

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (01/29/2024)

KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Friday, February 14 | Institute Day : No Students |
| 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 2 | Las Vegas Raiders Talent ID Flag Football Clinic @ Kalani |
| 6) Sunday, March 16 | Junior Prom |
| 7) Wednesday, March 26 | Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day |
| 8) Friday, April 18 | Holiday : Good Friday |
| 9) Monday, May 26 | Holiday : Memorial Day |
| 10) Sunday, May 18 | Senior Prom |
| 11) Wednesday, May 21 | Confirmed : Graduation |
| 12) 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 Kalani High School

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is proud to announce and celebrate Kalani High School as a Hawaii School of Democracy. This honor reflects not just an achievement but a deep and shared commitment to nurturing the next generation of informed, engaged citizens—an endeavor more critical today than ever before.

A healthy democracy—one that truly thrives—depends on the active and informed participation of all its citizens. Yet, we know that civic learning opportunities have dwindled in too many schools across the nation, leaving young people unprepared to engage meaningfully in public life. Kalani, however, has risen to this challenge, ensuring that civic education is not just present but prioritized.

Participating in the application process, we were able to identify the strength of our program and pockets that could be improved. We learned a lot about ourselves and our school and we believe that we can empower students to be not only observers of democracy but active participants and stewards of it.

Special thanks to teacher Dan Hamada. Dan was responsible for much of the legwork and he was the principal writer of the application. A big mahalo to Superintendent Hayashi and to Social Studies Education Specialist Rosanna Fukuda for finding opportunities like Schools of Democracy – opportunities that provide our students with the knowledge and skills to understand their rights and responsibilities and to contribute to their communities and our country.



Congratulations
Leilani Phan and Daniel Shiraki

This week, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program announced the 2025 candidates.

Seniors Leilani Phan and Daniel Shiraki are two of the 90 candidates from Hawaii selected for this prestigious honor. Later this spring, the Presidential Scholars Program will narrow the list to select the semi-finalists and shortly thereafter, they will announce the 2025 awardees. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields. Each year, up to 161 students (from all 50 states and are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. Application is by invitation only; therefore, students may not apply individually to the Program, nor may their schools nominate them.

Kalani's Presidential Scholars 1964 to present

1972 Pamela Zeitlin – Stanford University (1976) – Yale PhD and MD (1983) – Pediatric Pulmonologist

1975 Joanne Thede – TBD 1981 Tina Lee – TBD 1990 Colan Kwock - TBD

2017 Emily Yang – University of Southern California (2021) – Harvard Medical School (2024)

Congratulations

NCWIT Aspirations in Computing High School 2024 Awardees

The NCWIT Aspirations in Computing High School Award honors students for their computing-related achievements and interests, and encourages them to pursue their passions. Award recipients are selected based on their aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by their computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and future plans. This organization puts together multiple organizations that work to increase the influence and meaningful participation of girls and women from every community.

Leilani Phan : 2024 Hawaii Winner and 2024 National Honorable Mention (only one from Hawaii)

Sydnie Melemai : 2024 Hawaii Honorable Mention Latasha Hui : 2024 Hawaii Rising Star

Congratulations

Sarah Ing

Recipient of the American Vision Nominee Award

62nd Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Best 4 artworks in the state.

Sarah is the recipient of a total of 5 Gold Keys in Scholastics: 2 for art & 3 for photography.



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).**

Lottery will take place on the first Friday in April

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.

***Congratulations
Leilani Phan***

JSHS Junior Science and Humanities Symposium

She placed fourth and is invited to compete at the National level at the end of April in DC.

Mr. Okawa is her advisor.

The Hawaii and Pacific Junior Science & Humanities Symposium is an enriching STEM program that brings students from all across the Pacific together to share their original independent research projects with peers and professionals. Regional and National JSHS programs are sponsored by the United States Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and the Department of Defense (DoD), and administered by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). The competition is a two-day event, where students give oral presentations to a panel of judges on the 1st day and selected finalists present on the 2nd day, followed by an awards ceremony. This year, the Hawaii JSHS was held at the John A Burns School of Medicine in Honolulu, Hawaii. As one of the top 5 finalists, Leilani will be a member of the delegation representing Hawaii in the 2025 National JSHS competition (an all-expense paid trip in Spring 2025).



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. Teacher : Ms. Tran-Trimmer

Gold Key Winners

Virgil Tan- "New Start" -Film & Animation
Sarah Ing- " Beauty 101 "-Photography

Sarah Ing- "A Creators Hands"-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

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 - REACH Challenge Finalists

Da Car Maid: Airi Choi, Yuna Otsuka & Rui Han - REACH Challenge Semi-Finalists

The Carb Enabler: Kalea Maglidt & Nadine Laposi - REACH Challenge Semi-Finalists

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.

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.

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.

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 : Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching
 - 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
- Shea Brown and Alex Chan : Rikkyo University Global Program

2024 College Success Award <https://www.greatschools.org/hawaii/college-success-award/>

ACT/PreACT

On February 25, 2025, all 9th and 10th grade students will participate in the PreACT (practice ACT) and all 11th graders will take the ACT. These assessments are free of charge and all students are expected to attend. There will be no classes on this day and students will be released after testing. More information will be emailed in the coming weeks; if you have any questions, please contact Test Coordinator Jaime Edwards at jaime.edwards@k12.hi.us.

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 Girls Swimming and Diving Champions

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

Kalani 67 – Kaimuki 58

Kalani 62 – McKinley 32

Kalani 56 – Castle 50

Kalani 53 – Roosevelt 58

Kalani 37 – Kahuku 60

Kalani 48 – Kalaheo 51

Girls Basketball Season completed

Eastern Division 4th Place

Boys Soccer Season completed

**OIA Junior Varsity Boys Soccer Runner-up
Varsity Eastern Division Champions**

Girls Soccer Season completed

Eastern Division 5th Place

Wrestling

January 28 JV results TBD

February 1 Dual Championship /Round Robin

February 7 Eastern Division

February 14 OIA Championship

February 21 HHSAA

Official's Scholarship Tournament: Boys Team: 3rd Place

Boys 106: Koan Hotema - Champ

Boys 138: Isaiah Torres - 2nd Place

Boys 150: Luke Nakai - 3rd Place

Boys 157: Kason Cabrera - 6th Place

Girls 105: Tia Hotema - 2nd Place

Girls Pa'ani Challenge Tournament:

Open 105: Tia Hotema - 2nd Place

Open 115: Reece Fujitani - 5th Place

Novice 130: Cassidy Wong - 7th Place

Novice 190: Larissa Urias - 4th Place

Hiram Palimo'o Boys Dual Meet Tournament:

Kalani 42 vs Kamehameha Hawaii 33

Kalani 48 vs Leilehua 24

Kalani 66 vs ABC 18

Kalani 70 vs Kapolei 12

Kalani 64 vs Kamehameha Kapalama B 18

Quarterfinal: Kalani 63 vs Mililani 18

Semifinal: Kalani 47 vs Downey (CA) 27

Finals: Kamehameha Kapalama A 46 vs Kalani 30 (2nd Place)

Paddling - pending

Swimming and Diving

Kalani / Dorothy Aki Invitational Swim Meet Results pending

January 31/1st OIA
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

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH 6:00PM

If you're interested in joining Varsity Baseball, Varsity Softball, Varsity Tennis, Varsity Flag Football, Varsity Golf, Varsity Judo, Track, Boys Volleyball, or Girls Water Polo, you must register online for your chosen sport. The deadline to register and submit physicals and consent forms is **Friday, February 7th, by 6:00 PM.**

To participate, you must complete a current athletic physical and submit a consent form specific to your sport.

Important: *If you previously registered and participated in another sport this school year but did not select a spring sport, a parent must log into your account and update the registration to include the spring sport.*

If you need registration assistance, please email Janeen Waialae at **Janeen.Waialae@k12.hi.us**. For questions about physicals and consent forms, contact Marissa Fukunaga at **Marissa.Fukunaga@k12.hi.us**.

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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