

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (10/18/2024)

KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

- 1) Tuesday, November 5 Election Day
 - 2) Monday, November 11 Holiday : Veterans' Day
 - 3) Thursday, November 21 Coast Guard Ceremony
 - 4) Friday, November 22 Kalani Falcon Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament
 - 5) Thursday, November 28 Holiday : Thanksgiving
 - 6) Friday, November 29 No School : Day after Thanksgiving
 - 7) Monday, December 9 Blood Drive (tentative)
 - 8) Wednesday, December 25 Christmas
 - 9) Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day
 - 10) Monday, January 6 Teacher Workday : No students
 - 11) Wednesday, January 15 PC Day : No students
 - 12) Monday, January 20 Holiday : Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 - 13) Monday, February 17 Holiday : Presidents' Day
 - 14) **Tuesday, February 25 ACT / Pre-ACT Testing (Grades 9-11) / Senior Grad Practice (Mandatory)**
 - 15) Wednesday, March 26 Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day
 - 16) Friday, April 18 Holiday : Good Friday
 - 17) Monday, May 26 Holiday : Memorial Day
 - 18) Tuesday, May 27 **Tentative : Graduation**
 - 19) Friday, May 30 Last Day for students
- December 23 – January 6 : Winter Break
March 17 – 21 Spring Break

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Vision: Character. Compassion. Community.

**Mission : We at Kalani High School create opportunities to discover our passions, purpose, and personal pursuits.
A vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more.**

Ne'epapa: Stronger Together

Kindness 101 : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MPVjlv2vDM>

Congratulations

Kalani High School's Bryan Silver named 2025 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year

The Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) announced Kalani High School's science and Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher Bryan Silver as the 2025 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year. Silver received the state's top teaching award from Gov. Josh Green and Superintendent Keith Hayashi during an awards ceremony at Washington Place on Tuesday, October 15.

The honor is presented annually to a classroom teacher selected from more than 13,000 HIDOE educators. Silver was among 15 Complex Area Teachers of the Year and the Charter School Teacher of the Year recognized today. "Thank you, teachers, for setting the standard and for carrying this forward. We're humbled to be with educators of your stature," Gov. Josh Green said at the event. "On behalf of the entire state, congratulations to all of you. We're grateful that you stayed in education. Mahalo for all of your work and caring for our keiki."

"Bryan is a leader in CTE Engineering and robotics on both the local and national stages," Superintendent Keith Hayashi said. "His energetic creation of the Innovation Station, campus-based aquaculture and hydroponics systems, and robotics programs has made Kalani High School a hub for STEM education throughout Hawai'i. Because of Bryan's culture of partnership and inclusion, other schools, students, and teachers are invited in to learn, raising the bar for excellence across the state."

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STEM and robotics are Bryan Silver's passions. Silver's 24-year service as a teacher in the Honolulu School District exemplifies his commitment to his students and the field of STEM and robotics. This month, he became the first Hawai'i recipient of the 2024 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence, winning \$50,000 for Kalani High School's robotics program. At Kalani High School, Silver keeps his days busy as the Career and Technical Education teacher leading four levels of Engineering classes, STEM Capstone and running four after-school robotic programs FIRST Robotics, FIRST Tech Challenge, VEX and Drones.

Kalani's robotics program has risen to legendary status in Hawai'i under Silver's watch which began in 2002. Silver was instrumental in establishing robotics programs statewide, helping to increase the number of LEGO FIRST robotics teams to over 220 in this burgeoning new space. As advisor for the local, national and international award-winning robotics squad Team Magma 3008. Silver secured \$283,000 in grant support for Team Magma and developed three student-run businesses that continue generating funds to keep the robotics programs solvent. This past summer, Silver volunteered with Teachers Across Borders South Africa, running STEM robotics week-long workshops for 600 teachers. It is acts of service like these that have garnered him the Presidential Lifetime Volunteer Achievement award for over 4,500 hours of community service.

Silver created the Engineering CTE course at Kalani High School from which many of his students have earned scholarships and pursued STEM careers. Recently, he led the effort in creating the Innovation Station, a mobile classroom equipped with 3D printers, laser cutters and other tools aimed to make STEM resources accessible to students and teachers at different schools across the O'ahu. Silver has been awarded the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the Albert Einstein Educator Fellowship Award, and a NASA Fellowship Activity award. He is also an Eagle Scout. In his free time, you can find Silver scuba diving and racing sailboats.

Principal Mitchell Otani describes Silver's industrious and enthusiastic nature as an inspiration for his students. "Bryan challenges his students to give more than 100%, become critical thinkers and explore ambitious paths." Otani continues, "The success of his students post-graduation is a testament to his passionate work in developing the next generation of STEM leaders. Bryan represents Falcon Pride all the way!"

"It's an incredible honor to stand before you guys as the 2025 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year," said Silver in his acceptance speech before an audience that included his father, mother and aunt. He said his mom, who was an educator for 36 years, was a big inspiration for him to go into teaching. He also expressed gratitude for his cohort of educators. "Teaching is never a solo journey," he said. "No risk is taken alone. We are part of the larger community that supports and uplifts each other. If we work together, share strategies, and support one another we become better educators. We are better together than we are alone, so let's melt down the walls."

Silver will represent Hawai'i in the National Teacher of the Year program. A national winner will be named this spring in Washington, D.C. Today's Teacher of the Year award prizes included:

- Monetary awards to each Complex Area and Public Charter School Teacher of the Year provided by the Polynesian Cultural Center, the Teacher of the Year program's corporate sponsor for over 30 years.
- A one-year lease of a 2024 Nissan Sentra SV courtesy of the Hawai'i Automobile Dealers Association and King Windward Nissan to the State Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is proud to announce that Kalani High School has been recognized as a Hawai'i School of Democracy. The Hawai'i Schools of Democracy initiative recognizes high schools that demonstrate a commitment to diverse learning opportunities and fostering an organizational culture that emphasizes identity, student agency and culturally relevant experiences. The program celebrates institutions like Kalani High that go above and beyond to shape the next generation of informed and engaged citizens.

I am delighted to extend my warmest congratulations to you and the entire Kalani High School community on a momentous achievement. On behalf of the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department), I am pleased to inform you that Kalani High School has been awarded the prestigious distinction of a "Hawaii School of Democracy." The honor of being named a "Hawaii School of Democracy" is not bestowed lightly. A panel of six independent reviewers examined Kalani High School's application, and I am pleased to share that they unanimously agreed on the decision. This recognition is a testament to the exceptional efforts and dedication you and your team put forth in promoting democracy and civic engagement and fostering an environment of inclusivity and active participation among students.

..... Assistant Superintendent Teri Ushijima, Ed.D.

***Congratulations
Bryan Silver
Harbor Freight Tools for Schools***

Bryan Silver was honored last week as one of 25 winners (nationwide) of the 2024 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence!

The Prize is the flagship program of Harbor Freight Tools for Schools.

In its eighth year, the prize is designed to shine a light on excellent skilled trades education and bring attention, respect and further investment to this vital field.

The prize comes with a cash award of at least \$50,000.

Kalani's Engineering Tech / Robotics program will receive \$35,000, and Mr. Silver will receive \$15,000.



***Congratulations
Mauna Kea Scholar
Leilani Phan***

Congratulations to Senior Leilani Phan – a Mauna Kea Scholar.

She was awarded two hours of telescope time from the Canadian French Hawaii telescope.

She will be traveling to Mauna Kea to do her observations of the atmosphere of Saturn's Moons Rhea, Titan and Enceladus. She will be looking for evidence of surface water and composition, which can be markers for possible life in our solar system. Her first love before engineering was astronomy.

She hopes to write a paper on the topic next year after she analyzes the data.

Any student that is interested in studying the heavens and using telescopes, our next round of proposals will start in January with future researchers being announced later in May. Please see Mr. Silver in J2B.



Congratulations Dr. Ida

Dr. Ida was selected as a finalist in the **Kleenex Heroes of the Classroom** contest

As a thank-you for being a true hero who changes lives every day, he received

- A \$1,000 Costco Shop gift card for his personal use
- A \$1,000 check made payable to Kalani High to further support the amazing work happening in his classroom.

Congratulations

Boys Soft-Tennis : Eastern Division and OIA Champions
Girls Crosscountry : Eastern Division Champions
Girls Soft-Tennis : Eastern Division Champion
Boys Air Riflery : Eastern Division Champion and OIA Runner-up
Girls Air Riflery : Eastern Division Runner-up
Boys Junior Varsity Crosscountry : Eastern Division Champions

Lottery for Geographic Exemptions for School Year 2025 – 2026

From January 1, 2025 to March 1, 2025, Kalani High School
will accept Geographic Exception (GE) applications for next school year (SY 2025-26).

Please mail completed applications with a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to:

Kalani High School
4680 Kalanianaʻole Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

Applications received after the March 1, 2025 deadline will be placed on a waiting list.

School Community Council Members

Please email Principal Mitchell Otani if you are interested in serving on Kalani's School Community Council.

mitchell.otani@k12.hi.us

Marching Band Performances

Oct. 19 - 6:00pm Moanalua Menehune Classic @ Moanalua High School
Oct. 26 - 12:00pm Kapolei Marching Band Festival @ Kapolei High School
Nov. 2 - 5:30pm Kamehameha Tournament of Bands @ Kamehameha
Nov. 4 - 6:00pm Oahu Marching Band Festival @ Pearl City High School
Nov. 9 - 5:30pm Mililani Bandfest @ Mililani High School
Nov. 11 - 10:00am Rainbow Marching Band Festival @ TC Ching Field, UH-Manoa
Nov. 29 - 7:00pm Waikiki Holiday Parade

STUDENT SECTION

Clubs

Anime Club (Daphne Miyashiro)
Ceramics Club (Ms. Berenzi)
Center for Tomorrow's Leaders (Mr. Iwanaga)
Chinese Club (Ms. Young Chan)
Computer Club (Dr. Ida)
Core Club (Ms. Kaaua)
DECA (Ms. Potterton)
Future Farmers of America (Ms. Doran)
HAAEA - Hawaii's Aspiring Aerospace Engineers Academy (Ms. Sato)
Health and Fitness (Mr. Melemai)
Interact Club (Ms. Tateyama)
Japan Club (Ms. Klein)
Korean Club (Dr. Kim)
Laulea Club (Ms. Yagi)
LEO Club – connected with Lions Club (Ms. Uemura / Mr. Lee)
Model United Nations (Mr. Melemai)
National Honor Society (Dr. Ida)
Oahu Math League (Dr. Ida)
Robotics (Mr. Silver)
Science Club (Ms. Hamasaki / Mr. Okawa)
Smash Ultimate Club (Mr. Nakano)

Federal Impact Aid Survey

The Hawaii DOE Federal Impact Aid Survey began on September 4.

We kindly ask all parents to complete the survey promptly and have your child return it to their period 3 teacher as soon as possible.

All students and schools benefit from Impact Aid. Mahalo for completing the survey!

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

SUMMER INTERNSHIP/OTHER EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Lisa Hayashi College and Career Counselor lisa.hayashi@k12.hi.us 808-305-0556

[SCHEDULE A MEETING \(Students only\)](#)

[Visit our Kalani HS College & Career Site](#)

Check our website for more information – <https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/kalanicounselorscorner/college-and-career>

Ongoing events:

Many colleges visit Kalani High School to share more information about their school. Please visit our ongoing calendar of visits. These visits are open to Kalani students only.

<https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/kalanicounselorscorner/college-and-career/college-visits-presentations-meetings-slides?authuser=0>

Upcoming events:

Financial Aid Virtual Workshops - sponsored by Hawaii P20

Who: open to the general public geared for seniors and their families

When: Weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm starting August 21

Register here: <https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/upcoming-events/>

"Class of 2025 Parents.....if you are interested in being on the committee and helping to plan Project Graduation 2025 for your seniors, please email kalanipg2024@gmail.com, thank you!"

Online Dual Credit Information

Dual Credit is a program where a student can take college courses from our college partners and use the earned college credit to also satisfy high school graduation credit requirements.

Email mike.zane@k12.hi.us for more information

Sister School Partnerships – International Travel

Busan Computer Science High School – Korea

Hosted in January 2024 – **Visited Korea July 14-21 2024**

Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima

Hosted in August 2024– Travel to Hiroshima in January 2025

Obihiro Hakuyo High School – Hokkaido

Host in March 2025 – Travel to Hokkaido in July 2025

Iwakuni High School – Yamaguchi Prefecture

Host in January 2025 – Travel in March 2025

Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School

Hosted in March 2024 – Will travel to Kyoto in Nov. 2024

Osaka Gakuin University / High School

Will host in September 2025

Chengdu Debate Competition – Travel to China in November

Jeju International Youth Forum – Travel to Korea in November

Chengdu Debate Challenge

Latasha Hui and Chloe Ho will be representing Kalani High School and Honolulu in the Chengdu Debate Challenge.

The China (Chengdu) U.S. Sister Cities Youth Debate Challenge was launched in 2016 in an effort to enhance the friendship and partnership between Chengdu and its U.S. sister cities (Honolulu). Chaperone : Mr. Erickson

Jeju International Youth Forum

Kalani has once again been selected to participate in Jeju International Youth Forum to be held from October 29 to November 2, 2024. The forum introduces a variety of topics that allow for student leaders from all over the world to discuss solutions and ways to improve their respective countries. Students problem solve solutions to real-life problems.

Chaperone : Mr. Melemai

Students : Mason Nagata – Skyler Rivera – Caylie Xu – Luna Kodama

ATHLETICS

Athletics Gender Equity Complaint Reporting

<https://bit.ly/complaintreporting>

Girls Soccer

The Lady Falcons Soccer program has been seeing a great turnout for off season Monday and Wednesday practice. Please come and join us! You need to be registered and cleared for this Winter sport.

The deadline to register is 10/25/2024. Even if you are not sure you would like to play, please register anyway and come check the team out! Please add the program page on the SportsYou app with invite code: YATN-EPMW

Football

Kalani 14 – Kalaheo 72

Kalani 44 – McKinley 24

Kalani 7 – Kaiser 49

Kalani 21 – Castle 42

Kalani 15 – Waialua 13

October 18 @ Roosevelt 7:00pm

October 26 vs. Kaimuki @ Kaiser 6:00pm

Crosscountry

October 19 OIA JV @ CORP

October 26 OIA Varsity @ CORP

November 2 HHSAA @ TBD (Maui)

Air Riflery

Boys : Kalani 1976 Castle 1384

High Score - Owen Noguchi: 501

Boys : Kalani 2063 Kalaheo 1464

High Score - Aidan Gia-Diep: 524

Boys : Kalani 2014 Kaiser 2001

High Score - Anson Li: 518

Boys : Kalani 2026 Roosevelt 1757

High Score – Kody Hayashi : 522

Boys : Kalani 2032 Kailua 2002

High Score – Owen Noguchi 514

Boys : Kalani 2074 Kaimuki 796

High Score – Kody Hayashi 521

Boys : Kalani 2082 Moanalua 2059

High Score – Anson Li 533

Boys : Kalani 2044 Kahuku 1694

High Score – Aidan Gia-Diep 520

OIA Boys Team 2nd Aidan Gia-Diep 7th

November 6 HHSAA @ NBC

Girls : Kalani 1980 Castle 909

High Score - Kalea Santos: 511

Girls : Kalani 2014 Kalaheo 1475

High Score - Kalea Santos: 511

Girls : Kalani 1992 Kaiser 1874

High Score - Katherine Tsuzaki: 515

Girls : Kalani 2040 Roosevelt 1913

High Score – Keira Lam : 533

Girls : Kalani 2043 Kailua 2032

High Score – Cindy Chong 513

Girls : Kalani 2054 Kaimuki 1365

High Score – Kalea Santos 525

Girls : Kalani 2046 Moanalua 2132

High Score – Cindy Chong 525

Girls : Kalani 2043 Kahuku DNS

High Score – Keira Lam 516

OIA Girls Team 3rd Cindy Chong 8th

Cheer

October 19 Eastern Division @ Radford

November 2 OIA @ Radford

November 13 HHSAA @ NBC

Soft-Tennis

Regular season completed

October 12 OIA Individual

Bowling

Week 1 : Boys : 2158 Season : 2158
High Avg. Dyson Murakami 163
Week 2 : Boys : 1968 Season : 4126
High Avg. Dyson Murakami 156
Week 3 : Boys : 2305 Season : 6431 (3rd)
High Avg. Dyson Murakami 157 (9th)
Week 4 : Boys : 2060 Season : 8491 (3rd)
High Avg. Dyson Murakami 155 (9th)
Week 5 : Boys : 2409 Season : 10900 (3rd)
High Avg. Dyson Murakami 154 (8th)
Week 6 : Boys : 2353 Season : 13253 (2nd)
High Avg. Rylan Gubatan 155 (8th)
Week 7 : Boys : 2255 Season : 15508 (3rd)
High Avg. Rylan Gubatan 155 (9th)

October 24 @ K-Bay

October 30 OIA @ K-Bay

Girls : 1715 Season : 1715
High Avg. Ashlyn Sera 148 (3rd)
Girls : 2028 Season : 3743 (1st Place)
High Avg. Ashlyn Sera 144 (2nd)
Girls : 1806 Season : 5549 (1st)
High Avg. Ashlyn Sera 148 (2nd)
Girls : 1885 Season : 7434 (1st)
High Avg. Ashlyn Sera 144 (2nd)
Girls : 2069 Season : 9503 (1st)
High Avg. Ashlyn Sera 146 (3rd)
Girls : 2030 Season : 11533 (1st)
High Avg. Ashlyn Sera 150 (2nd)
Girls : 1917 Season : 13450 (1st)
High Avg. Peyton Fujiwara 148 (3rd)

November 7-8 HHSAA @ Schofield Bowling Center

Volleyball

Regular season completed

OIA Play-offs : Kalani 3 – Waialua 2

October 21 : Kalani vs. Mililani

OIA Play-offs : Kalani 0 – Kapolei 3

October 28 – Nov 2 HHSAA

Softball (JV)

Regular season completed

SPORTS OFFERINGS 2024-25

JV = junior varsity, V = Varsity, B = Boys, G = Girls

WINTER

Boys BASEBALL (JV)
B/G BASKETBALL (JV/V)
B/G PADDLING (JV/V/COED)
B/G SOCCER (JV/V)
B/G SWIMMING & DIVING (JV/V)
Girls TENNIS (JV)
B/G WRESTLING (JV/V)

SPRING

BASEBALL (V)
B/G GOLF (V)
B/G JUDO (JV/V)
G SOFTBALL (V)
B/G TENNIS (V)
Boys VOLLEYBALL (JV/V)
Girls WATER POLO (V)

Department of Education requirements for athletic participation:

- Current Department of Education Athletic Physical
- Department of Education Consent and Assumption of Risk form per sport. (1 sport per form)
- Concussion Management Student Consent
- Need a physical? We encourage you to take your child to their regular doctor. Those who want a physical quicker please contact your nearby Urgent Care facility to inquire about walk-in physical appointments. (Fee may be charged). Don't forget to download and take the physical form with you.

Kalani High School requirements for athletic participation:

- Completion and submission of Athletic Registration (New to Kalani? Create a new account and remember your password. Returnees log in with their password.
- Sign up and try out for a team.
- Once selected to a team, student-athlete will pay the \$80.00 ASET Fee

ASET FEE \$80.00

Once your child has been selected to a team, parents will receive an email asking you to log into your child's account to pay the \$80.00 Athletic Supply Equipment & Transportation (ASET) fee. The amount of money allocated by the DOE for Athletic Transportation is much less than is needed considering the current cost of buses. This fee (pays for buses and other transportation costs) is charged once per school year regardless of the number of teams your child gets selected for. A \$3.00 convenience fee is applied to online payments.

Grade Check Dates

Friday, October 25, 2024

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Monday, November 25, 2024

Monday, December 9, 2024

Friday, December 20, 2024 End of 2nd Quarter

Friday, January 17, 2025

Monday, February 3, 2025

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Monday, March 3, 2025

Friday, March 14, 2025 End of 3rd Quarter

Friday, April 4, 2025

Monday, April 21, 2025

Monday, May 5, 2025

Monday, May 19, 2025 End of 4th Quarter**LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR WINTER SPORTS:***(JV Baseball, B/G Basketball, B/G Paddling, B/G Soccer, B/G Swimming & Diving, JV Girls Tennis, B/G Wrestling)*

The last day for parents to register their child to participate in a Winter Sport is Friday, October 25th, at 6:00 p.m. By this date, all required paperwork, including a current athletic physical, consent form for sports playing, and concussion management form, must be submitted to the Athletic Trainers. You will be notified when to pay your athletic ASET fee if your child makes a team if this is their first sport of the year. If your child plans to play multiple sports in the Winter Season, you must also complete a Dual Participation Form before tryouts begin. Please feel free to contact the athletic department if you have any questions. Gregory.Van_Cantfort@k12.hi.us

TRYOUT DATES (Subject to change):

The tryout dates and times for the Winter Sports.

Winter Sports Tryout Dates:		
JV Baseball	11/11-16/24	Kahala Community Park
Boys Basketball	11/11-12/24	Kalani Gym
Girls Basketball	11/4-5/2024	Kalani Gym
Boys/Girls Paddling	11/4-9/24	Maunalua Bay
Boys Soccer	11/4-9/24	Kalani Field
Girls Soccer	10/28 - 11/1	Kalani Field
Boys/Girls Swimming	11/4-9/24	Kalani Pool
JV Tennis (Girls only)	11/11/24	Kalani Tennis Courts
Boys/Girls Wrestling	11/4-8/2024	Mat Room

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