

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (01/27/17)

# KALANI High School

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

## IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Tuesday, February 7   | <b>Professional Development Day : No students</b>                  |
| 2) Saturday, February 11 | Honolulu District Science and Engineering Fair                     |
| 3) Monday, February 13   | Teacher Institute Day - no school                                  |
| 4) Monday, February 20   | President's Day - no school, holiday                               |
| 5) Tuesday, February 28  | ACT testing (grades 9-11) / Seniors : Mandatory graduation meeting |
| 6) Thursday, April 6     | Report Card Distribution   |
| 7) Friday, June 9        | Report Card ready for pick up in library                           |

**Spring Break : March 20 - 24**

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

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*"The purpose of life is to discover your gift. The work of life is to develop it.  
The meaning of life is to give your gift away."*

## **NEWS**

### **Construction on Campus**

**On January 30<sup>th</sup>, NAN Inc, General contractors, will begin the construction of the long awaited Girls Varsity Locker Room along with a new Judo and Wrestling Room. This new facility, a Title IX Project will be 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.**

**Unfortunately, as with all construction projects, traffic will need to be re-routed on campus. We will be sending out maps and other general information **next week** and hope to minimize your concerns and provide for the safety of all members of our community of learners. We know that this new facility will enhance the overall education and experience for your child. Thank you for your patience and understanding.**

*Ma'alo to Representative Mark Hashem for his support of this project.*

*Mitchell Otani - Principal*

## **Congratulations**

### **OIA Champions**

**Girls Basketball Team ----- Kalani beats Moanalua 66 – 49 to claim OIA Title Player of the Game. Logan Luke leads the Falcons with 21 points, 2 rebounds and 3 assists**



***Rhythm and Grinds***  
**Kalani Alumni (free) Concert Series**  
**Saturday, February 25**  
**Kalani Cafeteria**

**Inviting all members of our community of learners – parents, alumni and students**

**6:00 4U featuring Given and Chance Yagi**  
**7:00 George Kuo and Isaac Kaopua**  
**5:00 – 8:00 Foodtruck will be selling food (list of .....**

### **George Kuo**

George Kuo was born on November 17, 1955, but his beautiful slack key guitar style dates back a generation or two earlier. "I feel a lot of appreciation for the old style of slack key and the lifestyle of my grandparents, granduncles, grandaunts and all the older players. There's a special aloha for them that I try to convey in my style of slack key." "My feeling is in the playing from the 1940s," he continues. "I like to play a nice relaxed, easy style. Not too much fancy stuff, keep it within the melody. It's more delivering a message than playing runs."

George first took up *ki ho'alu* in high school. He learned from friends such as Antone Gabriel, who played in the style of his granduncle, Albert Kawelo, slack key legend Ray Kane's teacher in the early 1930s. "When I heard Antone," George says, "I said to myself 'that's how I want to play the old style.'" George's family was very supportive of his music. "My granduncle and aunt really encouraged me."

For a young person attracted to oldstyle *ki ho'alu*, the 1970s were heaven in Hawai'i. A revival of traditional culture was in full bloom.

Many *kupuna* (elders) performed and shared their *mana'o* (knowledge) publicly - often for the first time. George learned from legendary slack key figures such as Ray Kane, Aunt Alice Namakelua, Tommy Solomon, Sonny Chillingworth, Atta Isaacs, Gabby Pahinui, Uncle Fred Punahoa, and Papa Kauhī. "That was a real rare opportunity to be with those old masters," he says. "The expressions and the feelings that they get when they play, you can see it on their faces. They smile 'cause they feel the vibration, the *ona* (feeling of well-being). It goes throughout their body and moves their spirit. To me that's what the enjoyment is about right there. If I ever run into an old timer who tells me he plays slack key, I always encourage him because once they go, *pau* (the end), you can't hear that anymore."

Through high school and college, George continued playing the clubs (with Tino Jacob, Ray Kane, Sonny Chillingworth and others), and studying with the masters. He acquired a large repertoire of standards and originals, to which he continues to add today. In 1979 he won a slack key guitar contest at the Waikiki Shell, which brought him to the attention of a wider audience and launched his performing career. In 1980 he released his first album, NAHENAHE, on the Hula label. He also formed the group Kipapa Rush Band with a number of friends, including Wayne Reis, a nephew of Atta Isaacs. In 1985 they recorded HARDLY WORKING for the Kahanu label. "We had a real nice traditional feeling with a little of today's music." In addition to slack key, the group featured steel guitar, reflecting the revival of interest in this Hawaiian innovation.

In 1986 Eddie Kamae asked George to join his group The Sons of Hawaii. George considers this a great honor and feels a special kinship with the other members. He also enjoys Eddie's style as a band leader. "He's not one to tell anybody what to do in the group," George says, "he just says, 'let's go and play and have fun', and we go. It's not a rehearsed thing. We communicate it through playing." This closely matches George's approach on ALOHA NO NA KUPUNA. "There's no overdubbing on the album," he says. "Most of the arrangements were done in the studio, or a day or two before. I like spontaneity." A lot of George's ideas come from playing with others or by himself after work. "I play a lot outside on my porch late at night," he says. "I enjoy the sound of the guitar in the night." Still, recording solo was something he never expected to do. "It's a different experience," he says, "but once you get into it, it comes out real nice."



George Kuo - 1994

### **Dr. Isaac Kaopua**

Dr. Kaopua is a retired optometrist who also performs regularly on the Star of Honolulu. He is the featured singer on Ka Mele Aloha O Na Kupuna, an original composition by Micah Hirokawa from the Album *Ka Mele Aloha O Na Kupuna*.

### **Chance and Given Yagi (4U)**

**National Public Radio features Kalani Musicians** (from the Star Advertiser)

In December, National Public Radio came to Hawaii to feature local musicians. This was the fifth time "From the Top" has come to Hawaii. In the past 12 years, NPR has produced seven shows on Oahu, Maui and Hawaii island. Sixteen-year-old Chance Yagi (senior) and his 18-year-old brother, Given (Class of 2016), both students at Kalani High School, performed at the Blaisdell. Both brothers play multiple instruments and various musical styles, including taiko, marching band and jazz, but play ukulele for the NPR show with their award-winning group 4U Ukulele Quartet.

### **Congratulations**

#### ***2017 Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Awards***

Congratulations to the following students who won Awards in the 2017 Scholastic Art Contest.

Teacher : Mr. James Mosher

#### **Gold Key**

**Chantel Nagelmann : Grade 12 : Aji**  
**Malia Neumann : Grade 11 : thousands**  
**Kotone Utagawa : Grade 12 : Howling Cat**

#### **Silver Key**

**Melody Azeka : Grade 12 : Abyss**  
**Tyler Leong : Grade 10 : Dylan**  
**Keiorah Stinson : Grade 12 : Safe Harbor**  
**Kotone Utagawa : Grade 12 : Psycho Paradox**

***Congratulations***  
***Boys Varsity Soccer has qualified for the HHSAA Soccer Tournament***

Tough loss to Mililani in the OIA semi-finals 3 – 2.  
Boys will be playing Kaiser tonight in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Game at Kailua @ 7:00pm

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

**Flute 2**

Margaret Nakayama      Sherry Tanaka

**Bassoon 2**

Everett Amemiya

**Oboe 1**

Kacie Kajihara      Daniel Huang

**Oboe 2**

Chance Yagi

**Clarinet 1**

Kassi Hatakenaka

**Clarinet 2**

Tyler Takemoto

**Alto Saxophone 1**

Matthew Pokung      Dale Emoto

**Baritone Saxophone**

Moriah Tom

**Horn 2 / 3**

Emerlynn Shibayama      Crystal Lee

**Horn 4**

Raquel Hernandez, Kalani

**Trumpet 1**

Taichi Hirata

**Trumpet 2**

Tiffany Nakayama

**Euphonium**

Cuyler Murata

**Tuba**

Kaisei Shigeta      Zachariah Finefeuiaki

**Percussion (alpha order)**

Jesse Cumpston      Shayn Toothman

***Kalani students returned from visiting Koyo Senior High School - Hiroshima Prefecture***



## **STUDENT SECTION**

### **Skateboard Rack**

Students, some of you have already noticed, we have a skateboard dock on campus near the main office. We understand that skateboards are a mode of transportation and we want to accommodate as many of you as we can but we currently ONLY have 20 slots. It will be on a first come first serve basis, so if you are interested in a slot, please come to the office to get a registration form. We also ask that you abide by the following when skateboarding to school:

- WHEN ON CAMPUS WITH A SKATEBOARD YOU MUST WALK IT AT ALL TIMES; THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS.
- DO NOT ride your skateboard anywhere in the buildings. Any student caught riding their skateboard in the building will have the item confiscated and kept in the office until a parent comes to retrieve it.
- Need to complete a skateboard registration form to use a slot. (first come first serve basis)
- \* Lock your skateboard individually, not to another student's slot. (NO SHARING of locks.)
- Lock your skateboard immediately upon entering the building and do not remove it from the locker until school dismissal.

### **UH Center for Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CCBT) and Kalani HS Collaboration, Highlighted Mental Health Topic of the Week: Tips and Techniques for Test Anxiety and Optimizing Performance**

In December 2016, a few ninth grade teachers requested that CCBT staff complete several presentations to Kalani students on optimizing performance and test anxiety management strategies. Initial feedback from indicated that these presentations were useful and students looked forward to trying out these strategies as they headed into end of the quarter tests and exams. Several main strategies from the presentation are outlined below.

**What should my child do to optimize their performance?** Within the context of maintaining their anxiety at optimal levels, you can help them to get enough sleep, eat a well-balanced diet (e.g., protein and whole grains), move during breaks or listen to calming music rather than go online, and plan to study over time rather than cram. In addition, to help them stay calm when feeling stressed, remind them to practice deep belly breathing (<http://dailyburn.com/life/lifestyle/stressed-gifs-breathing-exercises/>), progressive muscle relaxation, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaTDNYjk-Gw>), and mindfulness/meditation by using phone apps, such as Headspace. For even more tips and resources go to: [goo.gl/0bKEvf](http://goo.gl/0bKEvf).

### **Appropriate Behavior**

Kalani High School would like to remind students that there will be consequences for inappropriate behavior. There have been incidents of food throwing [and graffiti] on our buildings in past years. These behaviors result in serious disciplinary action and police are contacted. Parents - please have a conversation with your child(ren) as we seek everyone's support to providing a safe learning environment for our students.

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

### **SY 2017-2018 Student Government Applications**

Student Government Applications are now available on website and class advisors.

Completed applications must be turned in to your class advisor by Feb. 17 at 2:30pm.

### Events

Feb. 1-8- Valentine's Sales

Feb. 23- Mardi Gras during lunch

Feb. 25- Rhythm and Grinds (Food and Concert)

Feb. 28- ACT (grades 9-11)

Feb. 28- Mandatory Senior Graduation Practice

March 30- Falcons on Fire

April 28- School-wide BBQ

### **Valentine's Day**

Valentine's Pre-Sale Ordering will be outside the office from February 1-8 during lunch and afterschool. Items that will be sold are roses, teddy bears, chocolate covered strawberries, cards, small balloons on a stick, and chocolate boxes.

### **Falcons on Fire**

Applications available on website (KAS homepage)

Bring application to audition sign-ups from Feb. 22-24 (lunch and afterschool) outside office

### **Class Activities**

#### **Seniors – Graduation information**

Cap and Gown orders

You may place an order online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or by mail, see Class of 2017 webpage for more details.

**Juniors**

Attention Class of 2018 parents! Please email [kalanipg2018@gmail.com](mailto:kalanipg2018@gmail.com) to receive information and news about Project Grad 2018. Include the following in your email:

- Student’s first and last name
- Student’s email
- Father’s first and last name
- Father’s email
- Mother’s first and last name
- Mother’s email
- Contact # (optional)

**CLUB News :**

**List of clubs**

<b>Chinese Club</b>	<b>CORE</b>	<b>Creative Dance Club</b>	<b>Future Farmers of America</b>
<b>Glee Club</b>	<b>GSA</b>	<b>HOSA</b>	<b>Interact Club</b>
<b>Key Club</b>	<b>KHOT</b>	<b>Korean Club</b>	<b>LEO Club</b>
<b>Math Team</b>	<b>Mock Trial</b>	<b>Polynesian Club</b>	<b>NHS</b>
<b>Robotics – Team 3008</b>	<b>Science Olympiad</b>	<b>Speech and Debate Team</b>	<b>DECA</b>

**New Clubs**

<b>Falcon Esports</b>	<b>Drama Club</b>	<b>DECA</b>
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**COLLEGE AND CAREER GUIDANCE CENTER**

**College Information**

- Please visit the College & Career Center link on Kalani's webpage [kalanihighschool.org](http://kalanihighschool.org)
- Susan Arashiro / Yvette Achong College & Career Counselors (808)305-0556
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**CAREER & COLLEGE VISITATION SCHEDULE: Spring 2017**

DATE	DAY	COLLEGE	TIME
<b>JANUARY</b>			
31 <sup>st</sup>	Tues	Dixie State University, UT	11:00-Even
<b>MARCH</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri	<b>Linfield College, OR</b>	9:45-Odd
<b>APRIL</b>			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	<b>Northern Arizona University</b>	1:00-Even
11 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	<b>National College Fair at Honolulu Convention Center</b> (Permission slips available 3/6 in C12)	8:00-12:00 Even
13 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	<b>Pacific Northwest College of the Arts, OR</b>	1:00-Even

ACTIVITY PASSES for college visits must be approved by your teacher and submitted to C12 no later than the day BEFORE the visit. **TOURS require parent/teacher permission.**

ADVISORY begins at 10:52

**Bold-faced – newest additions**

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**Seniors:**

March 1, 2017 UH-Manoa final application deadline.

Check email for college and financial aid information.

Request mid-year transcripts on Naviance & pay fee in C12, if needed.

Apply for scholarships (listed on Naviance & daily bulletin).

Request letters of recommendations & essay reviews in a timely manner. Finish 8th semester of high school strong!

**ATHLETICS – Go Falcons**

**Spring Sports Information:**

The spring sports season is about to start up and the following is some helpful information if your child is interested in participating in a winter sport. Prior to any participation your child will need to complete and submit to the Athletic Trainer the DOE Athletic Physical Form and the Parent Consent and Assumption of Risk Form. You may download these forms at: [kalaniathletics.org](http://kalaniathletics.org). For more information on a particular winter sport you may contact respective coach listed below:

### Spring Sports Parent-Student-Athlete Meeting

The DOE requires that all parents and student-athletes attend an annual sport meeting at beginning of each sport season. The meeting dates for the spring sports are listed below. All meetings will be held at **6:00pm in the cafeteria** unless otherwise noted below. We ask that you attend the meeting of your child's sport but in the event of a conflict please feel free to attend any of the other listed dates. A morning meeting has been schedule to accommodate those that may work at night. Parent and student-athlete of a spring sport **must** attend one of these meetings. If your child has participated in a fall or winter sport and you attended that season sport meeting you do **not** need to attend again. Athletic fees will be collected at the meeting. Questions may be emailed to [gvancantfort@kalanihs.org](mailto:gvancantfort@kalanihs.org)

01/30 Baseball

02/06 Softball

02/13 Judo, Tennis & Water Polo

02/14 Golf, Track and Boys Volleyball

**There will also be an additional meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00am in the Library – a makeup session for all spring sports**

### ACADEMIC REVIEW STATUS: Next Grade check – February 6, 2017

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.

#### Eligibility Dates

February 21, 2017

March 6, 2017

March 20, 2017

April 10, 2017

April 24, 2017

May 8, 2017

May 22, 2017

**Athletes on ARS cannot travel off-island for any pre-season tournaments or games.**

**This policy is in effect to allow the student-athlete to focus on academics (should not miss classes)**

### *Congratulations*

### *OIA Swimming East Champions*

### *OIA Champions*

*Girls Varsity Basketball*

*Girls Junior Varsity Crosscountry*

*Girls OIA Swimming Relays*

### *Eastern Division Champions*

*Girls Air Riflery*

*Girls Soft-Tennis*

*Girls Varsity Basketball*

### Winter Sports Schedule - tentative

Girls JV Tennis Season completed : Eastern Division – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Girls Soccer Season completed : Eastern Division – 6<sup>th</sup> Place

JV Baseball Season completed

Boys Basketball @ Kaiser January 27

Girls Basketball HHSAA Championship next week (schedule pending)

Paddling OIA Varsity Championships January 28 Site : Keehi Lagoon @ 1:00pm

Boys Soccer HHSAA Champion (schedule forthcoming)

Swimming OIA Varsity Championships January 27 & 28 Site : CORP @ 3:30pm

Wrestling Varsity Dual Meet Championship January 27 & 28 Site : Farrington

### ATHLETIC PHYSICALS & CONSENT FORMS:

An Athletic Physical and the Parent Consent and Assumption of Risk (CAR) form is required before anyone may participate in any athletic training. Parents are encouraged to make every attempt to have these physicals completed during the summer months. If a student does not have a current physical on file with our Athletics Trainer prior to tryouts it may jeopardize their opportunity to make

the team. Those participating in a winter sport should consider having their physicals completed no later than October. Spring sports should be no later than February. Physicals are good for one calendar year from the date of the physical. A separate CAR form is needed for each sport your child participates in. These forms are to be turned in directly to the Athletic Trainers. Please do not give them to the coach! For more information please contact our Athletic Trainers. **The trainers start work at 1:00pm.**

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

Stay tuned for future activities

A+ Program Aide's needed at Manoa Elementary. Assist group leader in overseeing students after school till 5:30. Mon-Friday. \$32.50/day. Responsible applicants only. See Mrs Arashiro in C 12 for more information.

## **Awards / Student Recognition**

### *Congratulations*

#### **National Merit Semi-Finalist**

Congratulations to **Kacie Kajihara** and **Emily Yang**

Kacie and Emily are amongst the 16,000 Semifinalists (two of the 66 in the State of Hawaii) in the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These two academically talented high school seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than 32 million that will be offered in the spring.

The minimum qualifying score on last year's PSAT test to be a semi-finalist is 217.

Congratulations also to Christopher Lindsay (transfer from Iolani) who is also a National Merit Semi-Finalist.

#### **National Merit Commended Students**

The following students have been named Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are recognized for their exceptional academic promise. These Commended Students placed among the top 5% of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2017 competition by taking the Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last year.

"The young men and women named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success. They represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role Kalani High School plays in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. –National Merit Scholarship Corporation

**Kobi Gima Kainalu Hagiwara Leslie Horita Matthew Oh Moriah Tom**

#### **Class of 2017**

Kacie Kajihara

ACT : Perfect Score 36 SAT : 2310 740/770/800

Emily Yang

ACT : 35 SAT : 2260 800/800/660

#### **Pacific Asian Affairs Council Global Leadership Program**

Twenty students were selected for the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council Leadership Program for 2016-2017.

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 nine of our students were selected

**Niquerose Cacho Lauren Horita Rosalyn Kagimoto Taylor Kang Kailer Okura  
Ashley Taylor Jenna Tsuzaki Julia Tsuzaki Cameron Woods**

Congratulations also to **Priscilla Hsu.**

Priscilla Hsu received a scholarship to go on a Philippine Study Tour (During Fall Break) She traveled with Ms. Jill Takasaki Canfield. Executive Director, Pacific and Asian Affairs Council.

#### **Kacie Kajihara**

2016 *National* FFA in Indianapolis, Indiana 1st top three finish for Hawaii in 55 years

Agriscience Fair : 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gold Medalist Kacie Kajihara Kalani FFA of Hawaii

**Eddie Aikau Essay Contest**

**Mika Ishii - First Place**

#### **Maunakea Scholars Program**

### Kalani High School students win research time with Maunakea telescopes

Three 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 two Maunakea observatories as a part of the Maunakea Scholars program-an innovative partnership between the Maunakea Observatories and the Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE).

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 three winning proposals:

*Spencer Young* was awarded two hours of observing time with the East Asian Observatory (EAO) using the James Clerk Maxwell Telescope (JCMT) POL-2 instruments for his research proposal, "Star forming regions and how they retain their shapes."

*David Higashi* was awarded one hour of observing time with Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope (CFHT) using the instrument ESPaDOnS for his research proposal, "The Creation of the Moon."

*Jordaynelexi Drasal* was awarded 30 minutes of observing time with CFHT using the instrument Megacam for her research proposal, "Globular Star Clusters."

### National Public Radio features Kalani Musicians (from the Star Advertiser)

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### Manoa Academy Pilot Program

Director of Global Studies, Lesley Thorne of the University of Hawaii College of Social Sciences is pleased to announce that five students from Kalani High School have been admitted into the University of Hawaii at Manoa through the Manoa Academy pilot program.

The admitted students are: Jin Kim Ikumi Utashiro Kalena Kimura Chengxi Liang Becky Lei

The Mānoa Academy is an innovative program offered by the College of Social Sciences (CSS) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) for select Hawai'i high school juniors and seniors. Eligible students have the opportunity to enroll in three-credits of undergraduate coursework during the Spring 2017 semester on the Mānoa campus and earn early acceptance into UHM for Fall 2017 (Fall 2018 for high school juniors). The college course will meet degree requirements necessary to graduate with a degree from UH Mānoa. Classes will be offered during the week - after school or online. Mānoa Academy students will not only have access to University resources, but will also have the opportunity to work with undergraduate student tutors and mentors specific to their enrolled class.

### Youth Symphony

#### Youth Symphony I (21)

Everett Amemiya Fuma Fujiki Kurumi Kawata Sherry Tanaka Taichi Hirata Daniel Huang Ace Inouye  
Margaret Nakayama Tiffany Nakayama Eunice Park Ryder Tanaka Shayn Toothman Austin Young Brandy Shinoda  
Kacie Kajihara Crystal Lee Albert Mackey Emerlynn Shibayama Moriah Tom Chance Yagi Aileen Zhang

#### Youth Symphony II (16)

Kento Francisco Mika Ishii Cuyler Murata Karen Watarida Rika Haraguchi David Kimura Maxwell Miyasato  
Sunny Nam Sunwoo Oh Joshua Romero Kaisei Shigeta Cara Yoshimi Jonah Blas Kassi Hatakenaka  
Raquel Hernandez Alyssa Reyes

#### Concert Orchestra (5)

Toby Arakaki Kayleen Asuncion Tea Caliri Rena Caramonte Tyler Takemoto

### Artsy Students

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their artwork in this year's

Aloha Harvest's Compassion in the Arts Contest

First Place : Kento Inoue – Sculpture "Identity"

Third Place : Austin Mills – Sculpture "Hope"

Honorable Mention : Chevy Ishida – Mixed Media "Helping Hands"

Teacher : Janice Miyoshi

### Congratulations Bryazha Caires : Miss Kapahulu Teen USA

She will be competing in the Miss Hawaii Teen USA Pageant in 2017.

### Aloha Harvest Compassion (Art) Competition Winners

(The theme is compassion for the less fortunate)

Congratulations Austin Mills, Kento Inoue and Chevy Ishida

## WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

<http://khon2.com/2016/09/05/world-conservation-congress-addresses-severity-of-climate-change-rising-sea-levels/>

Rianne Pada wrote an article on the World Conservation Congress for Civil Beat. Please see below for the link. Great job, Rianne!

<http://www.civilbeat.org/2016/09/iucn-if-they-can-do-it-why-cant-i/>

## **Awards / Teacher Recognition**

**Bryan Silver : 7-12 Presidential Awardee for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching**

### **Partnerships**

#### **Japan Super Science Fair**

Kalani High School was well represented at this year's Japan Super Science Fair in Kyoto, Japan.

Leslie Horita, Kacie Kajihara, Moriah Tom, Chance Yagi and Emily Yang (accompanied by Mr. Okawa) presented their research topic "Effect of Myostatin Inhibition on Rheumatoid Arthritis" and performed their Cultural Presentation last week 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.

#### **Jeju Student Forum**

Kalani High School was well represented at the Jeju Student Forum in Korea. Erin Terada, Shayn Toothman, Kaitlyn Yong and Austin Young (accompanied by Counselor Trevor Teraoka) represented Hawaii and the United States. The Jeju Youth Forum is a creative platform for youth to exchange their opinions and ideas. Through various panel discussions on peace, environmental concerns, bullying, 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 served as a way for our students to form global friendships and cooperation through the virtues of understanding, enthusiasm, wisdom, and trust.

Mahalo to the Department of Business and Economic Development for sponsoring this trip.

Congratulations Austin Young. He received a Certificate of Appointment from the Governor of Jeju.

Austin and one Jeju student were selected as Jeju Honorary Youth Ambassadors.

#### **Kalani High School announces Partnership with the University of Hawaii Center for Cognitive Behavior Therapy**

Kalani High School is excited to announce our new partnership with the University of Hawaii Center for Cognitive Behavior Therapy. We would like to welcome our newest partner to our Community of Learners.

#### **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**

Honolulu, Hawaii — Kalani High School is one of approximately 1,000 schools worldwide to implement AP Capstone™—an innovative diploma program that allows students to develop the skills that matter most for college success: research, collaboration, and communication. The program consists of two courses taken in sequence: AP® Seminar and AP Research. Developed in direct response to feedback from higher education faculty and college admission officers, AP Capstone complements the in-depth, subject-specific study of other Advanced Placement® courses and exams.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on AP Seminar and AP Research assessments and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will earn the AP Capstone Diploma™. This signifies their outstanding academic achievement and attainment of college-level academic and research skills. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on both AP Seminar and AP Research assessments only (but not on four additional AP Exams) will earn the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™. Kalani High School will start AP Seminar in the fall of 2017.

*"This innovative program gets a broader, more diverse student population ready for college and beyond.. The program gives our teachers more leeway with curriculum choices so their students can access more challenging coursework and sharpen their reading and writing skills."*

- Mitchell Otani, Principal

The AP Seminar course, typically taken in 10th or 11th grade, equips students with the ability to look at real-world issues from multiple perspectives. Through a variety of materials—articles to research studies to foundational and philosophical texts— students

tackle complex questions; understand and evaluate opposing viewpoints; interpret and synthesize information; and construct, communicate, and defend evidence-based arguments. Education, innovation, sustainability, and technology are examples of themes or topics covered in AP Seminar. However, teachers have the flexibility to choose subject content based on student interests, whether local, regional, national, or global. By tapping into students' personal interests, AP Capstone gives students from a wide range of backgrounds an entry point into stimulating coursework more than ever before. Students are assessed through: a team project and presentation, an individual project and presentation, and an end-of-course written exam.

In the subsequent AP Research course, students design, plan, and conduct a yearlong research-based investigation on a topic of individual interest, documenting their process with a portfolio. Students build on skills developed in the AP Seminar course by learning how to understand research methodology; employ ethical research practices; and collect, analyze, and synthesize information to build, present, and defend an argument.

## **Alumni information**

### *Congratulations*

Miss Hawaii Allison Chu - Kalani 2011

68th Narcissus Queen Lesly Lan Yin Goo – Kalani 2009