

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (06/28/2024)

# KALANI High School

## WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

### IMPORTANT DATES...

#### Happy Fourth of July : Enjoy the holiday

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| 1) Thursday, July 11       | Last Day for Summer School                |
| 2) Tuesday, July 30        | First Day for Teachers                    |
| 3) Monday, August 5        | Students First Day - <b>Freshmen Only</b> |
| 4) Friday, August 16       | Holiday : Admission Day                   |
| 5) Wednesday, August 28    | PC Day : No students                      |
| 6) Monday, September 2     | Holiday : Labor Day                       |
| 7) Tuesday, November 5     | Election Day                              |
| 8) Monday, November 11     | Holiday : Veterans' Day                   |
| 9) Thursday, November 28   | Holiday : Thanksgiving                    |
| 10) Friday, November 29    | No School : Day after Thanksgiving        |
| 11) Wednesday, December 25 | Christmas                                 |
| 12) Wednesday, January 1   | New Year's Day                            |
| 13) Monday, January 6      | Teacher Workday : No students             |
| 14) Wednesday, January 15  | PC Day : No students                      |
| 15) Monday, January 20     | Holiday : Martin Luther King, Jr. Day     |
| 16) Monday, February 17    | Holiday : Presidents' Day                 |
| 17) Wednesday, March 26    | Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day                |
| 18) Friday, April 18       | Holiday : Good Friday                     |
| 19) Monday, May 26         | Holiday : Memorial Day                    |
| 13) Tuesday, May 27        | <b>Tentative : Graduation</b>             |
| 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=5MPVjhw2yDM>

### Registration Dates for School Year 2024-2025

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

## *Congratulations*

*Yuta Cole*

### **KALANI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE HAWAII BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR CHICAGO (June 27, 2024)**

In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade announced Yuta Cole of Kalani High School as the 2023-24 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Player of the Year. Cole is the first Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Kalani High School. The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Cole as Hawaii's best high school boys track & field player.

From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Alan Webb (2000-01, South Lakes High School, Va.), Kerron Clement (2002-03, Laporte High School, Texas) and Grant Fisher (2014-15 & 2013-14, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.).

The 5-foot-9, 135-pound senior distance talent raced to two individual state titles this past season, clocking a time of 3:55.19 in the 1500-meter event to set a meet record and the nation's No. 14 time among prep boys this spring. Cole also broke the tape in the 3000 with a season-best time of 8:59.17. He broke the tape at the 800 at the OIA Varsity Track Championships with a time of 1:53.84, and ran the anchor leg for the 4x800 relay quartet that set the OIA Eastern Division Track Championships meet record with a time of 8:40.54.

The state's 2023-24 Gatorade Cross Country Gatorade Player of the Year, he is believed to be the first Hawaiian to run the 1500 in under four minutes. Cole has volunteered locally at a middle school in association with Health Occupation Students of America, helping to promote physical activity through running. "He's a standout," said Iolani High School head coach Matt Imada. "He won the 1500 and the 3000 at states and broke the meet record in the 1500 by six seconds. Earlier in the season, he also ran a 1:53.84 in the 800, which is the second-fastest 800 (in the state) this year."

Cole has maintained a 3.9 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Portland this fall. The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Cole joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Shane Kawakami-Williams (2022-23, Hawaii Baptist Academy), Jordan McQueen (2021-22, Kapolei High School), Chris Paige (2020-21, Punahou School) and Trenton Wailehua (2019-20, Saint Louis School), among the state's list of former award winners. As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

*Yuta Cole*

### **2023-24 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Cross Country Player of the Year. (recognized in Fall 2023)**

Yuta Cole was also honored in the Fall as the 2023-24 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Cross Country Player of the Year. Cole is the first Gatorade Hawaii Boys Cross Country Player of the Year to be chosen from Kalani High School. The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Cole as Hawaii's best high school boys cross country player.

The 5-foot-9, 135-pound senior won the state cross-country meet this past season with a time of 16:16.12, breaking the tape 15.3 seconds ahead of his next-closest competitor and leading the Falcons to an eighth-place finish as a team. Cole won six of the eight races he entered and was the top Hawaii finisher at the Nike Cross Northwest Regional Championships, crossing the line 54th in 15:57.4.

**Hawaii High School Athletic Association**

**One of 12 student-athletes honored**

**Hall of Honor**

*Yuta Cole*

**Kalani High School Track and Field Improvements Project**

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

## *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*

### **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*

### **Bryan Silver**

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.

. 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

### **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- Laine Ono      Treasurer- Destiny Nguyen

## Sister School Partnerships – International Travel

Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima

Obihiro Hakuyo High School – Hokkaido

Iwakuni High School – Yamaguchi Prefecture

Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School

Busan Computer Science High School – Korea

Osaka Gakuin University / High School

Host 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

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

Hosted in January 2024 – Will travel to Korea in July 2024

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

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**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>

"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](mailto:kalanipg2024@gmail.com), thank you!"

### 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

July 25, 2024

## 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**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HSDOE) and its schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion in its programs and activities. Please direct inquiries regarding Department nondiscrimination policies as follows:

Civil Rights Compliance Branch  
Hawaii State Department of Education  
P.O. Box 2360  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804  
(808) 586-3322 or relay  
[CRCB@k12.hi.us](mailto:CRCB@k12.hi.us)

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

## **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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Inquiries concerning discrimination and/or harassment may also be referred to the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education.

## **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.