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- 14) Friday, May 30 Last Day for students

October 7 – 11 : Fall Break

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: Educating our Future

To move as a whole or unit; moving or working together in unison

Kindness 101 : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MPVjhv2yDM>

Congratulations

Bryan Silver

Fifty U.S. public high school skilled trades teachers were named as finalists today for the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence. A total of \$1.5 million in cash prizes will be awarded in the Fall, when the field is narrowed down to 25 winners. The Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence was started in 2017 by Harbor Freight Tools owner and founder Eric Smidt. The prize recognizes outstanding instruction in the skilled trades in U.S. public high schools and the valuable work of teachers who inspire students to learn a trade that prepares them for life after graduation

Bryan Silver was recently selected as one of 50 finalists for the 2024 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence, which honors excellent teaching in skilled trades education in U.S. public high schools. Bryan is now in the running for one of 25 prizes totaling \$1.5 million, which we will award in Fall 2024.



US News 2024 Best High Schools

Kalani High School is ranked first within Hawaii and #796 in the National Rankings

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/hawaii/districts/hawaii-department-of-education/kalani-high-school-6166>.

Kalani High School is ranked first within Hawaii. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Kalani High School is 52%. The total minority enrollment is 91%, and 17% of students are economically disadvantaged. Kalani High School is 1 of 66 high schools in the [Hawaii Department of Education](#).



Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college.

Took at Least One AP® Exam **52%**
Mathematics Proficiency **55%**
Science Proficiency **53%**

Passed at Least One AP® Exam **40%**
Reading Proficiency **76%**
Graduation Rate **97%**

Congratulations to the Class of 2024

Principal's Award

Stephanie Lee

2024 Citizen-Scholar Award recipient

Stephanie Lee

For the past 20 years, the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the Hawai'i State Department of Education, and the Honolulu Star-Advertiser have honored one outstanding senior from every public high school throughout the state who best exemplifies citizenship in school and the community. Each of these students have given back to make our state a better place and embody the Department of Education's Vision of a Public School Graduate.

2024 Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation Scholarship

Kate Shower

The Takitani Foundation Legacy Scholarship Program was started in 1993 by Mamoru and Aiko Takitani, founders of Hawaiian Host chocolates as a way to give back to the people of Hawai'i. Since that time, the Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation (Takitani Foundation) has awarded scholarships each year to an outstanding student at every qualifying high school in the state. The Takitani Foundation Legacy Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding students who exemplify the qualities of hard work, high academic achievement, commitment to excellence, and dedication to our community.

National Merit Recognition

Congratulations to the following juniors who took the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in October and met the requirements to enter the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. With a Selection Index Score of 208 or above, these high performers have shown outstanding academic potential. These students are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants (out of 1.3 million students who took the test) and will be recognized in the fall as either a Semifinalist or Commended Student

Haruto Gannon

Sungwon Kim

HHSAA Hall of Honor

One of 12 selected

Yuta Cole

Congratulations

Kalani Association of Students

President- Shea Brown Vice President- Yuna Otsuka
Secretary- Abby Nii Treasurer- Taylor Wong Historian- Naomi Stremick

Class of 2025

President- Mason Nagata Vice President- Calli Amine
Corresponding Secretary- Jinie Ho Treasurer- Kyra Kugiyama

Class of 2026

President- Kylie Awakuni Vice President- Kira-May Nosse
Corresponding Secretary- Christopher Tam Recording Secretary- Sara Lau Treasurer- Sadie Nakao

Class of 2027

President- John Phillips Vice President- Laineo Ono Treasurer- Destiny Nguyen

Sister School Partnerships – International Travel

Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima	Host 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
Busan Computer Science High School – Korea	Hosted in January 2024 – Will travel to Korea in July 2024
Osaka Gakuin University / High School	Will host in September 2025
Chengdu Debate Competition – Might travel to China in November	
Jeju International Youth Forum – Travel to Korea in November	

STUDENT SECTION

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>

Nā Hōkū ‘Ōpio “Young Stars” Music Competition Congratulations to our 2024 winners!

Taking center stage, the winners of the 2024 Nā Hōkū ‘Ōpio competition step into the spotlight to perform and radiate as featured soloists. Accompanied by your Hawai‘i Symphony Orchestra, these "Young Stars" showcase the artistry and legacy of our homegrown musical talents. Hear them live with your HSO this summer.



Luke Watanabe, trombone
Kalani High School
July 25, 2024

Kalani High School Track and Field Improvements Project

The construction site is off-limits. Please do not enter the job site.

Mahalo to Rep. Mark Hashem, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi and Sen. Stanley Chang for securing the necessary funds

**Registration Dates for School Year 2024-2025
Week of July 22 – July 26**

Date	Time
July 23 (Tuesday) Grade 12	8:30AM-12:00PM
July 24 (Wednesday) Grade 11 Grade 10	8:30AM-2:00PM
July 25 (Thursday) Grade 9	8:30AM-12:00PM
July 26 (Friday) Make-Up Day	8:30AM-11:30AM Make-Up Day for those who did not attend

ATHLETICS

SPORTS OFFERINGS 2022-23

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

FALL

B/G AIR RIFLE (V)
B/G BOWLING (V)
B/G CHEER (JV/V) SIDELINE/COMPETITION
B/G CROSS-COUNTRY (JV/V)
FOOTBALL (JV/V)
G SOFTBALL (JV)
B/G SOFT TENNIS (V)
Girls VOLLEYBALL (JV/V2/V)

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 pay the \$60.00 ASET Fee

Continuous Notice

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AHERA

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, 40 CFR Part 763. It requires all primary and secondary school buildings to be inspected by AHERA accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos-containing building materials. The rule further requires the development of a management plan by an AHERA accredited management planner that is based on the findings of the inspection. The management plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school. In February 2001, Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-502 was adopted by the Hawaii State Legislature. These rules essentially mirror the requirements of the AHERA regulations. In both cases, the rule requires our school to notify parents, teachers, and employees of the presence and status of asbestos containing material in our school buildings.

The initial inspection of our school was conducted in 1958 and identifies some asbestos-containing materials. Since that time, we continue to conduct periodic surveillances and triennial re-inspections to ensure that the asbestos-containing materials remain in good condition and do not pose a hazard to our students and staff. An asbestos management plan was drafted based on our initial inspection and submitted to the Hawaii State Department of Health. It outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the material in a safe manner. The management plan is updated regularly as asbestos is removed or conditions change. A copy of the management plan is on file in the administrative office and is available for your review during our regular school hours. Should you have any questions, please call the school at 808-305-0500.

Annual Notice of Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Statement

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. This requirement extends to all of the Department's programs and activities, including employment and admissions as applicable. If you have difficulty understanding English, you have the right to receive language assistance at no cost to you. Please contact your school's principal for more information. For the Department high schools that offer Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs of Study in arts and communications, business, health services, industrial and engineering technology, natural resources, and public and human services, there are no admission criteria. Department high schools will take steps to assure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in CTE programs and will provide equal access to designated youth groups. The Department does not tolerate acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Any student who believes that he or she has been subjected to harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion is encouraged to report such harassment. Students and parents may report allegations of discrimination or harassment to the school's administrator or to the Department's Civil Rights Compliance Branch at the address listed below. The Department is committed to conducting prompt investigations. Support, including counseling and educational resources, will be available to students who are harassed as well as to students found to have engaged in acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Students found to have engaged in harassment may be disciplined up to and including suspension if circumstances warrant. Students, parents, and Department staff should work together to prevent harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. The Department will not tolerate retaliation for reporting discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report the discrimination or harassment. Please direct inquiries regarding Department nondiscrimination policies to:

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