

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (03/30/17)

KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN
UPDATES FROM A.M. BULLETINS, FLYERS, ETC.

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Friday, April 6 | Report Cards Distribution during Period 1 |
| 2) Saturday, May 19 | Senior Prom |
| 3) Tuesday, May 22 | Graduation – Class of 2018 |
| 4) Monday, May 28 | Memorial Day – No School |
| 5) Thursday, May 31 | Last Day for Students |
| 6) Thursday, June 14 | Report Cards ready for pick up in library |

Summer School : June 6 – July 11

DEADLINE...Friday 9:00am is the deadline for your group's input in next Parent Bulletin.

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*“Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to pull another hand into the light.”
“One knows from daily life that one exists for other people - first of all for those upon whose smiles and well-being our own happiness is wholly dependent, and then for the many, unknown to us, to whose destinies we are bound by the ties of sympathy.”*

Albert Einstein | 1879 - 1955 | Swiss physicist & Nobel Prize winner

Congratulations

61st Hawaii State Science & Engineering Fair Award Recipients

Bryan Silver (Teacher)
McInerny Foundation
\$1000 Teacher Award - Mathematics

James Shigemoto (12)
HAS Senior 2nd Place Category Awards
2nd Place - Robotics and Intelligent Machines
Saul Price/Aina Haina Community Association \$50

Kaitlyn Strandberg (11)
College of Engineering, University of Hawaii at Manoa
\$300 Cash, Invitation for students to College of Engineering Banquet
Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers - Hawaii Sec \$100

Pablo Ruelas (12)
Society of American Military Engineers, Honolulu Post \$200

Sheree Tam (11)
U.S. Army, Tripler Army Medical Center Certificate

Vance Takiguchi (12)
HAS Senior 1st Category Awards
1st Place - Mathematics
McInerny Foundation \$1000 toward college tuition - Mathematics
U.S. Metric Association (ISEF AFFILIATED) Certificate

Zachary Young (12)
American Society of Civil Engineers, Hawaii Section \$200
HAS Senior 1st Category Awards
1st Place - Materials Science
J W Morrow Environmental Management Consultant \$50 & plaque

Congratulations to Bryan Silver and members of Team Magma

Congratulations to Kalani's Robotics Team - Team Magma for winning the Regional Engineering Inspiration Award at the Southern Cross Regional in Australia. Winning this prestigious award qualifies the team for the World Competition in Houston in April. The Engineering Inspiration Award celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's school or organization and community. Join us at the Stan Sherriff Center and support Kalani Robotics Team 3008

FIRST Championship (Worlds) - Houston : Wednesday April 18 to Saturday April 21

Congratulations

Rovi Porter

Accepted into Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Class of 2022

UH Scholarship Awardees

University of Hawaii Regent Scholars (5 out of the 20 selected statewide)

Priscilla Hsu Rovi Porter Ryder Tanaka Jenna Tsuzaki Cameron Woods

University of Hawaii Chancellor Scholarship Awardees – waiting for confirmation

Kalani Class of '61

2018 Scholarship Winners (each will receive a \$1,500 Cash Award)

Daniel Huang Cameron Woods Keenan Goo Rovi Porter Dale Emoto

Girls Cyber Start Winners

Recognition Ceremony - Friday, April 6

State Capitol Ceremonial Room

3:30 - 4:00pm

Opening Remarks by Governor Ige

CyberStart is a forward-thinking skills program designed to supply specialist cyber security education to young people across the US. Using a suite of online challenges, tools and games it aims to inspire the next generation of cyber security professionals while identifying the best and most talented young Americans.

We are facing a significant shortage of trained and skilled cyber security professionals at a time where online technologies continue to evolve, and cybercriminals are becoming more sophisticated. The only way to solve this problem is to introduce, develop and help young people, in high school and college, pursue a career in this sector.

Our program has been designed so that it doesn't matter whether you are a hobbyist, interested in gaming or have studied computer science before. The platforms challenges are accessible to those without any pre-existing knowledge and welcome various ages and skill levels.

1st in the state : The Idalings (10th in the nation) : Kia Mauricio, Sage Enomoto, Rovi Porter, and Katrina Nishikawa.

3rd in the state : The Valkyries (40th in the nation) : Alexandria Lim, Mija Wheeler, Katrina Kuo, and Regina Lee.

12th in the state : ByteMe : Patricia Pahinag and Kayla Lim-Tam

Attention Parents

We're entering our annual Prom/Banquet season with various high school functions scheduled over the next couple of months. We would like to take this time to be proactive in enlisting your help to ensure that our students have safe, fun, memorable experiences. With everyone's help and extra vigilance, we're certain that our students will have a wonderful time at our functions and that we'll head off into summer vacation (and graduation for seniors!) with only positive memories.

We will have at least one administrator at each function that will help with the supervision of the event. Teachers will also be in charge of the check-in area. We do not expect there to be any behavioral issues and we want to make sure that we are providing our students with a safe and drug free environment. We ask that you remind your child about appropriate behavior and take time to discuss after prom parties and safe driving with your child prior to attending a prom or banquet.

Please email me if you have any concerns and/or questions. With your help, I know that it will be a fun and fruitful fourth quarter.

Mitchell Otani - Principal

NO SMOKING/VAPING, NO ALCOHOL AND NO PETS allowed on any DOE campus.

Parents / Guardians,

We are excited to involve you in our process of revitalizing Kalani's school vision and mission! Throughout the fall semester, our entire faculty and vision committee team have worked to articulate language that captures and inspires our identity and purpose as an educational community. In our writing stages, we realized we needed simple, memorable, and meaningful words to both champion Kalani culture and help characterize its future.

Final draft of our vision: **Character. Compassion. Community.**

We defined these words in the following statements:

1. Character: Using knowledge with integrity.
2. Compassion: Seeking to actively listen and understand beyond personal perspective and striving to nurture relationships.
3. Community: Students, parents, staff, and friends of Kalani empowering each other in an environment that fosters a sense of belonging and pride.

Mission : We at Kalani High School create opportunities to discover our passions, purpose, and personal pursuits.

We would love to have your feedback, as well as any comments or concerns, regarding our vision words and statements.

Please contact Leslie_hamasaki@notes.k12.hi.us

.....Vision Committee and Staff

REGISTRATION CALENDAR FOR SY2018-2019

April

- Counselors to work with students that have conflicts with their schedules

May

- First week of May will be last chance for students to drop AP class(es) and make elective change
- Counselors to work with students that have conflicts with their schedules

STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO COMPLETE A REGISTRATION CARD WILL BE PROGRAMMED BY THEIR COUNSELOR OR THE REGISTRAR AND WILL FORFEIT THEIR RIGHTS TO PROGRAM CHANGES!

Summer School Registration Information

April 9, 2018 (Monday)

Kalani Students ONLY

Registrations Forms Available (On-Line ONLY)

- www.kalanihighschool.org
- Current counselor signature **REQUIRED**
- Do not Xerox registration forms, they will not be accepted. On-line forms will generate a course acceptance number.

April 14, 2018 (Saturday)

Payment for Kalani Students ONLY (IN PERSON – do not mail in forms)

- **1 Credit Courses ONLY**
- 7:00 am – 10:00 am
- In the cafeteria

Bring to Registration Day

1. Registration Form, current counselor signature **REQUIRED**
2. Payment* of \$190 (For families with multiple children - **1 check per child**), and a
3. Self-addressed, stamped envelope for report cards to be sent home.

Registration not received in the office by April 16, 2018 will be canceled and counts will be reset.

*Checks will be held till the end of the first week of summer session to expedite refunds.

Make checks payable to Kalani High School.

From April 16, 2018 (Monday)

For All Students / .5 or 1 Credit Course

- 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- In the office
- Counselor signature **REQUIRED**
- Course counts will be reset on this day

Remedial Students (Kalani Students Only)

- See your counselor

April 30, 2018

- **Late fee of \$30 added to \$190 tuition**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

Summer Session (1 Credit): June 6 – July 11

Summer Session 1 (.5 Credit): June 6 – June 22

Summer Session 2 (.5 Credit): June 25 – July 11

Holidays: June 11 and July 4

Hours: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Course Requirements and Information

COURSE	CREDITS	INFORMATION
PE 9	.5	For incoming Grade 9 students who fulfill their PE requirement during the summer, students will be assigned Transition to High School and Health courses to replace completed courses. Students will have daily time on the track, in the gym, weight room and mat room. Students are responsible for bringing appropriate items (athletic wear, running shoes, water, sun block) from the first day.
PE 10	.5	
PE 9/10	1	
Health	.5	Limited space available. First availability for 1 credit combinations (PE/Health or Health/PE). Grade 9 students will be assigned Transition to High School to replace summer school Health course.
MHH/PID	1	Grade 9 Social Studies (Modern Hawaiian History and Participation In Democracy) is open to all students. Students will be given another elective to replace MHH/PID course.
US History	1	Grade 10 Social Studies (United States History) requirement is open to all students.
World History	1	Grade 11 Social Studies (World History) requirement is open to all students.
English 10/11	1	Enrollment limited to Kalani credit recovery students ONLY.
Geometry	1	Enrollment limited to Kalani credit recovery students ONLY.

Attendance

- Due to the fast pace of summer school attendance is highly important!
- Missing more than 15 attendance hours of a 1 credit course or 7.5 attendance hours of a .5 credit course will cause dismissal from summer school and the loss of the credit.
- Students are responsible for communicating with their teachers for any missed work.
- If you know a student will be absent, please call 305-0514 to report the absence.
- If the absence is planned, please send your child to school with a note.
- **ALL** absences count toward attendance hours, there are no excused absences!

Course Room Assignments

- Due to privacy policies lists are not allowed to be posted.
- Students should come to the office to receive room assignments on the first day of summer session, June 6, 2018 before the start of school at 8:00am.

STUDENT SECTION

Kaleo O Kalani – Student Newspaper

The Kaleo O Kalani, our student newspaper, has been updated with the next round of articles. <https://www.kaleookalani.org/>

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Class Activities

Seniors forthcoming

Project Grad 2018 registration continues

Please email kalanipg2018@gmail.com to receive information and news about Project Grad 2018.

Email us or stop by the Kalani High School office to pick up a packet.

Mahalo ----- Your 2018 Kalani Project Grad Committee

CLUB News :

List of clubs

Chinese Club	CORE	Creative Dance Club	Future Farmers of America
Glee Club	GSA	HOSA	Interact Club
Key Club	KHOT	Korean Club	LEO Club
Math Team	Mock Trial	Polynesian Club	NHS
Robotics – Team 3008	Science Club	Speech and Debate Team	DECA
Falcon Esports	Drama Club	Poetry Club	Best Buddies

Club news forthcoming

Kalani Band Performance Dates

OBDA Parade of Bands

Thursday, April 12	7:30pm @ Roosevelt Auditorium	Symphonic Band
Friday, April 13	7:30pm @ McKinley Auditorium	Wind Ensemble
Saturday, April 14	3:00pm @ Pearl City Cultural Center	Concert Band

Aloha Concert

Sunday, April 29 5:30pm @ Roosevelt Auditorium Concert Band / Symphonic Band / Wind Ensemble

COLLEGE AND CAREER GUIDANCE CENTER

College Information

- Please visit the College & Career Center link on Kalani's webpage **kalanihighschool.org**
- Susan Arashiro / Sandra Yoshida College & Career Counselors (808)305-0556
- susan_arashiro@notes.k12.hi.us

Event:	Date/Time:	Location:
College Fair field trip	Tuesday, April 24, 2018	Hawaii Con. Center
Senior Awards Night	Wednesday, May 16, 2018	Roosevelt HS or Manoa Grand Ballroom (JCC)???
SAT administration	Saturday, June 2, 2018	Kalani High School

Mekaru Scholarship Awardees

The Mark and Claudia Mekaru Scholarship recipients have been selected by Dr. Mark Mekaru and the Kalani High School Scholarship Committee. The 2018 Mekaru Scholarship recipients are:

Priscilla Hsu, Daniel Huang, and Kailer Okura.

Congratulations!

Thank you to all applicants who worked so hard to complete the applications.

Athletics – Go Falcons

Fall and Winter Sports All-stars forthcoming

All Winter Sports : Season completed

Spring Events

Baseball	April 4 vs. Kalaheo	3:00pm
Golf	April 2 @ Oahu Country Club	7:30am
Judo	April 7 @ Kalani	10:30am
Softball	April 7 @ Waialua	10:00am (doubleheader)
Tennis	Post Season Schedule pending	
Track and Field	April 7 @ Kaiser	2:00pm
Volleyball	April 3 @ Kaimuki	5:30pm
	April 5 vs. Farrington	5:30pm
Water Polo	April 4 vs. Kapolei @ CORP	3:30pm

ACADEMIC REVIEW STATUS:

The parent/guardian whose child is on Academic Review Status (ARS) is encouraged to stay in close communication with their child's teacher, counselor and coach. All parties should work in unison to ensure that the student-athlete has the greatest opportunity to be successful in their academics so that they may become eligible to participate in athletics.

Awards / Student Recognition

Academics

Shirley Li

Class of 2019

ACT : Perfect Score of 36

(3rd Kalani student in past 4 years with ACT score of 36 : Jacob Ly 2015 and Kacie Kajihara 2017)

National Merit Commended Students

Lilianne Au Victor Ho

Congratulations

Daniel Huang

Accepted into Harvard's Class of 2022

Lina Namatame

Accepted into the United States Coast Guard Academy

Marina Wakao

Accepted into Otis College of Art and Design's Class of 2022

NCAA Letter of Intent

Miki Manta.

Full athletic scholarship to golf for California State University Sacramento

Daysha-Ann Solidum

Full athletic scholarship to play soccer for the University of Nevada-Reno.

Justin Berry

Full athletic scholarship to run crosscountry for the Chaminade University

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Finalist – Update

Mr. Silver's STEM Capstone class' entry has been selected as the state winner.

Congratulations to Mr. Silver's STEM Capstone class. Their entry was one of the top five in state out of 3,000 entries nationwide. Their proposal is to cool classrooms using the laws of thermal dynamics by engineering a device that can compress air on one side and as it passes through the rapid expansion of the air coming out will be cooler.

Vance Takiguchi <> Nicole Lee <> Yu Yun Lee <> Pablo Ruelas <> Kaitlyn Strandberg <> Ashley Taylor <> Kaitlyn Tsuha <> Zach Young <> Alyssa Zhang

Maunakea Scholars Program

Kalani High School students win research time with Maunakea telescopes

Six ambitious Kalani High School students will conduct sophisticated astronomical research using some of the world's most powerful telescopes. The aspiring astronomers were awarded time to use three Maunakea observatories as a part of the Maunakea Scholars program-an innovative partnership between the Maunakea Observatories and the Hawaii State Department of Education.

Working alongside Institute for Astronomy graduate student mentors at the University of Hawaii, the students developed professional-style research proposals for the review and selection of the Maunakea Scholars time allocation committee. The committee selected the six winning proposals:

Alyssa Zhang was awarded one hour of observing time with the NASA Infrared Telescope Facility for her proposal, "Brown Dwarf Spectroscopy"

Yuyun Lee was awarded one hour of observing time with the Las Cumbres Observatory for his research proposal, "Determining the Composition of the Asteroids in the Solar System"

Kaitlyn Tsuha and Jenny He were awarded one hour of observing time with the NASA Infrared Telescope Facility for their research proposal, "Measuring Jupiter's Bands"

Ashley Taylor and Kaitlyn Strandberg were awarded one hour of observing time with Gemini Observatory for their research proposal, "Comparing the Atmospheric Composition of Triton and Pluto"

2018 CTSO Convention DECA Results

Nationals : First Place – Finance: Niquerose Cacho, Sun Young Kim

Exam : Tied for first place - Finance: Niquerose Cacho, Sun Young Kim

Finalists in their event

- Finance: Niquerose Cacho, Sun Young Kim
- Travel and Tourism Marketing: Havea Langi, Johnny Lum
- Business Services Marketing: Norika Liu

Medallion Winners (Top 2 role-play scores in their event.)

- Finance: Niquerose Cacho, Sun Young Kim
- Travel and Tourism Marketing: Havea Langi, Johnny Lum
- Business Services Marketing A: Jun Liang Pang, Norika Liu
- Business Services Marketing B: Norika Liu
- Quick Serve Restaurant Management: Kailee Chun

2018 Hawaii State Leadership Conference HOSA Finalists

Public Service Announcement : Mia Lo, Emele Kim and Malia Munday: 1st place

Emergency Medical Technician : Emily Wong and Sunwoo Oh: 2nd place

Medical Assisting : Anita Cai: 3rd place

Sports Medicine : Azure Chung: 3rd place

CERT Skills : Nicolas Oshiro and Maxwell Miyasato: 3rd place

Biomedical Debate : Hina Ichikawa, Brandon Effendi and Kha Bui: 3rd place

All of these students have qualified to participate and compete in this year's (2018) HOSA International Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas (June 25 to June 30)

Honolulu District Science Fair Winners

Kaitlyn Strandberg : 3rd Place Overall

Kaitlyn will be traveling to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburg

Best of Category / Senior Research

Kaitlyn Strandberg Sheree Tam Zachary Young Vance Takenishi James Shigemoto Anthony Philip Cornejo

8 Projects qualified for State Science Fair

Kaitlyn Strandberg Sheree Tam Zachary Young Vance Takenishi James Shigemoto Anthony Philip Cornejo
Pablo Ruelas Alyssa Zhang

Eddie Aikau Essay Contest

We are pleased to announce the following student from **Kalani High School** have been selected as a Winner in the 2017 Eddie Aikau Essay Contest (\$350 Cash Prize):

Jin Won In - Second Place

National Center for Women & Information Technology : Affiliate winners

Alyssa Zhang Joanne Lum Kaitlyn Strandberg Angelina Melia Blen Carmen Lam
Alexandria Lim Nadia Bodner Ashley Taylor Rovi Porter Katrina Kuo Mija Wheeler

Pacific Asian Affairs Council Global Leadership Program

Twenty students were selected for the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council Leadership Program for 2017-2018. This 9 month program aims to improve participants' leadership skills, including effective communication, appreciation for diversity, public speaking, goal setting, accountability, and conflict resolution. The goal is to develop global citizens who are informed about global issues, empowered to make a difference, and feel connected with others around the world. Program components address personal leadership, social identity development, intercultural sensitivity and global citizenship.

Kalani is proud to announce that **two** of our students were selected

Emily Wong Jin Won In

UH's Physics Olympics the 29th Annual Tournament

Aluminium Boat Build Challenge

First place (Sophomore team)

Second Place (Junior Team)

Juniors : Noah Eckfeldt Brendan Nagleman Tyler Leong
Sophomores : Tobias Jones-Worth Krim Khan Paul Cameron
Freshmen : Regina Lee Maja Wheeler

Congratulations also to

Kailer Okura : Summer (2017) Study Tour to China sponsored by the Freedom Foundation
Cameron Woods, Jenna Tsuzaki, Julia Tsuzaki : Summer Service Learning Tour (2017) to Vietnam
sponsored by the Takitani Foundation

The Arts

Les Miserables

Bravo!

Bravo to **Renei Leung** and Faith **Slansky**. Both were in the cast for Castle Performing Arts Center's *Les Miserables*.

It was an amazing production with outstanding voices - one of the best musicals that I have seen.

Please take time to congratulate Renei and Faith for a job well done.

2017 Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Teacher : Mr. James Mosher

Gold Key

Pilialohaokalani Kaaloa : Grade 12 : *Selfie With Grandma*

Colleen Kagawa : Grade 10 : *Gaps*

Kelsey Lei : Grade 11 : *Camouflage*

Kelsey Lei : Grade 11 : *Gripping Hands*

Cyrah Strawn : Grade 11 : *Cyrah*

Silver Key

Ashlee Akimoto : Grade 10 : *Arboles de kalani*

Jalen-Rose Condes : Grade 11 : *Bird Buddies*

Marina Kaneda : Grade 12 : *Kassi and Emele*

Malia Neumann : Grade 12 : *Locked in the Fantasy*

Clara Wu : Grade 10 : *Hostage to Love*

Dragon Beat (Taiko) Concert

Bravo!

Bravo to Yuri Hirata (Class of 2015), Daniel Vaiaso (Grade 11) and Masaya Oda (Grade 9)

Under the direction of Master Tsutomu Nakai, Dragon Beat Hawaii performed at the Hawaii Convention Center on Saturday.

They were very focused and shared their passion for taiko while performing over a dozen numbers.

Please take time to congratulate Daniel and Masaya ----- Yuri's brother is current Kalani senior, Taichi Hirata

Hawaii Youth Symphony

Youth Symphony I (21)

**Kai Abergas Everett Amemiya Kento Francisco Fuma Fujiki Kassi Hatakenaka Daniel Huang Yukiko Hughes
Kurumi Kawata Erin Matsushita Maxwell Miyasato Cuyler Murata Margaret Nakayama Tiffany Nakayama
Justin Okumura Eunice Park Ryoma Sears Ryder Tanaka Sherry Tanaka Shayn Toothman
Aiden Woodard Austin Young**

Youth Symphony II (19)

**Mia Caliri Tea Caliri Jesse Cumpston Micaela Diaz-Paez Valentina Diaz-Paez Kiana Ejercito Gento Fujiki
Rika Haraguchi Raquel Hernandez Alexander Lau David Kimura Ashley Nakazaki Sunwoo Oh Joshua Romero
Levin So Tyler Takemoto Chinatsu Takizawa Karen Watarida Robert Wiemer**

Concert Orchestra (10)

**Kayleen Asuncion Joe Karasawa Ashley Kaya Ashley Kelleher Naiya Lim Evan Sakuda
Moko Sato Anna Shikuma Kiana Tagonan Alexander Tomomitsu**

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to the 2017 Oahu Band Directors' Select Band

Flute : Margaret Nakayama and Sherry Tanaka

Bassoon : Everett Amemiya

Alto Sax : Dale Emoto - *1st Chair*

Trumpet : Gento Fujiki, Ace Inouye, Taichi Hirata, David Kimura, Riki Haraguchi

French Horn : Kai Abergas - *1st Chair*

Trombone : Jonah Sablan

Euphonium : Robert Wiemer - *1st Chair*

Oboe : Erin Matsushita - *1st Chair*

Clarinet : Kassi Lyn Hatakenaka

Tenor Sax : Hoku Matsushita - *1st Chair*

French Horn : Ashley Nakazaki

Ryoma Sears - Tuba

Euphonium : Cuyler Murata

Athletics

Congratulations

HHSAA (State) Champion

Dong Hyeon Hwang ----- Swimming : 500 Yard Freestyle

HHSAA Runner-up

Girls Air Riflery Team

OIA Champions

Fall

Girls Varsity Air Riflery

Boys Varsity Crosscountry

Girls Junior Varsity Crosscountry

Winter

Boys Varsity Soccer

Boys Varsity Basketball

Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving

Girls Varsity Basketball

Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team

Boys Junior Varsity Swimming and Diving Team

OIA Eastern Division Champions

Fall

Boys Varsity Crosscountry

Girls Varsity Air Riflery

Winter

Boys Varsity Soccer

Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team

Boys Varsity Basketball

Boys Junior Varsity Baseball Team

Other Awards

Dessert Fantasy event

Yearly benefit for the United Cerebral Palsy Assoc of Hawaii

Kalani Bakers (Meal Management Students)

Alejandro Yoon, Jax Perez, Katheren Lam and Pebbles Sekiguchi

Kalani High School won the "Judges Choice" award for best High School dessert and

"Peoples Choice" award which is the public's vote for the best dessert over-all.

Students were responsible for baking, plating, garnishing and serving their original desserts - [Key Lime Passion Delights.](#)

Congratulations

Homecoming Court 2017

King : Austin Young

Senior Attendant : Chara Higaki

Junior Attendant : Marissa Nishiki

Sophomore Attendant : Bailey Miyashiro

Freshmen Attendant : Alana Touch

Queen : Erin Terada

Escort : Pablo Ruelas

Escort : Kai Sigler

Escort : Tyler Martinez

Escort : Timmy Tran

NEWS ARTICLES

The road to Harvard paved with many thanks

By Michael Tsai March 6, 2018 *Updated March 6, 2018 12:05am*

This piece is a 700-word column 26 inches long, and if Kalani High School senior Daniel Huang had his way, all of it would be devoted to acknowledging and thanking his parents and the long litany of teachers, counselors, coaches, advisers and others who have helped him along the way.

So, thank you, Andy and Iris Huang, for years of loving support and sacrifice. Merci beaucoup, curriculum coordinator Leslie Hamasaki for the years of guidance and daily support. Grazie, Susan Arashiro and Sandra Yoshida, for your hard work in preparing students to apply to college. Gracias, arigato and danke kindly, dear tennis coaches, church leaders, youth symphony directors, violin and oboe teachers, and all ye manner of extracurricular club officials. Daniel Huang is forever in your debt. Now, someone, please, teach the boy to brag a little.

Admittedly, it's hard to know where to start. So start at the beginning, like when Huang was 5 and Iris, a United Airlines customer service representative, signed him up for violin lessons, thereby setting the foundation for his lifelong love of music. Or start at age 6, when Andy, an environmental engineer for Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, brought him to his junior team tennis lessons, introducing him to a sport that has brought a sense of balance to his many academic and musical pursuits. The music was always big, from violin lessons to the after-school ukulele program at Manoa Elementary to the Kaimuki Middle School band, where Huang took up the oboe and found himself surrounded by people who enjoyed playing just as much as he did. Huang continues to play the oboe for the high school band and for the Youth Symphony II while keeping his violin skills sharp playing at Waialae Baptist Church.

"Music teaches you to enjoy what you are doing first and foremost," Huang says. "It starts with an innocent love for the instrument and for music in general, and then with discipline and hard work you can be as good as you want to be."

Huang said he's found a similar sense of shared purpose and community through tennis, particularly at the varsity level where individual effort and performance are directed toward team goals.

Despite a competitive streak wrought though years of playing with and against his older brother Darrell, a sophomore at Harvard University, Huang said he enjoys the camaraderie of the sport and the opportunity to help new players find their place.

"It's always about the team," he says.

The sentiment echoes across Huang's many academic and extracurricular pursuits. Huang participated in the Japan Super Science Fair in Kyoto with four other Kalani classmates and thrice was on the team representing Kalani at the Science Bowl, once advancing to regional competition in Oregon. He and his teammates were so inspired by what they learned about science clubs in other schools that they took the initiative to start their own club at Kalani, writing their own charter, selecting leaders and recruiting classmates of all grade levels to join in the fun.

Two years ago Huang (who also serves as president of the school's National Honor Society chapter) and a small group of classmates applied for and were accepted to the Pacific Asian Affairs Council's Global Leadership Program, an experience that culminated with a trip to Shanghai. Upon his return Huang again felt compelled to share the experience by helping to found a PAAC chapter at Kalani. Huang said his activities are a natural outgrowth of his interests and the nurturing environment Kalani provides and is not intended, he emphasizes, to pad his resume. Yet, Huang admittedly has sought to join his brother at Harvard, a goal brought to painful clarity after a campus visit last year. Just recently, Huang received word that he indeed had been accepted — with a scholarship package too good to refuse. He intends to study neurobiology with an eye toward completing a Medical Scientist Training Program (combining an M.D. and Ph.D.) and eventually working as a surgeon.

"My parents have been super supportive, and I'm very appreciative of that," he said. "And Kalani is great at exposing students to different opportunities and encouraging them to get involved." There he goes again.

Teen model giving back to others less fortunate

By Michael Tsai March 20, 2018

Like the runway model she'd worked diligently (and painfully) to become over the last year, Victoria Tan executed her last pivot this weekend with both poise and conviction. On Saturday, Tan, 17, strolled into Varsity Barber, took a seat and proceeded to let owner June Chan snip away nearly a foot of her straight, black tresses. For a young woman just weeks removed from walking the runways at the Paris Fashion Week, the divestiture of such a signature asset was more than just a little symbolic.

"Modeling was a good experience, and I learned a lot from it, but it's more of a side interest," said Tan, a junior at Kalani High School. "I really want to focus more on my studies so I can get into a good college." Saturday's trip to the barber offered both a ceremonial end to Tan's modeling pursuits and a symbolic start to a challenging season of SATs, college applications and campus visits. And in keeping with Tan's lifelong devotion to helping others, her shorn hair was bound and donated to a charitable organization that makes wigs for children with long-term medical hair loss.

The limitless opportunities available to Tan and her two younger brothers, and the freedom that they enjoy in pursuing their interests, were secured at great risk when their parents Victor and Elena, both accomplished Chinese acrobats, defected to the United States (separately) in the 1980s.

Victoria was born in Hawaii, where her parents settled after a brief stint in New York. After securing U.S. citizenship, the Tans returned to China for several years before returning to Hawaii for good five years ago. Last year, younger brother Virgil went to an open audition for child models, and Victoria tagged along for moral support. The agent in charge took one look at the thin, 5-foot-9 Victoria and asked her whether she'd be interested in modeling. Tan had never entertained the idea of modeling before, but thought it sounded interesting and signed up for a workshop. Soon after, she was invited to walk at the Los Angeles Fashion Week.

To prepare for the event, Tan, accompanied by her father, practiced walking around Kahala Mall, Magic Island and other spots wearing high heels. "I had never worn high heels before," Tan said, laughing. "It was so painful." Painful or not, Tan acquitted herself well and wound up walking for three different designers in L.A.

An opportunity to walk at the New York Fashion Week followed. Tan knew that the event was bigger and more formal, and that she would be up against a much larger field of prospective models, most with many more years of experience. Yet, as her parents had always encouraged, Tan set aside her fears, worked hard to prepare and set off to New York determined to get the most out of the experience, no matter what might happen. "There were about a hundred models in the lobby trying to earn one of 15 spots," said Tan of an audition for Jessie Liu. "They were all tall and pretty and skinny, and when you were asked to walk, you did it in front of all of them, which was really intimidating." Yet, once again, Tan did well for herself, securing a spot in the lineup and executing everything she had learned in her brief training.

Tan already knew that she wanted to devote her full attentions to her academic and volunteer work when the chance to participate in the Paris Fashion Week came up. She jumped at the opportunity to visit Paris and to participate in one of the world's premier fashion events even as she knew her appearance would be something of a valedictory walk. The trip would have even deeper meaning for her family. Both Victor and Elena had performed in the City of Lights more than 27 years earlier as members of the Guanzhou Acrobat Troupe. Tan, in high heels and with a book carefully balanced at the top of her head, once again practiced hard for the event. She studied the runway approach. She summoned her parents' performative discipline to keep her balance ("I was worried that I'd trip and fall") and maintain the placid composure her coaches exhorted her to keep. And yet, upon arriving in Paris, Tan caught a cold. Then she slipped on ice and badly twisted her ankle. Then the jet lag kicked in. Undeterred, Tan successfully walked for both Ellae Lisque and Indonesian fashion house LeViCo, participated in a fashion shoot and still had enough time to see the sights with her father.

Her Year of Living Fashionably now complete, Tan has wasted little time getting back into the flow of school and volunteer work. She's a straight-A student and a member of the school golf team. Outside of school, Tan performs with her brothers Vincent and Virgil and cousin Harry for the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii, senior centers, hospitals and other organizations, playing the guzheng (a Chinese zither) and yueqin (moon guitar), and has volunteered at a children's art program.

In preparation for a recent trip to China, Tan raised money and collected candy and books for a Chinese orphanage for children with disabilities. "Everybody needs attention and love, and I felt happy to help them," she said. "My life is pretty good, and I want to do whatever I can to help others enjoy a better life."

Kalani High hoops team reveals character

By Lee Cataluna March 21, 2018

The Kalani High School boys basketball team has a favorite saying: "Character revealed!" The players say it when someone is late for practice. They also say it when someone comes through in a clutch. "It gets past any excuses," assistant coach Nathan Davis says. "It's a reminder that what is important is how they act as people."

On Sunday, Kalani's JV and varsity teams held an end-of-season luncheon at Dave & Buster's to celebrate their winning year and, more important, their character revealed. The players showed up wearing collared shirts. There wasn't a dress code. The older boys just told the younger players to dress nice. Each player went to the front of the room, took the microphone, thanked his parents, coaches and teammates and shared a favorite memory from the year. Some were funny, some were brief but all were sincere. "Basketball is good but there's other stuff. Just making them speak in public, that's a good skill to pick up," assistant coach Noa Hussey told the parents and younger siblings in attendance.

It's a different program. The players are required to keep journals during the season. They share their writing with one another, finding strength by revealing fears and vulnerabilities. They each are paired with an "accountability partner" to make sure both reach goals and keep commitments, from grades to good behavior.

One of the season's big moments of "character revealed" was in the Feb. 7 game against Roosevelt for the Oahu Interscholastic Association Division II championship. It was a chance for Kalani's redemption after losing the title to the Rough Riders in triple overtime in 2016. Kalani's 61-52 triumph this year was largely due to 15-year-old Brandon Chung. "He was in foul trouble early," Hussey said. "He didn't play most of the first half, but in the second half he was the reason we won." Hussey described Chung's 11-point second-half performance like he is still dazzled by what he saw. Except for one free-throw attempt, Chung made every shot he took. "He was a sophomore playing in a championship game. The gym was packed. He had maybe a hundred people back home on Maui watching the game live on TV. This was pressure and he wasn't rattled at all. To respond that way, to have that maturity at his age," Hussey smiles, remembering the moment. "And he was so patient, not demanding the ball, just letting the game come to him."

Chung was named most valuable player for the game. "I was the first deaf person to get that, so it was really an honor," Chung said. He's a boarding student at the Hawaii School for the Deaf and the Blind. This year there are six students from HSDB competing on Kalani athletic teams, the most ever. The accommodations aren't a big deal. Chung's sign language interpreter, Danny Gong, who was with him at every practice and every game, made a YouTube tutorial video of basketball-related signs for the team with terms like "post up," "rebound" and "watch your back." Chung was also patient with his teammates' ad lib signs. He can read lips. "And I can talk," Chung said, "so they understand me."

The last time there was a news story about Chung, he was 6-foot-2. Since the state championship last month, when Kalani came in third, Chung has grown and is closer to 6-foot-3 now. The entire team has grown. After the lunch was over, the boys pushed in their chairs, thanked their mothers and went together to play the restaurant's arcade games. No rowdiness. Just fun to be had and character to be revealed.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Construction on Campus

Work continues on the Girls Varsity Locker Room Project. This new facility, a Title IX Project is being constructed between the gym and track. It will be the first new building on campus since the pool was built in 1975. The girls have been without a Varsity Locker Room since the school was built in 1958. There is a Boys Varsity Locker Room. We know that this new facility will enhance the overall education and experience for your child. Thank you.

Mahalo to Representatives Mark Hashem, Calvin Say, Bertrand Kobayashi and Senators Stanley Chang and Les Ihara for their support of this project. Mitchell Otani - Principal

Awards / Teacher Recognition

Forthcoming

Partnerships

Global Participation

Japan Super Science Fair : November 1 - 9

Kalani High School is once again invited to participate in this year's Japan Super Science Fair in Kyoto, Japan. Priscilla Hsu, Daniel Huang, Kailer Okura, Jenna Tsuzaki and Julia Tsuzaki (accompanied by Mrs. Hamasaki) will be presenting their research topic "An Energy Analysis of Invasive Species Avrainvillea Amadelpa" and performing their Cultural Presentation in early November at Ritsumeikan Senior High School. The Ritsumeikan Super Science Fair was organized in 2003 as a place for scientific exchange, concentrating on scientific research presentations by high school students. The Ritsumeikan Super Science Fair changed its name to the Japan Super Science Fair in 2011 in order to widen its scope not only in Japan but around the world. There are 47 schools represented at this year's JSSF, including schools from Australia, Canada, France, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Caledonia, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, the United Kingdom, the United States, Vietnam and host country Japan. JSSF newsletters <http://www.fkc.ritsumei.ac.jp/fkc/jssf2017/index.html>

Jeju Student Forum : October 31 – November 6

Kalani High School is once again invited to participate in the Jeju Student Forum in Korea. Rosalyn Kagimoto, Kokoro Matsumoto, Shannon Shigeta and Cameron Woods, (accompanied by teacher Mike Zane) will be representing Hawaii and the United States in Jeju, Korea. The Jeju Youth Forum is a creative platform for youth to exchange their opinions and ideas. Through various panel discussions on protection of migrant workers, protecting cultural and natural world heritages, reducing waste effectively, and eradicating inequality and injustice in society and other topics faced by the international community, participating students from all over the world build up skills in global leadership and help to formulate international consensus. It is indeed hoped that this year's Forum serves as a way to form global friendships and cooperation through the virtues of understanding, enthusiasm, wisdom, and trust. The Kalani Delegation will be traveling from October 31 – November 6.

International Moonbase Summit

Kalani High School participated in the International Moonbase Summit in Kailua, Kona from October 1-5, 2017. Junior Shirley Li and Mr. Kenneth Okawa attended this historic summit, participating alongside aerospace engineers, scientists and policy makers in crafting the future of mankind's presence in space. For more info : <https://moonbasealliance.com/>

Welcome Back KAS President Ryder Tanaka and Counselor Kacy Sumikawa

Kalani High School was well represented at the 2nd Hiroshima Junior International Forum hosted by Hiroshima Governor Yuzaki. KAS President Ryder Tanaka and Counselor Mrs. Sumikawa listened to experts in international relations, collaborated with teachers and students from other nations, and made connections with other participants and chaperones to spread the message of peace.

Welcome Back : Hiroshima 20th Anniversary Sister State Partnership

Kalani High School was a part of Senator Brian Taniguchi's Delegation Traveling to Hiroshima, celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Sister State Partnership. Eight other Hawaii high schools joined First Lady Dawn Ige and other legislators. Emele Kim, Emily Martinez, Lina Namatame, Rovi Porter and Student Activities Coordinator Rei Akasaki represented Kalani.

Kalani High School to Participate in the College Board's AP Capstone™ Program Diploma Program Focuses on Inquiry, Research, and Writing Skills Crucial for College and Career Success

Support for the Red Cross

The Kalani Crosscountry Team raised \$400 collecting recyclables.- donating the \$400 to the Red Cross of Hawaii.

Alumni information

Miss Hawaii USA 2018 - Julianne Chu - Kalani 2009

Sione Ve'a Kava (Kalani 2016) signs Letter of Intent with Oregon

KALANI FALCON ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

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