

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (05/24/2024)

KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Monday, May 27 | Holiday : Memorial Day |
| 2) Thursday, May 30 | Last Day for students |
| 3) Friday, May 31 | Last Day for teachers |
| 4) Thursday, June 6 | First Day for Summer School |
| 5) Thursday, July 11 | Last Day for Summer School |

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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>

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>.

Congratulations to the Class of 2024

*Graduation is a milestone event and
we were committed to making it a memorable one for the Class of 2024.
Aloha and mahalo to our graduates for providing countless memories
- memories that help us to remember their accomplishments
and the individuals that make this class so special.*

Principal's Award

Stephanie Lee

Valedictorians

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| Jonah Barnhill | Jacob Bishop | Yuuka Brown | Ziyan Chen | Alex Chounramany | Eunice Chun |
| Jack Dias | Betsy Do | Victoria Fang Yee | Megan Hanh | Kyle Haubner | Xinyi He |
| YuChen He | Kalina Hotema | Hina Iketani | Rin Isoe | Lynden Judd | Mei Kambara |
| Kate Kaneshiro | Dana Kang | Anna Kimura | Leyna Ko | Rylie Kodama | Madison Konishi |
| Ronan Laciste | Brian Lau | Lisa Le | Ethan Lee | Joel Lee | Stephanie Lee |
| Andrew Li | Liliana Lisama | Joanne Liu | Peter Lum | Haylee Lyons | Kaylee Matsuda |
| Ella Matsui | Hana Matsushita | Kynan McCartney | Kiana Mizuno | Kaitlyn Nagata | Reece Oyama |
| Maria Sasanami | Anna Seavey | Kate Shower | Logan Smith | Leanne So | Tifany Subramaniam |
| Hailey Takai | Keala Takamiya | Ayre Takamoto | Kristen Takamure | Mari Tamashiro | |
| Natalia Tangonan | Nazca Taniguchi | Brandon Tran | Thomas Tran | Leon Tsuboi | Emily Velasco |
| Sky Voong | Mason Vuong | Lily Washburn | Kokona Watanabe | Eric Wong | Jenelle Wong |
| | Nathalie Wong | Bomi Yang | Yuxuan Zhang | | |

Congratulations

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

Congratulations Team Hawaii - Kalani 4.2

Representing Hawaii and Kalani High School, Kalani's LifeSmarts team, Kalani 4.2 finished in 16th out of 52+ teams nationwide at the 2024 LifeSmarts National Championship competition held in San Diego.

Senior Mason Vuong : 2nd highest score in the "Technology" category of the individual assessments.

Mason's teammates are Team Captain Brandon Tran, Andy Chen, Jiaorong (Michelle) He, and Kyla Iglesia.

Congratulations on a strong performance and representing Kalani High School and Hawaii well.

Congratulations Urban Planning Competition

State Champions

Iolani- 1st Place

Kalani - 2nd Place

National Champions : Iolani

National Runner-up : Kalani

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- Lainee Ono Treasurer- Destiny Nguyen

Student Crime Stoppers

Students can use the Student CrimeStoppers number to report crimes anonymously

Please report students that you see writing on restroom walls

(808) 955-8300

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

Sister School Partnerships – International Travel

Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima	Hosted in August – Traveled to Hiroshima in January
Obihiro Hakuyo High School – Hokkaido	Hosted in March – Traveled to Hokkaido in July
Iwakuni High School – Yamaguchi Prefecture	Hosted in January – Traveled in March
Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School	Hosted in March – Will travel to Kyoto in Nov.
Busan Computer Science High School – Korea	Hosted in January – Will travel to Korea in summer
Osaka Gakuin University / High School	Will host in September 2025
Chengdu Debate Competition – Traveled to China in November	

STUDENT SECTION

College and Career Center Updates

Message regarding FAFSA from the College & Career Center:

We continue to encourage you to try and complete your FAFSA. If you already completed your FAFSA, be sure to log in to see any updates. If you have any corrections to make, that won't be able to happen for a few weeks is all we know. While you wait to see what your financial aid package might be like from the colleges you applied for, be sure to check the following for all the schools you applied to:

- any new updates regarding financial aid
- deadlines to put in a deposit (usually non refundable) to secure your spot at the school
- other deadlines for applications/deposit for things such as housing, freshman orientation, etc. which might be earlier than the admissions deposit. make sure to look it up!
- reach out to the school's financial aid office or admissions office for any questions you or your family may have

If you are stuck or have questions regarding your FAFSA application or results, please do not hesitate to contact the following Hawaii based resources:

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](#)

Upcoming college visits: Open to students only.

For details on the times of visits and to pick up an activity pass, stop by the College and Career Center in the library.

Check your emails : Don't miss out on scholarships, deadline reminders, missing documents from your school's admissions or financial aid offices, etc.

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

Congratulations

University of Hawaii

New Warrior Scholarships

REGENTS Scholar : Jenelle Wong

Provost

Jack Dias Kalina Hotema Kiana Mizuno Leanne So
Keala Takamiya Sky Voong Kokona Watanabe

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

ATHLETICS

Congratulations *Yuta Cole* **HHSAA Hall of Honor**

Letter of Intent

Congratulations to the following seniors who signed their commitment letters at our
2nd Annual Senior Signing Ceremony

Others have signed their Letter of Intent earlier this year

Kalehuakuponoikahuliau Akaka - Baseball - North Park University
Grayson Barnhill - Volleyball - Trine University
Yuta Cole - Cross Country & Track - University of Portland
Wyatt Ishii - Baseball - St. Martins University
Cameron Kobayashi - Baseball - Hope International University
Haylee Lyons - Volleyball - University of Alaska - Fairbanks
Kynan McCartney - Football - George Fox University
Kai'ulani Nishigaya - Soccer - Taft College
Ayre Takamoto - Volleyball - Pacific Lutheran University

ATHLETIC NEWS:

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:

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