

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (01/17/2024)

KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Monday, January 20 | Holiday : Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| 2) Sunday, February 16 | Freshman/Sophomore Banquet |
| 3) Monday, February 17 | Holiday : Presidents' Day |
| 4) Tuesday, February 25 | ACT / Pre-ACT Testing (Grades 9-11) / Senior Grad Practice (Mandatory) |
| 5) Sunday, March 16 | Junior Prom |
| 6) Wednesday, March 26 | Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day |
| 7) Friday, April 18 | Holiday : Good Friday |
| 8) Monday, May 26 | Holiday : Memorial Day |
| 9) Sunday, May 18 | Senior Prom |
| 10) Wednesday, May 21 | Confirmed : Graduation |
| 11) Friday, May 30 | Last Day for students |

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=5MPVjlv2yDM>

Congratulations

Dr. Michael Ida

On January 13, President Biden announced that 336 teachers from around the nation were recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). These awards honor the vital role that America's teachers and mentors play in shaping the next generation of technical leaders, including scientists, engineers, explorers, and innovators.

Established in 1983, PAEMST is the highest award K-12 math and science teachers can receive from the U.S. government. Award recipients over the years represent schools and organizations from all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) schools, and the U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands).

Nominees complete a rigorous application process to demonstrate deep content knowledge and an ability to adapt to a broad range of learners and teaching environments.

A panel of distinguished mathematicians, scientists, and educators at the state and national levels assess nominations before recommending awardees to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). Teachers are selected based on their distinction in the classroom and dedication to improving Math and Science education.

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 Kalaniana'ole Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

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

Congratulations

62nd Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Drawing & Painting students received 8 Gold Keys, and 9 Silver Key Awards

Gold Key winners will have their work on display at Capitol Modern March 1st- April 1st.

The awards ceremony for Gold Key winners will be held on March 1st at Capitol Modern – Teacher : Mr. Mosher

Sarah Ing (grade 11) - 2 Gold Keys

Atona Chan (grade 11) - 3 Gold Keys & 2 Silver Keys

Kaiyana Peterson (grade 12) - 1 Gold & 2 Silver Keys

Ashlee Nguyen (grade 12) - 1 Gold Key, 1 Silver Key

Sadie Leong (grade 10) - 1 Gold Key

Cindy Chong (grade 10) - 1 Silver Key

Jane Shelverton (grade 12) - 1 Silver Key

Kanoe Neumann (grade 12) - 1 Silver Key

Sakai Lagrador (grade 9) - 1 Silver Key

Honorable Mention

Chiejzu Matsuo (grade 12) – 2 Nicole Tay (grade 12) – 1 Cindy Chong (grade 10) – 1 Nicole Du (grade 9) – 1

Elizabeth Tom (grade 11) – 1 Sadie Leong (grade 10) – 1 Naweo Villanueva (grade 9) – 1

Sawa Machida (grade 11) – 1 Emily Hashimoto (grade 10) – 2 ZephyrLynne Bird (grade 12) – 1

Bokyeong Yang (grade 9) – 1 Sarah (Snow) Wang (grade 12) – 1 Kaiyana Peterson (grade 12) – 1

62nd Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Congratulations to the following students for winning gold, silver or honorable mention in the

Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Awards. Gold Key winners will have their work on display at Capitol Modern.

In addition to his Scholastic awards, please congratulate Ty Terada for having two photos selected to be a part of the Contemporary Photography in Hawaii 2025 at the Downtown Art Center. His photographs will be among the company of Hawaii's Fine Art Photographers at the gallery at the Downtown Art Center next month!

Gold Key Winners

Virgil Tan- "New Start" -Film & Animation

Sarah Ing- "A Creators Hands"-Photography

Sarah Ing- " Beauty 101 "-Photography

Sarah Ing- "Is It Calming or Just Lonely?" -Photography

Silver Key Winners

Yuki Kimura- "You Were Alive" -Comic Art

Trent Goshi-"Connecting With Nature"-Photography

Trent Goshi-"Eye Of The Night"-Photography

Ty Terada- "Floating Man"-Photography

Ty Terada- "Stepping Shadows"-Photography

Honorable Mention (all for photography):

Sarah Ing-"A Dead End" Sarah Ing-"A Step Into the Low Tide" Sarah Ing-"A Gleam of Light"

Sarah Ing-"Foresaken Sea Tides" Sarah Ing "It's Just Me." Sarah Ing-"No Kuleana"

Sarah Ing-"I Wish You Could See Me" Isabella Lee-"A Peak at Diamond Head"

Isabella Lee-"The Shores of Hawai'i" Nadia Chung-"After the Storm" Nadia Chung-"Forever, Together"

Nadia Chung-"Moving Forward, Each in Their Own Way" Nadia Chung-"The Colors We Let Go"

Nadia Chung-"Wisdom and Whiskers" Rui Imai-"beyond a sense" Rui Imai-"Foot work"

Rui Imai-"Friends" Hō'ikeāmaka Saigusa-"Burning Bright" Hō'ikeāmaka Saigusa-"Just Another Day"

Hō'ikeāmaka Saigusa-"Paw-sitive Vibes" Ty Terada-"D.Cho." Ty Terada-"People at the Wall"

Ty Terada-"Rain and the Girl" Ty Terada-"Shadows" Ty Terada-"Shadows of Walls"

Keisen Takamiya-"Dawn of Earth" Keisen Takamiya-"Shadow" Iris Lam-"Deep Thoughts"

Iris Lam-"High Speed Society" Iris Lam-"Insomnia" Iris Lam-"In Transit"

Haylee Pula-"Mt. Fuji" Haylee Pula-"The Nightmare" Bradley Asato-"Signs in the Sky"

Jontelle Moore-"Simple is beauty." Trent Goshi-"Strange how we decorate pain."

Trent Goshi-"The New Day is Dawning" Jasmine Lum-"Talking to the Moon"

Congratulations

Shea Brown and Alex Chan

Both students have been accepted to Rikkyo University, one of our partner colleges in Japan. They were admitted to the Global Program of the Department of International Business Law, College of Law and Politics. The students will be the recipients of the Rikkyo Promising Future Scholarship and will receive the amount equivalent to tuition and other fees for the first three consecutive semesters, excluding admissions fees. The Scholarship will be for the Fall 2025 semester and also for the Spring & Fall 2026 semesters.

Congratulations

Please help me congratulate these three teams for placing in the ITEEA Reach Challenge <https://www.iteea.org/reach>

The Stylus: Jasmine Spurling, Yijia Wang & Taylor Shimamura

Da Car Maid: Airi Choi, Yuna Otsuka & Rui Han

The Carb Enabler: Kalea Maglidt & Nadine Laposi

These three teams entered their Medical Innovation into the Reach Challenge back in December. They found a client (person in need), worked with KHS other students (Engineering), got feedback from Manos (KHS teachers), got advice from community organisations and finally created and entered their final innovation.

REACH Challenge Winner

John F. Kennedy High School – Bellmore, New York – buddyBasket

REACH Challenge Finalists

John F. Kennedy High School - Bellmore, New York – The Protractatray

Kalani High School - Honolulu, Hawaii – The Stylus

REACH Challenge Semi-Finalists

Principia School – St. Louis, Missouri – Adapted Toothpaste Dispenser

MOT Charter High School – Middletown, Delaware – SteadyUp

Kalani High School - Honolulu, Hawaii – Da Car Maid

N. Burlington County Reg Mid./High School – Columbus, New Jersey – The Magna-Disc

Kalani High School - Honolulu, Hawaii – The Carb Enabler

Principia School – St. Louis, Missouri – The ZAT 3000

Congratulations

Kalani LifeSmarts Team 5.1

January 13, 2025

HONOLULU — The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) Business Registration Division and Insurance Division, and Hawai‘i Credit Union League (HCUL) announce the top-scoring high school teams for the online portion of the annual Hawai‘i LifeSmarts State Competition. Teams from ‘Iolani, Kalani, and Waipahu high schools have earned their spot to compete at the in-person state competition, which will be on Friday, February 21, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center Hawai‘i Suites. The event will be open to the public.

Students will complete individual assessment tests prior to the state competition, then they will test their team skills through a “speed smarts” activity and gameshow-style buzzer rounds at the in-person state competition. The winner of the competition will represent Hawai‘i at the National LifeSmarts Competition in Chicago, Illinois from April 24 – 27, 2025. LifeSmarts is a consumer education program designed to teach students in grades 6-12 about personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology, and consumer rights and responsibilities. The Hawai‘i LifeSmarts program is locally sponsored by the DCCA Business Registration Division and Insurance Division, in partnership with HCUL, and is run by the National Consumers League.

Team Members : Jiaorong (Michelle) He, Zhoulin Chen, Leila Florendo, Aileen Kong and Kouki Oda.

Congratulations

GreatSchools announced the winners of our **2024 College Success Award**, which recognizes and celebrates public high schools that excel at preparing students to enroll and succeed in college. Kalani High School is one of only 1,436 public high schools in the nation to win this year's Award, which is based on college preparation and postsecondary data.

<https://www.greatschools.org/hawaii/college-success-award/>

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2025-2026 academic year is OPEN.

WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO NOW TO PREPARE

Prior-Prior Year (PPY) Tax Information: The 2025-2026 FAFSA will use 2023 tax information for you and your families to determine eligibility for federal student aid. You should ensure that this information is completed and accessible. All students and parents contributing to the FAFSA will need a FSA ID. If you don't already have one, you will need to create an account.

Free Sports Physicals

January 22 at Kalani High School Athletic Training Room

Hawai'i Keiki consent form completed & signed by parent/guardian within the past year.

Download & complete the HIDOE Physical Examination for Athletes form and bring it to the appointment

Ali Spiker, BSN, RN, CPN, NCSN (Kalani Complex RN)



STUDENT SECTION

AP Exam Fee Payments

An email was sent to all parents with information about this year's AP exam fee payments and all current AP students were emailed their personalized invoices for this year's AP exam fees. Please review these documents for details about payment. If you have any questions, please contact AP Coordinator Jaime Edwards at jaime.edwards@k12.hi.us

Kalani Project Grad 2025 : kalanipg25@gmail.com

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)
Environmental Science Club (Mr. Sumida)
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)
KEY Club (Mrs. Takayesu)
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)
Surf Club (Ms. Yang)

Sister School Partnerships – International Travel

Busan Computer Science High School – Korea
Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima
Obihiro Hakuyo High School – Hokkaido
Iwakuni High School – Yamaguchi Prefecture
Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School
Osaka Gakuin University / High School
Bihoku High School – Nagoya

Visited Korea July 14-21 2024 – Will host in January 2025
Hosted in August 2024– Travel to Hiroshima in January 2025
Host in March 2025 – Travel to Hokkaido in July 2025
Host in January 2025 – Travel in March 2025
Visited Kyoto Nov. 2024 – Will hosted in July 2025
Will host in September 2025
Will host in February 2025

Chengdu Debate Competition – **Visited China Nov. 2024**
Jeju International Youth Forum – **Visited Korea Nov. 2024**
Hainan/Beijing Cultural Exchange Trip – **Visited China Dec. 2024**

Potential Student Misconduct

Parents : We ask for your support in encouraging open conversations with your child about maintaining a respectful and safe campus environment. Remind them that student altercations and misconduct affect our entire school community. If they hear of any potential conflicts or concerning behavior, please encourage them to notify their counselor right away. Working together, we can foster a positive and secure atmosphere for all students. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

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>

Congratulations

- Bryan Silver named 2025 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year
- Scott Melemai named Nationally Board Certified Teacher
 - Bryan Silver : Harbor Freight Tools for Schools
 - Dr. Mike Ida : Kleenex Heroes of the Classroom
- Kalani High School : ITEEA 2024 – 2025 STEM School of Excellence
 - Leilani Phan : Mauna Kea Scholar
- Jiaorong He, Zhoulin Chen, Leila Florendo, Aileen Kong and Kouki Oda : LifeSmarts State Qualifier
 - Katie Ta : Robotics Dean's List Finalist

Schools of the Future Conference

The Robotics team did demos and shared the programs they run at Kalani.
Sydnie Melemai, Katie Ta, Reese Sekiya, Sarah Lee, Susan Zheng, and Tina Au - Innovation Station
Anson Li was a part of a group of students on Students and AI use in school.
Sydnie Melemai presented with Punahou students on her ongoing Sustainability Project started last summer

ATHLETICS

Congratulations - OIA Boys Junior Varsity Swimming and Diving Champions
Congratulations - OIA Girls Junior Varsity Tennis Champions

Keira Oba - Sydney Lin - Binta Sawo Mattes - Cameryn Credo - Breydi Nuibe - Jasmine Uyesono - Eunice Kim - Haley Smith

Congratulations - Eastern Division Boys Varsity Soccer Champions
Congratulations - Eastern Division Boys Junior Varsity Soccer Champions
Congratulations - Eastern Division Boys Junior Varsity Baseball Champions

Boys Basketball

Kalani 45 – Moanalua 54
Kalani 52 – Farrington 51
Kalani 41 – Kaiser 48
Kalani 39 – Kailua 68
January 23 vs. Kaimuki

Kalani 62 – McKinley 32
Kalani 56 – Castle 50
Kalani 53 – Roosevelt 58
January 21 @ Kahuku
January 28 @ Kalaheo

Girls Basketball

Kalani 36 – Kailua 49
Kalani 27 – Moanalua 54
Kalani 64 – Kaimuki 19
Kalani 56 – Kalaheo 27
Kalani 58 – Castle 29

Kalani 31 – Kahuku 57
Kalani 55 – Roosevelt 28
Kalani 60 – McKinley 11
Kalani 55 – Farrington 34
January 17 vs. Kaiser

Boys Soccer

Eastern Division Champions

OIA Play-offs start next week

Girls Soccer Season completed

Wrestling

January 18 Round Robin
February 1 Dual Championship /Round Robin
February 14 OIA Championship

January 28 JV / ILH Crossover
February 7 Eastern Division
February 21 HHSAA

Paddling - pending

Swimming and Diving

Boys Junior Varsity OIA Swimming and Diving Champions

- Diving = **1st Wyatt Kawagishi** 3rd William Reyes 8th Aiden Lee
- 200 Medley Relay = 2nd 7th Aiden Wu
- 200 Free = 4th Keanu Tan 7th Jett Katano
- 200 IM = 5th Bruce Fujita- Simmons 4th Gabriel Garandeanu 6th Kai Grafia
- 50 Free = 2nd Kai Wolfe 8th Zian Wang
- 100 Fly = 4th Bruce Fujita-Simmons 8th Otto Ferguson
- 100 Free = 5th Kobe Miyamasu, 6th Kai Grafia 8th Zian Wang
- 500 Free = 4th Keanu Tan
- 200 Free Relay = 3rd 5th Jett Katano 8th Otto Ferguson
- 100 Back = 2nd Kai Wolfe 7th William Reyes
- 100 Breaststroke = 6th Junyu Blas
- 400 Free Relay = 3rd

Girls 2nd

- Diving = 2nd Erin Suehisa 3rd Kanoa Ishida 6th Sabrina Kan
- 200 Medley Relay = 3rd 7th Celine Lee
- 200 Free = 6th Elle Ishimoto 7th Leala Florendo
- 200 IM = 2nd Choko Uchida
- 50 Free = 2nd Ylang Valencia
- 100 Fly = 3rd Choko Uchida
- 100 Free = 3rd Celine Lee
- 500 Free = **1st Sumie Yamada**
- 200 Free Relay = 3rd
- 100 Back = 4th Ylang Valencia 8th Leala Florendo
- 100 Breaststroke = **1st Sumie Yamada** 7th Chloe Loi
- 400 Free Relay = 3rd

January 16/18 OIA Eastern Division
January 31/1st OIA Championship

January 24/25 Kalani (Dorothy Aki) Invitational
February 14/15 HHSAA

Girls Tennis JV **Season completed**
Eastern Division and OIA Champions

Baseball JV **Season completed**
Eastern Division Champions

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.

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

SPORTS OFFERINGS 2024-25

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

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)

Grade Check Dates

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

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Beth Schimmelfinnig, Director
Rhonda Wong, Compliance
Aaron Oandasan, Title VI
Toby Yamashiro, Title VII
Nicole Isa-Iijima, Title IX
Krysti Sukita, ADA/504

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