

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (02/10/17)

# KALANI High School

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

## **IMPORTANT DATES...**

- 1) Saturday, February 11 Honolulu District Science and Engineering Fair
- 2) Monday, February 13 Teacher Institute Day - no school
- 3) Monday, February 20 President's Day - no school, holiday
- 4) Tuesday, February 28 ACT testing (grades 9-11) / Seniors : Mandatory graduation meeting
- 5) Thursday, April 6 Report Card Distribution
- 6) 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."

## **Congratulations**

**Kacie Kajihara and Emily Yang**

**Candidates for Presidential Scholar (only 2 honorees per state)**

The United States **Presidential Scholars** Program is a program of the Department of Education that recognizes the academic achievements of distinguished US citizens graduating high school. It is described as "one of the Nation's highest honors for high school students" in the United States of America. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Each year, up to 161 students (2 from each state) are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

## **Congratulations**

**Boys Basketball Team**

**OIA Division II Boys Basketball Champions**



Congratulations to the Kalani Boys Basketball Team and to Player of the Game Jaemi Harris

Kalani Coach Nathan Davis and his staff drew up an excellent game plan and the players executed with precision to defeat Farrington, 42-34 to win the school's first-ever Oahu Interscholastic Association Division II title. "It's amazing and I'm super happy for them. This is a group that worked extremely hard starting the day after the Falcons lost the Championship last year. This group is special and they genuinely likes each other and know their roles," said Kalani coach Nathan Davis.

Both teams are the OIA's representatives in the HHSAA Boys Basketball Division II State Championships starting next week.

**NEWS**  
**ALUMNI NEWS**

**GOVERNOR IGE APPOINTS DERRICK H.M. CHAN (KALANI 1974) TO INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS**  
HONOLULU – Gov. David Ige today announced the appointment of First Circuit chief judge Derrick H.M. Chan to the Intermediate Court of Appeals to fill the vacancy created by the retirement in December 2016 of former Associate Judge Daniel R. Foley. Chan, 61, was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge on Aug. 25, 2000. Prior to this he was the First Deputy Prosecutor for the County of Kaua‘i. He also served as an attorney for the Hawaii Carpenters Union, as Deputy Public Defender for the state, law clerk to Judge Wilfred Watanabe, and Deputy Attorney General for the state. Chan graduated from Kalani High School in 1974 and is a 1985 graduate of California Western School of Law.

**Congratulations**

**Congratulations : Dong Jin Hwang**

**DJ signs a Letter of Intent with Northwestern University**

Kalani’s **DongJin Hwang** finished his remarkable swimming career with two more gold medals at the Oahu Interscholastic Association championships Saturday at Veterans Memorial Aquatic Complex. All told, Hwang has 10 total gold medals in his collection. Hwang also topped his 500-yard freestyle record twice over the weekend. In Friday’s trials, he covered the distance in 4 minutes, 36.58 seconds to break the mark of 4:37.17 he set last year. Then, on Saturday, Hwang, who says he goes by DJ, blazed to a 4:33.76 to win the OIA 500 free title for the third time. He also swam to a win in the 200 freestyle (1:45.03) Saturday. Hwang is the first 10-time OIA gold-medal winner since **Kevin Frifeldt** of Mililani, who chalked up 11 golds from 2011 to 2014. “It’s a good indication that (I’m) doing the right things,” said Hwang, who will swim for Northwestern next season. Early next month, he’ll go for his second straight state gold medal in the 500 free.:

**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 .....)**

**NEWS**

**Construction on Campus**

**On January 30<sup>th</sup>, NAN Inc, General contractors, began 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 has been re-routed on campus. Maps and other general information was sent out last week. We are grateful for all of your help in making a successful transition to the new route through our school. We had a minimum of problems before and after school. Your diligence and patience helps to 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.**

Mahalo to Representative Mark Hashem for his support of this project.

Mitchell Otani - Principal

**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. 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

### **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**

**Chinese Club**

**CORE**

**Creative Dance Club**

**Future Farmers of America**

<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**  
**Falcon Esports**      **Drama Club**      **DECA**

**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>MARCH</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri	Linfield College, OR	9:45-Odd
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	<b>KCC Informational Meeting (Seniors planning to attend KCC in Fall)</b>	12:00-lunch
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	<b>KCC New Student Orientation</b>	2:15
<b>APRIL</b>			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Northern Arizona University	1:00-Even
11 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	National College Fair at Honolulu Convention Ctr (Permission slips available 3/6 in C12)	8:00-12:00 Even
13 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	<b>UH-Manoa (Former Kalani Alum)</b>	9:45-Even
13 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	Pacific Northwest College of the Arts, OR	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**      Updated: 02.10.16 YA

**Advanced Placement: Exam Schedule May 2017**

**BE ON TIME. Bring ID & #2 pencils. Biology/Calculus-calculators \*Ruler & Calculators**

**Testing Rooms: Library and C12 (A12 and A13 on May 10<sup>th</sup> only)**

**History 151 at Kalani High School is limited to the first 25 students who submit all documents to C12 by March 1, 2017.**

**Minimum placement: Accuplacer Math 82 and English 100**

**or Exemptions (see College Counselors in C12 for ACT, SAT, Smarter-Balance, or high school GPA/Grades)**

**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 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)

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**  
**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:

**ACADEMIC REVIEW STATUS: Next Grade check** – February 21, 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

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 Champions**

Boys Varsity Basketball

Girls Varsity Basketball

Girls Junior Varsity Crosscountry

Girls OIA Swimming Relays

**Eastern Division Champions**

Girls Air Riflery

Girls Soft-Tennis

Girls Varsity Basketball

**OIA JV Boys Basketball : OIA Runner-up**

**Winter Sports Schedule -**

Boys Basketball

**HHSAA Tournament next week**

Swimming

HHSAA Championship

February 10/11

Site : UH Duke Kahanamoku Aquatic Complex

Wrestling

OIA Championship

February 10/11

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**

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)

This will be 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 will be playing ukulele for the NPR show with their award-winning group 4U Ukulele Quartet.

#### **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

#### **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

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

#### **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**

#### **Aloha Harvest Compassion (Art) Competition Winners**

(The theme is compassion for the less fortunate)

Congratulations Austin Mills, Kento Inoue and Chevy Ishida

#### **Congratulations Bryazha Caires : Miss Kapahulu Teen USA**

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

#### **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