

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (04/14/17)

KALANI High School

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

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Friday, April 14 | Summer School Registration 7:00am – 10:00am in cafeteria |
| 2) Friday, April 14 | No School : Good Friday |
| 3) Wednesday, April 26 | Mandatory Student/Parent meeting (Seniors) 6:00pm @ cafeteria |
| 4) Friday, April 28 | Falcon Fair (more information to come) |
| 5) Tuesday, May 16 | Freshmen Transition Night (incoming freshmen) |
| 6) Wednesday, May 17 | Senior Awards Night |
| 7) Saturday, May 20 | Senior Prom |
| 8) Tuesday, May 23 | Graduation |
| 9) Friday, June 9 | Report Card ready for pick up in library |

Summer School : June 2 – July 7

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

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"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle"

Congratulations

National Merit Scholarship

Congratulations to **Emily Yang**

Emily has been selected as a winner of a National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship

Citizenship Award

The Citizenship Award recognizes 44 seniors (one from each of the 44 public high schools in the state) for their scholastic achievements and their praiseworthy contributions to making Hawaii a better place through public service.

Congratulations to Mary Garrison

Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association

Hawaii Department of Education

Honolulu Star Advertiser

National Merit Scholarship Program

The following juniors took the PSAT/National Merit Qualifying Test and met the requirements to enter the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. With an index score of 209 or above, these high performers show outstanding academic potential. Listed alphabetically

Lilianne Au Victor Ho

Pacific and Asian Affairs Council Scholarships

Presented to

Priscilla Hsu : Dr. Rosita Leong Scholarship to participate in Fall Study Tour to the Philippines

Kailer Okura : Summer Study Tour to China sponsored by the Freedom Foundation

Cameron Woods, Jenna Tsuzaki, Julia Tsuzaki : Service Learning Tour to Vietnam sponsored by the Takitani Foundation

Erin Terada : Eddie Tangen Scholarship[in the amount of \$300

The students below are participants in the Global Leadership Program sponsored by the Atherton Foundation

Lauren Horita, Taylor Kang, Ashley Taylor

Niquerose Cacho, Rosalyn Kagimoto, Kailer Okura, Jenna Tsuzaki, Julia Tsuzaki, Cameron Woods

18th Annual Dr.Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Poetry Contest
International Peace Poem Poetry Contest 1st Place : Olivia Torres

Scholastic Art and Writing Awards

The following students have earned National Awards in the 2017 Scholastic Art and Writing Award Program. This year, more than 330,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Less than 1% were recognized at the national level.

Silver Medal : Malia Neumann : Grade 11 : thousands
Silver Medal : Kotone Utagawa : Grade 12 : Howling Cat

FIRST Robotics - Hawaii Regional First Dean's List Finalist Award - Rovi Porter

In an effort to recognize the leadership and dedication of *FIRST*'s most outstanding secondary school students, the Kamen family sponsors awards for selected 10th or 11th grade* students known as the *FIRST* Robotics Competition® *FIRST* Dean's List Award

Creativity Award sponsored by Xerox Awarded to Kalani High School

Celebrates creativity in design, use of component, or strategy of play.

Go Falcons!

Science Fair Qualifiers for ISEF

Mika Ishii Emily Yang

Both students will represent the Honolulu District and the State of Hawaii at the International Science and Engineering Fair in California

Hawaii State Science Fair Winners

Category Winners

Cell & Molecular Biology - Emily Yang - 2nd place

Embedded Systems - Brandon Stone - 1st place

Environmental Engineering - Mika Ishii - 2nd place

Robotics & Intelligent Machines - Jordaynelexi Drasal - 2nd place

Special Awards

Jordaynelexi Drasal - McInerny Foundation Scholarship

Mika Ishii - Environ Control Award, May Nishioka Pioneer Award, and Ricoh USA Award

Brandon Jim - UH Manoa College of Engineering Award

Brandon Stone - McInerny Foundation Scholarship, Perron Innovation Award, and UH College of Engineering Award

Emily Yang - Associated Chinese University Women's Inc. Award, Clinical Labs Award, and US Army Award

Teacher Award

Bryan Silver - McInerny Foundation

Honolulu District Science Fair Winners

Best of Category / Senior Research – results forthcoming

9 Projects qualified for State Science Fair

Congratulations to

Emily Yang	Effects of Amino Acid on Preimplantation Embryo Development
Brandon Stone	Gaze to Speech Application for Motor Impaired Students
Priscilla Hsu / Tryphena Hsu	An Energy Analysis of the Invasive Algae Species "Arvrainvillea Amadelpa"
Brandon Jim	Testing Cement Strength with Various Aggregates
Mika Ishii	Phytodesalination of Saline Soil Using Native Hawaiian Halophytes
David Higashi	Comparison of Optical Spectrum of Lunar Mare and Highland
Jordaynelexi Drasal	Technological Advancements of the Artificial Intelligence in Robotic Fish
Celine Nakamura	Creating an App to Reduce Time Students Spend Searching for College Information
Spencer Young	Improving Student Work through a Javascript Based Online Collaboration Platform

Falcons On Fire results

1st place: Brandon x2 (Brandon Stone and Brandon Jim)

2nd place: Sabrina Foley

3rd: Hawaii Loves Ukulele (Kapono Wong, Toby Arakaki, Bronson Pacheco)

Congratulations to all of the participants and our winners

Shop for Higher Education

Thank you for shopping at Foodland. Results forthcoming

Construction on Campus

On January 30th, 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

Installation of PV System at Kalani

Kalani is also installing a PV system on the rooftops of Buildings E, the Office and the cafeteria.

This project will lower the amount of electricity that the school uses during peak hours

– thus, reducing our electricity bill.

STUDENT SECTION

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Events

April 28- School-wide BBQ

Class Activities

Seniors – Graduation information

Cap and Gown orders You may place an order online at www.jostens.com or by mail, see Class of 2017 webpage for more details.

Graduation : Important dates:

April 26 (6:00pm, cafeteria)- mandatory Student/Parent meeting

Juniors

Attention Class of 2018 parents! Please email 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)

UH CCBT and the Evidence-Based Services Committee, Parent Friendly Resource: Help Your Keiki Website

The CCBT wants to share a free parent friendly resource with parents who want to learn more about the emotional or behavioral difficulties that their child may be experiencing but do not know where to start. Help Your Keiki (www.helpyourkeiki.com) was developed and is maintained by the Evidence Based Services (EBS) Committee—in collaboration with the DOH, DOE, parent partners, and faculty from the University of Hawaii's Psychology Department. We understand that families need to be the driving force to get treatment and support for their children, and that the more a parent knows about available treatments, the better they can partner with a mental health provider to find the right evidence-based intervention. This website is dedicated to parents or caregivers who don't know where to start when their child is experiencing emotional or behavioral difficulties. Two of the many helpful links that can be found on the website are "Choosing the Right Treatment" and "Questions to Ask Your Child's Therapist." Since Help Your Keiki first came online a few years ago, it has provided useful information not only to families, but to teachers, social workers, counselors and other helping professionals.

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 Olympiad	Speech and Debate Team	DECA

New Clubs :

- Falcon Esports**
- Drama Club**
- DECA**

Kalani Band

The **Annual OBDA Parade of Bands** was held last week

Bravo to all members of the **Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and the Concert Band**

COLLEGE AND CAREER GUIDANCE CENTER

College Information

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

Class of 1961 Scholarships

The awardees are:

Emily Yang Zoe Asahan Young Won Peter In Sara Matsumura Megan Li Leslie Horita

CAREER & COLLEGE VISITATION SCHEDULE: Spring 2017

DATE	DAY	COLLEGE	TIME
13 th	Thurs	UH-Manoa (Former Kalani Alum)	9:45-Even
13 th	Thurs	Pacific Northwest College of the Arts, OR	1:00-Even
18 th	Tues	Applying to Japan Colleges	9:45-Even
18 th	Tues	University of Hawaii (Seniors Accepted for Fall 2017)	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: 04.12.16 YA

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)

ADVANCE PLACEMENT EXAMS

April 18-21: AP Exam Pre-Administration in AP classes

May 1-11: AP Exams (exams run 2 to 3.5 hours, be on time to assigned locations)

June/July: Seniors send reports via College Board to your college for credit

SENIORS REMINDERS

April 24-28: Senior Post-High School Survey in English classes

May 1: College Decision Day DEADLINE (respond to colleges, wear a college shirt)

May 12: Seniors last day

May 17: Senior Awards Night (by invitation based on info provided to College Counselors)

May 17-18: Final transcript request (forms will be provided at Grad rehearsal)

Seniors:

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!

College Acceptances
forthcoming

ATHLETICS – Go Falcons

ACADEMIC REVIEW STATUS: Next Grade check – April 24, 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

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 – Spring Sports

Eastern Division Champions

Girls Varsity Tennis

Girls Varsity Golf

Eastern Division Runner-up

Boys Varsity Tennis

Boys Varsity Golf

Baseball

Girls Varsity Track and Field

Girls Junior Varsity Track and Field

Girls Varsity Judo

Eastern Division Individual Champions

Miki Manta – Girls Varsity Golf

Dale Emoto – Girls Varsity Tennis

Emily Leong – Girls Varsity Track and Field [Long Jump and Triple Jump]

Azure Chung – Girls Junior Varsity Track and Field [100m, 200m, Long Jump]

Kai Sigler – Boys Junior Varsity Track and Field [400m and 4x400]

Names pending – Boys Junior Varsity 4x400 Relay

Congratulations

HHSAA Champion

Czarina Pineda-Abaya

HHSAA Wrestling 'State' Champion

HHSAA Runner-up

Boys Basketball

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

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 Finalists

Congratulations to Kacie Kajihara and Emily Yang

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 62nd 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

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.

Class of 2017

Kacie Kajihara

Emily Yang

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

ACT : 35 SAT : 2260 800/800/660

Ocean Science Bowl

On Saturday, February 4th, 2017 high school students from all over the state competed in the Hawai'i Regional competition for the **National Ocean Sciences Bowl** (also known as the Aloha Bowl).

Congratulations to Kalani's winning team of

Zoe Asahan, David Higashi, Daniel Huang, Mika Ishii and Rovi Porter

They will represent Hawai'i in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl held at Oregon State University (Corvallis) in April.

2017 Hawaii State DECA Competition

David Higashi : Medallion Winner for Marketing Communications

Niquerose Cacho and Sun Young Kim : Medallion Winners and Finalists for Financial Services

Ryan Leon Bracamontes and Melissa Yago : Medallion Winners and Finalists for Travel and Tourism Marketing

Niquerose Cacho : Second Highest Score for the Financial Services Exam

Niquerose Cacho and Sun Young Kim : Third place Trophy Winners for Financial Services

HOSA State Leadership Conference

Team Events: Two Teams scored high enough to place second and third in their events, which qualifies them to compete at the International Leadership Conference (ILC) in Orlando Florida in June. .

2nd Place : CERT Skills : Zoe Takeyama & Cheyne Nakamura

3rd Place : Community Awareness : Tehani Hamano & Ofeira Petaia

Individual Events: Nursing Assisting and Medical Assisting both had two rounds, written exam and performance based assessment. Our students scored high in both rounds, which also qualified them for ILC in Florida.

2nd Place : Nursing Assisting : Briana Spencer

2nd Place : Health Career Photography : Joohye Lee

2nd Place : Medical Assisting : Eunice Park

2nd Place : Medical Assisting : Ivy Huang

2nd Place : Prepared Speaking : Quing Zeng

Congratulations to Bryan Silver and members of Team Magma

Congratulations to Kalani's Robotics Team - Team Magma for winning the Engineering Inspiration Award at the Palmetto Regional in South Carolina. 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.

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 : 2nd 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."

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.

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.

Members of the **Kalani High School Wind Ensemble** participated in the **Music For All National Concert Band Festival**.

Congratulations also to Wind Ensemble members

Kassi Hatakenaka and Tiffany Nakayama

Kassi and Tiffany practiced and participated with the Honor Band of America at the **Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha**

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

Artsy Students

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

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

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 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.

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.

Alumni information

Congratulations

Governor Ige appoints Derrick Chan to Intermediate Court of Appeals – Kalani 1974

Miss Hawaii Allison Chu - Kalani 2011

68th Narcissus Queen Lesly Lan Yin Goo – Kalani 2009