

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (04/04/2025)

KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Monday, April 7 | Falcons on Fire |
| 2) Wednesday, April 9 | Student Government Voting |
| 3) Friday, April 11 | Falcon Fair |
| 4) Friday, April 11 | Friday Night Lights : Kalani vs. Roosevelt 6:30 |
| 5) Friday, April 18 | Holiday : Good Friday (Elementary Track Meet) |
| 6) Saturday, April 19 | Parade of Orchestra 1:00 @ Pearl City Cultural Center |
| 7) Sunday, April 27 | Band : Aloha Concert @ Moanalua High School Auditorium @ 5:00pm |
| 8) Tuesday, April 29 | Unity Prom |
| 9) Tuesday, April 29 | Jazz Band Concert @ 6:30 in café |
| 10) Friday, May 2 | May Day during advisory |
| 11) Friday, May 2 | May Day Night Performance |
| 12) Tuesday, May 6 | Dance Performance @ Café 4:30 |
| 13) Tuesday, May 6 | Chorus Aloha Concert @ Café 6:30 |
| 14) Friday, May 9 | Last day for seniors |
| 15) Monday, May 12 | Senior Grad Practice Begins in the gym (DO NOT BE LATE) |
| 16) Monday, May 12 | Freshmen Transition (tentative) |
| 17) Thursday, May 15 | Senior Awards Night @ Moanalua Auditorium 5:00pm |
| 18) Friday, May 16 | Athletic Banquet @ Ala Moana Hotel 5:00pm |
| 19) Sunday, May 18 | Senior Prom |
| 20) Wednesday, May 21 | Graduation @ Stan Sheriff Center 6:30pm |
| 21) Monday, May 26 | Holiday : Memorial Day |
| 22) Friday, May 30 | Last Day for students |
| 23) Monday, June 2 | Last Day for teachers |

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Vision: Character. Compassion. Community.

**Mission : We at Kalani High School create opportunities to discover our passions, purpose, and personal pursuits.
A vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more.**

Ne'epapa: Stronger Together

Kindness 101 : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MPVjyv2vDM>

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations

2025 Citizen-Scholar Award recipient

Zhoulin Chen

For the past 20 years, the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the Hawai'i State Department of Education, and the Honolulu Star-Advertiser have honored one outstanding senior from every public high school throughout the state who best exemplifies citizenship in school and the community. Each of these students have given back to make our state a better place and embody the Department of Education's Vision of a Public School Graduate.

Please congratulate Zhoulin Chen – Kalani High School Citizen Scholar 2025

Congratulations

University of Hawaii

New Warrior Scholarships

REGENTS Scholar : *Zhoulin Chen*

Provost Achievement Scholarship

Jinie Ho Olivia Kulaga Bree Matayoshi Bodhi Mylett Kouki Oda Lauren Shin

Congratulations
Elected Key Club Division 22 Lieutenant Governor

Mirah Levine

Junior Mirah Levine, current President of Kalani High School's Key Club (a community service organization), has recently been elected as the Lieutenant Governor for Division 22 Hikina for the 2025-2026 term. As Lieutenant Governor, Mirah will oversee all Key Clubs in Division 22 Hikina which consists of the clubs from Kaiser High School, Kalani High School, Farrington High School, Maryknoll High School, Punahou School, Iolani School, and Roosevelt High School. Her duties will include running monthly meetings (which include all clubs), visiting all other schools regularly to check in on the clubs and track their progress, work with the lieutenant governors from the other Hawaii divisions to plan conferences and conventions, plan inter-club and inter-division events, and travel to the mainland for District conventions which consist of people from Hawaii, California, and Nevada.

Congratulations

Board of Water Supply - 2025 Water Conservation Poetry Contest Winner : *Mirah Levine*

Congratulations

Future Farmers of America

Landon Nii

Congratulations to Junior Landon Nii, who was elected to be one of 6 FFA state officers (treasurer) for the 2025-26 term. The FFA is a national organization whose purpose is to promote premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

State Science Fair

Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards at this year's State Science Fair.

Kalani has a student that qualified for the International Science Fair.

Man Fung Zhou will be joining Leilani Phan and Mirah Levine (Honolulu District Science Fair qualifiers) at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Ohio next month – 3 out of 7 Kalani projects going to ISEF.

A big mahalo to Bryan Silver, Kenneth Okawa and others for their hard work with these students.

Awards

Association of Chinese University Women : ***Kristalyn Lee***

IEEE Hawaii : ***Man Fung Zhou***

Ahupa'a Award : ***Sydney Melemai***

Emergency Amateur Radio Club : ***Man Fung Zhou***

Hawaii water environment association - Senior research award : ***Leilani Phan***

McInerny Foundation : ***Man Fung Zhou and Teacher Bryan Silver***

Best in category : ***Man Fung Zhou***

Advancing to ISEF

Man Fung Zhou

Congratulations

2025 Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation Scholarship

Skylar Rivera

Kalani recipient of the 2025 Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation Scholarship

The Takitani Foundation Legacy Scholarship Program was started in 1993 by Mamoru and Aiko Takitani, founders of Hawaiian Host chocolates as a way to give back to the people of Hawai'i. Since that time, the Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation (Takitani Foundation) has awarded scholarships each year to an outstanding student at every qualifying high school in the state. The Takitani Foundation Legacy Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding students who exemplify the qualities of hard work, high academic achievement, commitment to excellence, and dedication to our community

Congratulations

Sarah Ing

National Gold Medal Award in the Scholastic Art Competition and the American Visions Medal for her drawing "Nostalgia". This is the first time that Mr. Mosher had a student win both awards. Her piece will be displayed in NYC along with the other 50 states' national winners. The awards ceremony will take place on June 11th at Carnegie Hall.

Congratulations

Virgil Tan

Virgil has been selected to showcase his film *New Start* at the prestigious 2025 Hawaii International Film Festival Opio Fest at Consolidated Theatres Kahala Mall. In addition to this incredible achievement, Virgil has earned a National Silver Medal Award in the Scholastic Art & Writing Competition, and his film will be showing in New York City.

Congratulations

State Science Olympiad

Congratulations to the following students for placing in the top 3. Team finished 4th overall.

Disease Detectives: 1st Place *Cathy Tran* & *Rylan Gubatan*

Ag. Science: 1st Place *Xander Okata* & *Alexander Chan*

Botany: 1st Place *Rylan Gubatan* & *Nelson Wong*

Microbic Mission: 2nd Place *Aileen Kang*

Optics: 2nd Place *Rylan Gubatan* & *Luka Milincic*

Forensics: 3rd Place *Xinyue Yu* & *Annie Li*

Geologic Mapping: 3rd Place *Alexander Chan* & *Cathy Tran*

Congratulations

Team 3008

FIRST Impact Award : Hawaii Regional Competition

The FIRST Impact Award is the most prestigious award in FIRST Robotics Competition. The award recognizes a team that reflects sustained excellence and impact within the FIRST community, in its own community, and beyond. The teams act as ambassadors by sharing their legacy as Hall of Fame members.

This award qualifies the team for Worlds on April 16-19 in Houston

Congratulations

Hawaii Regional Champion

Kalani High School Science Bowl Team

Congratulations to Kalani Team1 for being the **first Oahu public school** to win the National Science Bowl Hawaii Regional Competition.

Rony Bui

Zhoulin Chen

Aileen Kang

Andrew Oshiro

Congratulations

Sydnie Melemai - FIRST Robotics Competition

Katie Ta - FIRST Tech Challenge

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

FIRST Dean's List Finalists - The students selected for each Regional and District Region.

The students who earn FIRST Dean's List status as a Semi-finalist, Finalist or Winner, are great examples of current student leaders who have led their teams and communities to increased awareness for FIRST and its mission while achieving personal technical expertise and accomplishment. This award qualifies these individuals for Worlds.

Congratulations

Mia Nishiguchi

Hiroshima Peace Scholarship (HPS) Program.

In a competitive selection process, JASH selected two students, one attending a private school and one attending a public school, as our 2025 Scholars. Selected scholars will study peace-related resources in their communities through a series of monthly workshops in Honolulu to prepare them for an educational summer trip to Hiroshima where they will explore the history and effects of World War II; **actively participate in events commemorating the August 6, 1945 bombing of Hiroshima**; and experience homestays with host families and exchanges with Japanese students. Upon their return to Oahu, scholars will continue developing as Peacebuilders, sharing their experiences and reflections on their time in Hiroshima with their schools and in their communities. This program was open to Oahu high school students who are passionate about growing as Peacebuilders and fostering relationships bridging communities in Hiroshima and Hawaii.

Congratulations

Mia Doma

Global Innovation Race Conference

Mia was selected by Complex Area Superintendent Rochelle Mahoe to attend the Global Innovation Race Conference at the University of California, Berkeley this summer. Students will learn about Digital Media, Problem solving and Leadership in this unique experience that combines technology visits to Silicon Valley, industry speakers, AI innovation workshops, and team challenges.

Congratulations

Leilani Phan and Daniel Shiraki

U.S. Presidential Scholars Program 2025 candidates.

Seniors Leilani Phan and Daniel Shiraki are two of the 90 candidates from Hawaii selected for this prestigious honor.

The Presidential Scholars Program will narrow the list to select the semi-finalists and shortly thereafter, they will announce the 2025 awardees. 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.

In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields. Each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. Application is by invitation only; therefore, students may not apply individually to the Program, nor may their schools nominate them.

Kalani's Presidential Scholars 1964 to present

1972 Pamela Zeitlin – Stanford University (1976) – Yale PhD and MD (1983) – Pediatric Pulmonologist

1975 Joanne Thede – TBD 1981 Tina Lee – TBD 1990 Colan Kwock - TBD

2017 Emily Yang – University of Southern California (2021) – Harvard Medical School (2024)

PARENT ACTION ITEMS

Kalani Project Grad 2025 : kalanipg25@gmail.com

School Quality Survey (SQS)

Parents/Guardians: We respectfully request a few moments of your time to complete the School Quality Survey (SQS) for Kalani High School. The SQS measures your perceptions of your child's safety and well-being at school, as well as your satisfaction with the school and your level of involvement. Your responses are confidential and will help schools in their continuous improvement efforts. You may complete one survey per child. Thank you for your time and feedback. Last day to complete the survey is March 12, 2025. Please click on link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025SQSParent>

Potential Student Misconduct

Parents : We ask for your support in encouraging open conversations with your child about maintaining a respectful and safe campus environment. Remind them that student altercations and misconduct affect our entire school community. If they hear of any potential conflicts or concerning behavior, please encourage them to notify their counselor right away. Working together, we can foster a positive and secure atmosphere for all students.

Speak Now App

The Speak Now HIDOE app provides another avenue for students to report bullying incidents on campus — digitally and anonymously, if they choose — to appropriate school personnel. Speak Now HIDOE can be downloaded from the App Store (Apple devices) or Google Play (Android devices).

Students can also safely report bullying incidents in person to your administrator, counselor or a trusted adult.

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/AntiBullyingWork/Pages/Speak-Now-HIDOE.aspx>

Lottery for Geographic Exemptions for School Year 2025 – 2026

From January 1, 2025 to March 1, 2025, Kalani High School accepted Geographic Exception (GE) applications for school year (SY 2025-26).

Lottery took place on April 4

Applications received after the March 1, 2025 deadline are be placed on a waiting list.

Summer School Registration will take place in mid-April after Lottery

More information forthcoming

STUDENT SECTION

Summer School

Dates : June 4 to July 9 ----- No school on Wednesday, June 11 and Friday, July 4
Summer School Registration Information to be released soon

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

SUMMER INTERNSHIP/OTHER EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Lisa Hayashi College and Career Counselor lisa.hayashi@k12.hi.us 808-305-0556
[SCHEDULE A MEETING \(Students only\)](#) Visit our Kalani HS College & Career Site

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

Ongoing events:

Many colleges visit Kalani High School to share more information about their school. Please visit our ongoing calendar of visits. These visits are open to Kalani students only. <https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/kalanicounselorscorner/college-and-career/college-visits-presentations-meetings-slides?authuser=0>

Clubs

Anime Club (Daphne Miyashiro)
Ceramics Club (Ms. Berenzi)
Center for Tomorrow's Leaders (Mr. Iwanaga)
Chinese Club (Ms. Young Chan)
Computer Club (Dr. Ida)
Core Club (Ms. Kaaua)
DECA (Ms. Potterton)
Environmental Science Club (Mr. Sumida)
Future Farmers of America (Ms. Doran)
HAAEA - Hawaii's Aspiring Aerospace Engineers Academy (Ms. Sato)
Health and Fitness (Mr. Melemai)
Interact Club (Ms. Tateyama)
Japan Club (Ms. Klein)
KEY Club (Mrs. Takayesu)
Korean Club (Dr. Kim)
Laulea Club (Ms. Yagi)
LEO Club – connected with Lions Club (Ms. Uemura / Mr. Lee)
Model United Nations (Mr. Melemai)
National Honor Society (Dr. Ida)
Oahu Math League (Dr. Ida)
Robotics (Mr. Silver)
Science Club (Ms. Hamasaki / Mr. Okawa)
Smash Ultimate Club (Mr. Nakano)
Spanish Club (Ms. Rivette)
Surf Club (Ms. Yang)

Sister School Partnerships – International Travel

Busan Computer Science High School – Korea
Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima
Obihiro Hakuyo High School – Hokkaido
Iwakuni High School – Yamaguchi Prefecture
Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School
Osaka Gakuin University / High School
Bihoku High School – Nagoya

Hosted in January 2025 – Travel to Korea in July 2025
Hosted in August 2024– Visited Hiroshima in January 2025
Hosted in March 2025 – Travel to Hokkaido in July 2025
Hosted in January 2025 – Travel March 8-15, 2025
Will hosted in July 2025 – Travel to Kyoto in November
Will host in September 2025 – Travel to Osaka in November
Hosted in Feb. 1-8 2025 – Travel to Nagoya in October 2025

Chengdu Debate Competition – **Visited China Nov. 2024**

Jeju International Youth Forum – **Visited Korea Nov. 2024**

Hainan/Beijing Cultural Exchange Trip – **Visited China Dec. 2024**

ATHLETICS

Congratulations Alumni

Information from April 2 Star Advertiser (will try to include this every week)

Kara Kaneshiro, Golf, Colorado State: Paced the Rams with a 14th-place finish at the Chattanooga Classic, carding only four birdies in three rounds but shooting an even-par 72 in strong winds in the second round, a day when the low round was 1 under par by two players. She has finished in the top 20 in seven straight events.

Tennis

Boys : Kalani def McKinley 5-0 Girls : Kalani def McKinley 5-0
Boys : Kalani def. Kalaheo 4-1 Girls : Kalani def. Kalaheo 3-2
Boys : Kalani def. Castle 5-0 Girls : Kalani def. Castle 5-0
Boys : Kalani def. Farrington 5-0 Girls : Kalani def. Farrington 5-0
Boys : Kalani def. Moanalua 4-1 Girls : Kalani def Moanalua 5-0
Boys : Kalani def. Kahuku 5-0 Girls : Kalani def. Kahuku 5-0

Boys : Kalani def. Kaiser 3-2

1st Singles (KAS) Tavin Lee def. (KLN) Eric Topacio 6-3 4-4 (ret)

2nd Singles (KLN) Kai Tatemori def. (KAS) Vaughn Weaver 6-1 6-0

1st Doubles (KLN) Noah Pak/Ryuki Tatemori def. (KAS) Will Hernandez/Merik Chun 1-6 6-3 1-0 (10-8)

2nd Doubles (KLN) Parker Smith/Ian Pak def. (KAS) Kai'ea McKillop/Jaden Kennell 6-2 6-3

3rd Doubles (KAS) Max Tobin/Devin Connolly def. (KLN) Brayden Belaras/Tomohiro Yamada 6-4 2-6 1-0 (11-9)

Girls : Kalani def. Kaiser 3-2

1st Singles (KLN) Keira Oba def. (KAS) Matea Pampulov 3-6 6-1 1-0 (10-0)

2nd Singles (KLN) Lexi Duldulao def. (KAS) Ally Nguyen S. 2-6 6-2 1-0 (10-3)

1st Doubles (KAS) Camryn Inskeep/Jaycie Nishibun def. (KLN) Kylie Oba/Brielle Rola 7-6 6-3

2nd Doubles (KLN) Tracy Kha/Sydney Lin def. (KAS) Olivia Park/Ana Schoonheydt ()

3rd Doubles (KAS) Emme Reed/Elsa Zhao def. (KLN) Yuna Takimoto/Katie Wong 6-2 6-2

Boys : Kalani def. Roosevelt 5-0

1st Singles (KLN) Eric Topacio def. (ROS) Toma Matsushita 6-4 6-0

2nd Singles (KLN) Kai Tatemori def. (ROS) Jaka Kaya 6-1 6-1

1st Doubles (KLN) Noah Pak/Ryuki Tatemori def. (ROS) Chance Agodong/Alan Leong 6-1 6-0

2nd Doubles (KLN) Parker Smith/Ian Pak def. (ROS) Andrew MacDonald/Brian Liang 6-1 6-0

3rd Doubles (KLN) Brayden Belaras/Tomohiro Yamada def. (ROS) Zhengxin Chen/Ruxin Chen 6-1 6-1

Boys : Kalani def. Roosevelt 3-2

1st Singles (ROS) Mami Daysog def. (KLN) Keira Oba 6-0 6-1

2nd Singles (ROS) Kawehi Woo def. (KLN) Lexi Duldulao 6-4 6-1

1st Doubles (KLN) Kylie Oba/Brielle Rola def. (ROS) Sydney Son/Shoshanah Duong 6-3 6-3

2nd Doubles (KLN) Tracy Kha/Sydney Lin def. (ROS) Jiaqi Zhan/Kiana Sokabe 6-2 6-2

3rd Doubles (KLN) Yuna Takimoto/Katie Wong def. (ROS) Kakiu Chiang/Sunny Mai 7-6 (7-3) 6-0

Baseball

Kalani 0 – Roosevelt 10

Kalani 6 – Moanalua 5

Kalani 3 – Kailua 4

Kalani 2 – Kaiser 5

Kalani 2 – Kaiser 7

Kalani 14 – Castle 2

Kalani 6 – Roosevelt 5

April 5 @ 3:00

Kalani vs. Moanalua @ Kahala

Softball

Kalani 3 – Kaiser 10

Kalani – Roosevelt Win – forfeit

Kalani 10 – Moanalua 5

April 10 Kalani vs. Kaimuki @ Kilauea

April 17 Kalani vs. Castle

Kalani 15 – Kaimuki 0

Kalani 22 – Castle 0

Kalani 3 – Kaiser 8

April 12 Kalani – Roosevelt Win – forfeit

April 19 Kalani vs. Moanalua @ MicKinley

Golf

| Week 3 | | | Week 4 | | | Week 7 | | |
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| 3 rd | Sora Kishida | 73 | 6 th | Sora Kishida | 77 | 2 nd | Sakura Ramirez | 77 |
| 5 th | Sakura Ramirez | 76 | 9 th | Ashlyn Yorimoto | 78 | 5 th | Sora Kishida | 79 |
| 10 th | Rylee Hara-Shimabuku | 80 | 16 th | Sakura Ramirez | 83 | 6 th | Ashlyn Yorimoto | 82 |
| 11 th | Ashlyn Yorimoto | 83 | 16 th | Ami Li | 83 | 14 th | Taylor Olanda | 97 |
| 19 th | Jinie Ho | 93 | 19 th | Rylee Hara-Shimabuku | 84 | --- | Rylee Hara-Shimabuku | WD |
| 10 th | Isaac Kim | 79 | 11 th | Isaac Kim | 77 | 11 th | Parker Smith | 85 |
| 22 nd | Parker Smith | 84 | 15 th | Parker Smith | 79 | 21 st | Wei Ma | 87 |
| 31 st | Wei Ma | 87 | 18 th | Ian Pak | 81 | 26 th | Ian Park | 88 |
| 38 th | Zachary Tam | 90 | 23 rd | Zachary Tam | 84 | 29 th | Zachary Tam | 89 |
| 42 nd | Koa Tseng | 91 | 23 rd | Brady Kubo | 84 | 32 nd | Jayden Kim | 90 |
| 48 th | Brady Kubo | 93 | DNF | Jayden Kim | | 34 th | Brady Kubo | 92 |

Volleyball

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| Kalani 3 – Kaiser 0 | | Kalani 3 – Kaimuki 0 | |
| Kalani 3 – McKinley 1 | | Kalani 2 – Farrington 3 | |
| Kalani 0 – Moanalua 3 | | Kalani 3 – Anuenue 0 | |
| Kalani 1 – Castle 3 | | Kalani 3 – Kailua 0 | |
| April 7 @ 6:30 | Kalani vs. Roosevelt | April 9 @ 6:30 | Kalani vs. Kalaheo |
| April 14 @ 6:30 | Kalani @ Kahuku | | |

Water Polo

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| Kalani 2 – Kahuku 15 | | Kalani 0 – Kalaheo 15 | |
| Kalani 5 – Kailua 18 | | Kalani – Mililani | Lose - forfeit |
| April 12 @ 3:05 | Kalani vs. Roosevelt @ CORP | April 16 @ 7:10 | Kalani vs. Moanalua @ CORP |
| April 19 @ 11:05 | Kalani vs. Kaiser @ CORP | | |

Flag Football

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|----------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| Kalani 6 – Kalaheo 0 | | Kalani 0 – Kailua 33 | |
| Kalani 6 – Kaiser 33 | | April 5 @ 6:45 | Kalani @ Kahuku |

Grade Check Dates

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday, April 21, 2025 | |
| Monday, May 5, 2025 | |
| Monday, May 19, 2025 | End of 4 th Quarter |

ASET FEE \$80.00

Once your child has been selected to a team, parents will receive an email asking you to log into your child's account to pay the \$80.00 Athletic Supply Equipment & Transportation (ASET) fee. The amount of money allocated by the DOE for Athletic Transportation is much less than is needed considering the current cost of buses. This fee (pays for buses and other transportation costs) is charged once per school year regardless of the number of teams your child gets selected for. A \$3.00 convenience fee is applied to online payments.

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List of Awards (announced earlier)

Congratulations

Kalani High School : Hawaii School of Democracy

Kalani LifeSmarts Team 5.1 – 2nd place

Jiaorong (Michelle) He Zhoulin Chen Leila Florendo Aileen Kong Kouki Oda

Kalani High School : Science Olympiad – 3rd Place

Disease Detectives: 1st Place Cathy Tran & Rylan Gubatan

Ag. Science: 1st Place Xander Okata & Alexander Chan

Botany: 1st Place Rylan Gubatan & Nelson Wong

Microbic Mission: 2nd Place Aileen Kang **Optics: 2nd Place** Rylan Gubatan & Luka Milincic

Forensics: 3rd Place Xinyue Yu & Annie Li **Geologic Mapping: 3rd Place** Alexander Chan & Cathy Tran

Urban Land Institute Hawaii 2nd Place

Brian Sakamoto Justin Pellett Mason Nagata Jiaorong (Michelle) He Chaz Wada

Bryan Silver named 2025 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year

Scott Melemai named Nationally Board Certified Teacher

Bryan Silver : Harbor Freight Tools for Schools

Dr. Mike Ida : Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching

Dr. Mike Ida : Kleenex Heroes of the Classroom

Kalani High School : ITEEA 2024 – 2025 STEM School of Excellence

Leilani Phan : **Mauna Kea Scholar**

Leilani Phan : **Robotics Dean's List Finalist**

Katie Ta : **Robotics Dean's List Finalist**

Shea Brown and Alex Chan : **Rikkyo University Global Program**

Koa Close and Xander Okata : **Sophia University**

Sarah Ing : American Vision Nominee Award - 62nd Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Sarah is the recipient of a total of 5 Gold Keys in Scholastics: 2 for art & 3 for photography.

Leilani Phan : **JSHS Junior Science and Humanities Symposium**

4th Place and is invited to compete at the National level

Honolulu District Science Fair

Best in Category:

Engineering Technology: Statics & Dynamics - Man Fung Zhuo **Microbiology (MCRO)** - Mirah Levine

Physics & Astronomy (PHYS) - Luka Milincic **Systems Software (SOFT)** - Kristalyn Lee

Special Awards:

Association for Women Geoscientists - Kristalyn Lee

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Leilani Phan

USAID - United States Agency International Development - Sydnie Melemai

United States Air Force - Robert Haak

Advancing to States:

Leilani Phan Man Fung Zhuo Mirah Levine Luka Milincic Sydnie Melemai Kristalyn Lee

District Top 3 (Qualify for International Science and Engineering Fair):

May 10 – 16 in Columbus, Ohio

2nd Place (Silver Medalist) - Leilani Phan **3rd Place (Bronze Medalist)** - Mirah Levine

NCWIT Aspirations in Computing High School 2025 Awardees

Hawai'i Affiliate Winner : Kristalyn Lee, Katie Ta and Leilani Phan

Hawai'i Affiliate Honorable Mention : Summer Hall and Latasha Hui

NCWIT Aspirations in Computing High School 2024 Awardees

Leilani Phan : **2024 Hawaii Winner and 2024 National Honorable Mention (only one from Hawaii)**

Sydnie Melemai : **2024 Hawaii Honorable Mention**

Latasha Hui : **2024 Hawaii Rising Star**

ITEEA Reach Challenge <https://www.iteea.org/reach>

Jasmine Spurling, Yijia Wang & Taylor Shimamura - **REACH Challenge Finalists**

Airi Choi, Yuna Otsuka & Rui Han - **REACH Challenge Semi-Finalists**

Kalea Maglidt & Nadine Laposi - **REACH Challenge Semi-Finalists**

Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award - Sydnie Melemai
Zhoulin Chen - **Top scholarship recipient for the Rotary Club of Kahala Sunrise**

62nd Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Drawing & Painting students received 8 Gold Keys, and 9 Silver Key Awards
Gold Key winners will have their work on display at Capitol Modern March 1st- April 1st.
The awards ceremony for Gold Key winners will be held on March 1st at Capitol Modern – Teacher : Mr. Mosher
See February 7, 2025 Parent Bulletin for Awardees

35th Annual Physics Olympics

1st Place -Team 1: Terrence Yan, Parker Smith, Nelson Wong, Zhi Xian Lu, and Princeton Co
3rd Place - Team 2 : Luka Milinic, Kristalyn Lee, Luna Kodama, and Rylan Gubatan
Regional Bridge Building Contest : Princeton Co **claimed 1st Place while Nelson Wong took 2nd Place.**
Both will compete at the International Bridge Competition held in Chicago late April

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Culinary (CTE)

STAR Events - Baking and Pastry: Frida Paulsson, **Silver Medalist**
STAR Events - Culinary Arts: Louisa Mossman : **Silver Medalist** Vincent Than : **Silver Medalist**

HOSA

| Events: | Students: | Placed in state: |
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| Health Career Photography | Lovie Barnhart | 1st Place |
| Medical Reading Health Science | Priscilla Louie | 2nd Place |
| Behavioral Health | Hana Sonoda (2 nd straight yr) | 3rd Place |
| World Health & Disparities | Cathy Tran | 1st Place |
| Pathophysiology Health Science | Ivan Tse | 1st Place |
| Forensic Science Team | Grace Won & Melodie Wang (2 nd straight year) | 2nd Place |
| Medical Innovations Team | Yijia Wang, Jasmine Spurling & Taylor Shimamura | 3rd Place |
| Medical Innovations Team | Kalea Maglidt & Nadine Laposi | 2nd Place |
| Medical Innovations Team | Rui Han, Airi Choy & Yuna Otsuka | 1st Place |
| Health Career Display Teamwork | Chen Qian & Aliene Kang | 2nd Place |

DECA

The following students placed as finalists in their category (top 6 in the state):

Individual Event Finalists

Accounting Applications - Hisato Aoe, Jesse Jong, Reese Sekiya
Apparel and Accessories Marketing - Evelyn Nguyen, Alexandria Davis
Entrepreneurship - Chaz Wada, Brian Sakamoto **Food Marketing** - Katie Ta
Marketing Communications - Rocco Bechirian **Principles of Marketing** - Brandalyn Tran

Team Event Finalists

Financial Services Team Decision Making - Logan Chang/Justin Pellett, Jisung Kang/Jaydon Lee
Marketing Management Team Decision Making - Ryder Goto/David Lenoir
Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making - Jackson Endo/Salvatore Virardi

Written Event Finalists

Community Awareness Project - Darienne Inouye
Start-up Business Plan - Madeline Eakin, Bree Matayoshi, Kandace Wong

Written Exam

Accounting Applications: 1st - Hisato Aoe 2nd - Jesse Jong 3rd - Reese Sekiya
Apparel and Accessories Marketing: 1st - Alexandria Davis 3rd - Evelyn Nguyen

Entrepreneurship Series: 1st - Chaz Wada
Financial Services Team Decision Making: 2nd - Justin Pellet
Marketing Management Team Decision Making: 3rd - Ryder Goto
Travel and Tourism Team Decisions Making: 1st - Jackson Endo 3rd - Salvatore Virardi

Trophy Winners

Eligible for this year's International Career Development Conference.

Accounting Applications: 1st - Hisato Aoe 2nd - Jesse Jong
Apparel and Accessories Marketing: 1st - Evelyn Nguyen 3rd - Alexandria Davis
Entrepreneurship: 1st - Chaz Wada Food Marketing: 3rd - Katie Ta
Financial Services Team Decision Making: 2nd - Logan Chang/Justin Pellet
Marketing Management Team Decision Making: 2nd - Ryder Goto/David Lenoir
Community Awareness Project: 3rd - Darienne Inouye
Start-up Business Plan: 2nd - Madeline Eakin, Bree Matayoshi, Kandace Wong

Japan Wizards Competition

Although we did not win the overall competition, *Kalani did not leave empty handed.*

Level A Team (**Aiden Nakamura, Kaydee Nakamitsu, & Serena Uchiyama-Pyun; Chaperone: Klein**) won \$150 to spend at a Japanese restaurant of their choosing for the "Best Produced" video.

Here's the winning video: https://youtu.be/VTRME2Ky_64?feature=shared

Level B Team (**Donovan Morikone, Mari Chong, & Hoikeamaka Saigusa; Chaperone: Masuda**) won the drawing for a TRIP TO JAPAN. The only qualification was to score more than 120 points, which all 3 Kalani teams did.

Future Farmers of America (FFA)

2nd Place : Rony Bui and Geo Choi **Ornamental Plant Identification**

1st Place Mark Anthony Almeida, Tennessee Idol, Aniela Germain, William Laird, and Landon Nii

Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration

T.C. Ching's Inspired in Hawai'i Contest

Maka Saigusa – 1st Place in the essay division Sarah Ing – 1st Place in the digital media poster division

10th grade division: 1st Place - Emily Nishihira 2nd Place - Rana Terai 3rd Place - Nya Mendes

11th grade division: 2nd Place – Atona Chan 3rd Place - Qian Chen

[2024 College Success Award](https://www.greatschools.org/hawaii/college-success-award/) <https://www.greatschools.org/hawaii/college-success-award/>

Schools of the Future Conference

The Robotics team did demos and shared the programs they run at Kalani.

Sydney Melemai, Katie Ta, Reese Sekiya, Sarah Lee, Susan Zheng, and Tina Au - Innovation Station

Anson Li was a part of a group of students on Students and AI use in school.

Sydney Melemai presented with Punahou students on her ongoing Sustainability Project started last summer