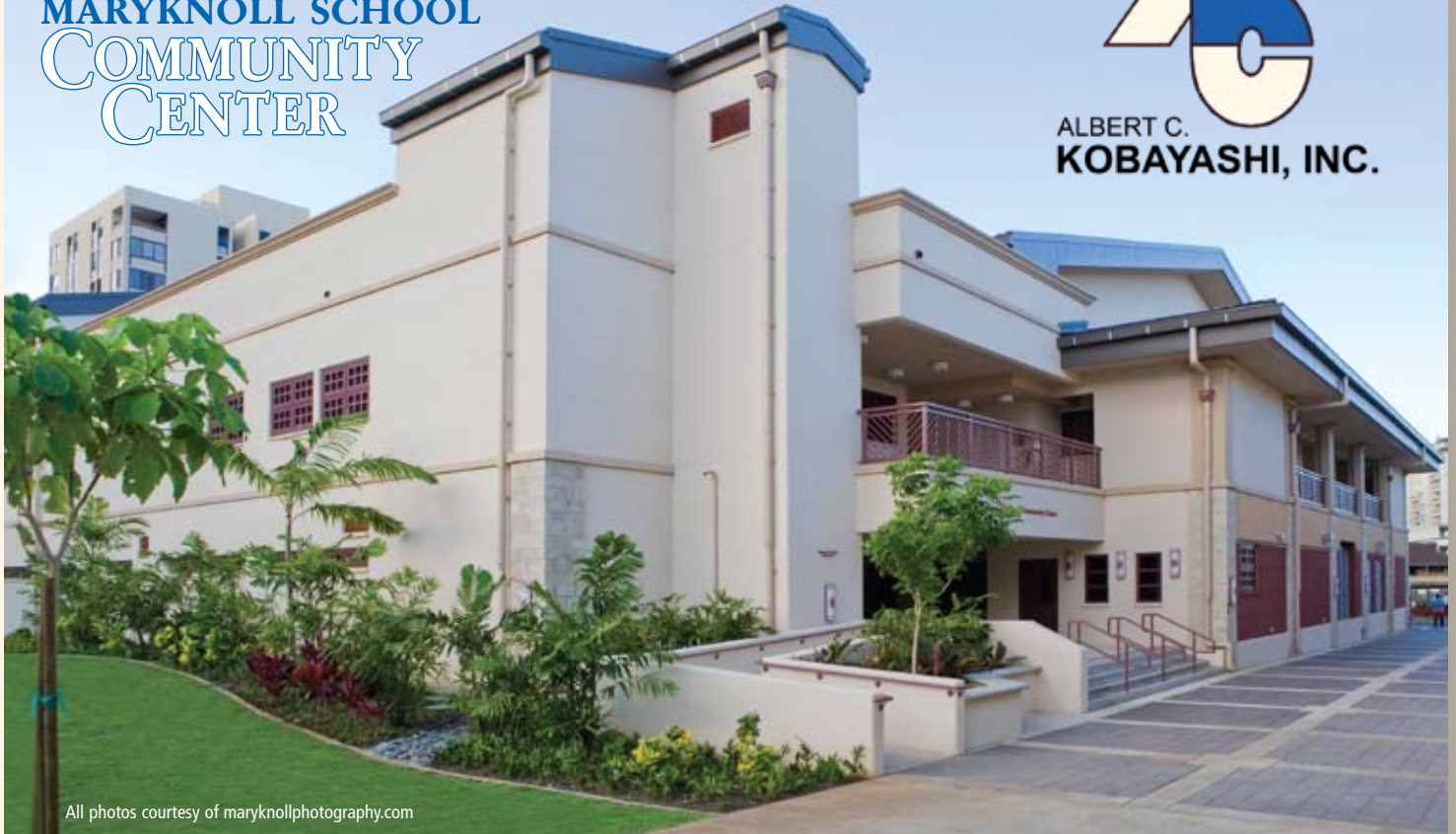


MARYKNOLL SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER



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It's been a long time coming, but after 82 years, Maryknoll School finally has its own gymnasium. And what a gym it is! Take the basketball court, for example. That alone gives Maryknoll bragging rights as the only high school on Oahu with an NBA-regulation basketball court. In addition, it is the state's only high school gymnasium with central air conditioning. And, it also is the only high school gym in the state with soundproof insulation.

Actually, the new facility is much more than a gym. It is a multipurpose facility (and the first on campus) where the entire student body can come together for sports activities as well as for student assemblies, special presentations such as theatrical and music performances, meetings, and when it is not in use for school-related purposes, it will be available for community events.

The concept for the new facility has been a vision at Maryknoll for decades.

With the vision now a reality, the overwhelming consensus today seems to be it was well worth the wait.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Albert C. Kobayashi, Inc., the general contractor for the Maryknoll School Community Center also provided design-assist for the two-story, 35,000-square-foot project.

Among the many noteworthy features of the gymnasium portion of the building, the NBA-regulation basketball court is convertible

to three regulation high school volleyball courts or two regulation high school basketball courts.

Named the Clarence T.C. Ching Gymnasium, in recognition of the \$3 million donation from the Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation, the gym also honors Alfred M.K. Wong, a Maryknoll School board member for 14 years (the

last six as chair), by naming the gym floor the "Alfred M.K. Wong Court," for the man who was instrumental in the facility's creation, from conceptual phase to completion.

The ground floor of the multipurpose building, in addition to the convertible basketball court, includes two locker rooms with showers and



bathrooms, offices for coaches and physical education instructors and a food concession area. The second floor houses an 1,800-square-foot fitness center, athletic training/rehabilitation facilities, athletic director's office, alumni hospitality room and multipurpose meeting rooms for small to large groups.

The lower level of the building encompasses a parking garage with 85 stalls for guests, faculty and staff. Laundry facilities also are located in

the lower level.

Energy-efficient rooftop chillers are a part of the project's environmentally aware design.

CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Ryde Azama, project engineer for A. C. Kobayashi on the Maryknoll Community Center, fills us in on some of the challenges faced and dealt with during construction. "First, there was a lot of under-

ground piping," he explains. "And then, the actual square footage of the project — it was a large building on a small lot. And it was just 20 feet away from the existing school. Because of the building and lot size and the challenges of the site, we needed to use a tower crane on the project."

Azama also points out, "There was a lot of school traffic" during construction." Were the students interested in what was going on? "Yes," he says, "from the second level, the grade school students could look out and see the construction."

Construction was begun on the project on Jan. 2, 2008, with the tower crane erected on May 12. The tower crane was dismantled in January 2009 and construction completed on May 21, 2009.

Was the owner pleased with the outcome? "They invited us to the grand opening ceremonies," laughs Azama. "I think they were happy."

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Mahalo Albert C. Kobayashi, Inc.

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THE TEAM

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