

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (04/11/2025)

# KALANI High School

## WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

### IMPORTANT DATES...

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1) Friday, April 18          | Holiday : Good Friday (Elementary Track Meet)                   |
| 2) Saturday, April 19        | Parade of Orchestra 1:00 @ Pearl City Cultural Center           |
| 3) Sunday, April 27          | Band : Aloha Concert @ Moanalua High School Auditorium @ 5:00pm |
| 4) Tuesday, April 29         | Unity Prom  |
| 5) Tuesday, April 29         | Jazz Band Concert @ 6:30 in café                                |
| 6) Friday, May 2             | May Day during advisory   |
| 7) Friday, May 2             | May Day Night Performance                                       |
| 8) Tuesday, May 6            | Dance Performance @ Café 4:30                                   |
| 9) Tuesday, May 6            | Chorus Aloha Concert @ Café 6:30                                |
| 10) Friday, May 9            | Last day for seniors  |
| 11) Monday, May 12           | Senior Grad Practice Begins in the gym (DO NOT BE LATE)         |
| 12) Monday, May 12           | Freshmen Transition (tentative)                                 |
| 13) Thursday, May 15         | Senior Awards Night @ Moanalua Auditorium 5:00pm                |
| 14) Friday, May 16           | Athletic Banquet @ Ala Moana Hotel 5:00pm                       |
| 15) Sunday, May 18           | Senior Prom   |
| <b>16) Wednesday, May 21</b> | <b>Graduation @ Stan Sheriff Center 6:30pm</b>                  |
| 17) Monday, May 26           | Holiday : Memorial Day  |
| 18) Friday, May 30           | Last Day for students   |
| 19) 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=5MPVjlv2yDM>

### **Lottery for Geographic Exemptions for School Year 2025 – 2026**

**Due to a limited amount of classrooms on our campus, and the large number of Geographic Exemption Requests received, Kalani utilized a lottery system. Students not selected are placed on a waiting list.**

#### **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.**

### **STUDENTS IN THE NEWS**

#### ***Congratulation***

#### **National Merit Recognition**

Congratulations to the following juniors who took the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in October and met the requirements to enter the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program. With a Selection Index Score of 210 or above, these high performers have shown outstanding academic potential. These students are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants (out of 1.3 million students who took the test) and will be recognized in the fall as either a

National Merit Semifinalist or Commended Student

***Bryce Hara Jayden Tran Ivan Tse***

#### ***Congratulations***

***Boys and Girls Varsity Tennis Teams*** : Both teams won their semi-final matches on Wednesday and they will be playing for the OIA Championship on Saturday – Location TBD

Please join us to cheer on our Friday Night Primetime Basketball Team



### *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*

**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.

## *Congratulations*

### **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*

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

## *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: 1<sup>st</sup> Place *Cathy Tran* & *Rylan Gubatan*

Ag. Science: 1<sup>st</sup> Place *Xander Okata* & *Alexander Chan*

Botany: 1<sup>st</sup> Place *Rylan Gubatan* & *Nelson Wong*

Microbic Mission: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place *Aileen Kang*

Optics: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place *Rylan Gubatan* & *Luka Milincic*

Forensics: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place *Xinyue Yu* & *Annie Li*

Geologic Mapping: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

### *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](mailto:kalanipg25@gmail.com)

### 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>

## STUDENT SECTION

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

#### SUMMER INTERNSHIP/OTHER EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

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[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>

### Sister School Partnerships – International Travel

Busan Computer Science High School – Korea

**Hosted in January 2025** – Travel to Korea in July 2025

Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima

**Hosted in August 2024– Visited Hiroshima in January 2025**

Obihiro Hakuyo High School – Hokkaido

**Hosted in March 2025** – Travel to Hokkaido in July 2025

Iwakuni High School – Yamaguchi Prefecture

**Hosted in January 2025 – Visited Iwakuni in March 2025**

Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School

Will host in July 2025 – Travel to Kyoto in November

Osaka Gakuin University / High School

Will host in September 2025 – Travel to Osaka in November

Bihoku High School – Nagoya

**Hosted in Feb. 1-8 2025** – Travel to Nagoya in October 2025

Osaka Gakuin University Summer Bridge Program – Invited to participate in June 2025

Chengdu Debate Competition – **Visited China Nov. 2024** – Invited to participate in November 2025

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

Hainan/Beijing Cultural Exchange Trip – **Visited China Dec. 2024** – Invited to participate in December 2025

# 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.

## *Congratulations*

### Eastern Division Champions (Spring Sports)

**Girls Varsity Golf Team  
Boys Varsity Tennis Team  
Girls Varsity Tennis Team**

#### **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

March 12 Kalani @ Castle

Kalani 2 – Kaiser 7

Kalani 14 – Castle 2

Kalani 6 – Roosevelt 5

Kalani 2 – Moanalua 3

March 16 Kalani @ Kailua

### Softball

Kalani 3 – Kaiser 10  
 Kalani – Roosevelt Win – forfeit  
 Kalani 10 – Moanalua 5  
 Kalani 15 – Kaimuki 0  
 April 17 Kalani vs. Castle

Kalani 15 – Kaimuki 0  
 Kalani 22 – Castle 0  
 Kalani 3 – Kaiser 8  
 Kalani – Roosevelt Win – forfeit  
 April 19 Kalani vs. Moanalua @ MicKinley

### Golf

Week 4			Week 7			<b>OIA Eastern Division Champs</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sora Kishida	77	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sakura Ramirez	77	7 <sup>th</sup>	Ashlyn Yorimoto	75
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ashlyn Yorimoto	78	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sora Kishida	79	8 <sup>th</sup>	Rylee Shimabuku-Hara	76
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sakura Ramirez	83	6 <sup>th</sup>	Ashlyn Yorimoto	82	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sakura Ramirez	78
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ami Li	83	14 <sup>th</sup>	Taylor Olanda	97	20 <sup>th</sup>	Tatum Frias	86
19 <sup>th</sup>	Rylee Hara-Shimabuku	84	---	Rylee Hara-Shimabuku	WD	24 <sup>th</sup>	Taylor Olanda	92
11 <sup>th</sup>	Isaac Kim	77	11 <sup>th</sup>	Parker Smith	85	12 <sup>th</sup>	Isaac Kim	80
15 <sup>th</sup>	Parker Smith	79	21 <sup>st</sup>	Wei Ma	87	16 <sup>th</sup>	Zachary Tam	82
18 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Pak	81	26 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Park	88	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parker Smith	84
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Zachary Tam	84	29 <sup>th</sup>	Zachary Tam	89	25 <sup>th</sup>	Koa Tseng	85
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Brady Kubo	84	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Jayden Kim	90	52 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian Park	96
DNF	Jayden Kim		34 <sup>th</sup>	Brady Kubo	92	55 <sup>th</sup>	Jayden Kim	97

### Volleyball

Kalani 3 – Kaiser 0  
 Kalani 3 – McKinley 1  
 Kalani 0 – Moanalua 3  
 Kalani 1 – Castle 3  
 Kalani 2 – Roosevelt 3  
 April 14 @ 6:30 Kalani @ Kahuku

Kalani 3 – Kaimuki 0  
 Kalani 2 – Farrington 3  
 Kalani 3 – Anuenue 0  
 Kalani 3 – Kailua 0  
 Kalani 3 – Kalaheo 0

### Water Polo

Kalani 2 – Kahuku 15  
 Kalani 5 – Kailua 18  
 Kalani 6 – West Combined 16  
 April 16 @ 7:10 Kalani vs. Moanalua @ CORP

Kalani 0 – Kalaheo 15  
 Kalani – Mililani Lose - forfeit  
 April 12 @ 3:05 Kalani vs. Roosevelt @ CORP  
 April 19 @ 11:05 Kalani vs. Kaiser @ CORP

### Flag Football – season completed

Kalani 6 – Kalaheo 0  
 Kalani 6 – Kaiser 33  
 Kalani 13 – Castle 33

Kalani 0 – Kailua 33  
 Kalani 0 – Kahuku 38

### Grade Check Dates

Monday, April 21, 2025  
 Monday, May 5, 2025  
 Monday, May 19, 2025 End of 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place**

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

**Kalani High School : Science Olympiad – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**Disease Detectives: 1<sup>st</sup> Place** Cathy Tran & Rylan Gubatan

**Ag. Science: 1<sup>st</sup> Place** Xander Okata & Alexander Chan

**Botany: 1<sup>st</sup> Place** Rylan Gubatan & Nelson Wong

**Microbic Mission: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Aileen Kang **Optics: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Rylan Gubatan & Luka Milincic

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

**Urban Land Institute Hawaii 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Mia Doma : **Global Innovation Race Conference**

**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**

4<sup>th</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Silver Medalist)** - Leilani Phan **3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Physics Olympics**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place -Team 1:** Terrence Yan, Parker Smith, Nelson Wong, Zhi Xian Lu, and Princeton Co  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Team 2 :** Luka Milinic, Kristalyn Lee, Luna Kodama, and Rylan Gubatan  
**Regional Bridge Building Contest :** Princeton Co **claimed 1<sup>st</sup> Place while Nelson Wong took 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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

**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Hisato Aoe      2<sup>nd</sup> - Jesse Jong      3<sup>rd</sup> - Reese Sekiya  
**Apparel and Accessories Marketing:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Alexandria Davis      3<sup>rd</sup> - Evelyn Nguyen

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

### Trophy Winners

**Eligible for this year's International Career Development Conference.**

**Accounting Applications: 1<sup>st</sup> - Hisato Aoe      2<sup>nd</sup> - Jesse Jong**  
**Apparel and Accessories Marketing: 1<sup>st</sup> - Evelyn Nguyen      3<sup>rd</sup> - Alexandria Davis**  
**Entrepreneurship: 1<sup>st</sup> - Chaz Wada      Food Marketing: 3<sup>rd</sup> - Katie Ta**  
**Financial Services Team Decision Making: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Logan Chang/Justin Pellet**  
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**Community Awareness Project: 3<sup>rd</sup> - Darienne Inouye**  
**Start-up Business Plan: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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](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)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place : Rony Bui and Geo Choi **Ornamental Plant Identification**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the essay division      Sarah Ing – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the digital media poster division

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

11th grade division: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Atona Chan      3<sup>rd</sup> 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