

# West side's public schools receive gift from new Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.

LAHAINA — Lahaina's four public schools have received equal shares of a \$13,731 donation from the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.

The money was raised during the restaurant's first official day of business on Nov. 22, and it represents half of the day's sales.

The check was presented recently by restaurant President Scott Barnett and Lahaina General Manager Robert Caldwell. The representatives of the schools receiving the donation were:

■ **Kamehameha III Elementary**, Principal Rick Paul and student body President Leipua Wright.

■ **Princess Nahienaena Elementary**, Principal Edwina Wilson-Snyder and student body President Sasha Haukoloa.

■ **Lahaina Intermediate**, Principal Vance Yatsushiro and student body President Martina Nagasako.

■ **Lahainaluna**, Vice Principal Patricia Maielua and student body President Katie Norman.

Also part of the recipient group was Maui County Mayor Linda Lingle.

"We are absolutely thrilled with the amount raised," said Caldwell. "It not only exceeds all of our expectations, it shows the true community spirit of this island."

The donation includes money from the logo shop and from pictures taken of customers with Forrest Gump impersonator Steve Weber. Each of the pictures cost \$5, and all the money was donated to the



The student body presidents of Lahaina's public schools took a tour of the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. after the schools received a donation from the new restaurant. Leading the tour were Forrest Gump impersonator Steve Weber and Robert

Caldwell (with lei), the general manager. The students are (clockwise, from top) Katie Norman of Lahainaluna, Martina Nagasako of Lahaina Intermediate, Sasha Haukoloa of Princess Nahienaena and Leipua Wright of Kamehameha III.

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Weber is a good-will ambassador of sorts for the company, which has two restaurants in the Bay Area in addition to the one on Maui. Weber

spends most of his time at the Monterey restaurant.

After the presentation, the visitors were given a tour of the Lahaina restaurant by Caldwell and Weber.

The restaurant, a joint development of Rusty Pelican Restaurants Inc. and Paramount Pictures, is on Front Street in Lahaina, at the site of the old Lahaina Broiler.