

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (04/18/2025)

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 |
| 16) Wednesday, May 21 | Graduation @ Stan Sheriff Center 6:30pm |
| 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=5MPVjhw2yDM>

Summer School

**Dates : June 4 to July 9 ----- No school on Wednesday, June 11 and Friday, July 4
Summer School (virtual) Registration is Saturday, April 26. Link is forthcoming.**

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations

OIA Individual Golf Champion

Isaac Kim



Congratulations

Boys Varsity Tennis Team successfully defends OIA Title (2x OIA Champs)



Oahu Math League

At the last OML meet of the season, Sophomore Museong Kim was recognized as one of the top scorers in the league, having achieved an average score of 29.6 out of 30 for the season! Congratulations *Museong Kim*



Best Ōpio Next Gen Film Award

The Best Ōpio Student Film Award celebrates the most exceptional narrative, documentary, or animated film by a high school student filmmaker. The winning film showcases remarkable storytelling, technical skill, and creative vision, recognizing the immense potential of its student filmmaker as an emerging voice of cinema in Hawai'i. Congratulations *Virgil Tam*.



2025 Localicious® Art and Recipe Contest: “My Localicious® Lunch – Reimagine Your School Lunch Plate.” Congratulations *Halia Kaaua*. She is one of three finalists at the 2025 Localicious® Art and Recipe Contest: She will be competing in a live cook off event during the summer at the Hawaii Farm Fair, where she will be presenting her dish, "Sweet Sea" to a panel of distinguished culinary judges.



Falcon Fair

A big mahalo to the Kalani Association of Students for their incredible work in planning, organizing, and facilitating such an awesome Falcon Fair! This year marked the first time since COVID that we've been able to hold this event. Energy and excitement were evident, and it was truly rewarding to see the smiles on the faces of students and teachers alike.

Thank you again for making this year's Falcon Fair such a resounding success.

Mahalo also to Student Activities Coordinator Rei Akasaki for facilitating the planning of her leadership group.

Friday Night Prime time: Inclusionary Basketball League

A revitalized partnership between the University of Hawaii's College of Education and public schools across Oahu is changing the name of the game when it comes to who can participate in high school sports. Friday Night Lights is an event that provides opportunities for students with disabilities to participate with their peers in organized sports. It gives them the experience of being student-athletes, while playing in a competitive environment with teammates.

Furthermore, FNL promotes school spirit and a sense of belonging for all our students.

Dr. Nathan Murata, Dean of the University of Hawaii College of Education, approached Kalani and Roosevelt in 2016 to do a home and away basketball game during the program's first two years. Since then, the program has shown enormous growth as other schools have seen the program's success. Today, multiple games are played at many different sites.

Parents have been our biggest supporters. They are grateful for our efforts to provide the 'typical' experience for their kids. They appreciate the support of the teachers and the student body. Parents and teachers leave with tears in their eyes as they see magic happen with every game. It brings joy to the players, and all in attendance.

Mahalo to the Kalani Pep Band and the many students and spectators that filled the gym to witness an exciting closely fought game. The game was televised live on Olelo. We will let everyone know if the game will be re-broadcast.

Congratulations

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

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

2025 Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation Scholarship

Skyler 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

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

Team 3008

FIRST Impact Award : Hawaii Regional 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.

Congratulations

Sydnie Melemai - FIRST Robotics Competition

Katie Ta - FIRST Tech Challenge

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.

Urban Land Institute Hawaii

Kalani was selected as an at-large team. They will be participating in the National Competition on May 31

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

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.

Congratulations

Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC)

The following students have been selected be a part of a group traveling to Vietnam this summer.

Ella Kimura Sarah Lee Bodhi Mylett Destiny Nguyen Jayden Tran

PARENT ACTION ITEMS

Kalani Project Grad 2025 : 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.

STUDENT SECTION

Congratulations

Kalani Association of Students

President- Abby Nii Vice President- Suzue Shower
Secretary- Taylor Wong Treasurer- Naomi Stremick Historian- Aeda Hasty

Class of 2026

President- Ryder Goto Vice President- Kira-May Nosse
Corresponding Secretary- Christopher Tam Recording Secretary- Tia Trinidad Treasurer- Sadie Nakao

Class of 2027

President- David Summers Vice President- Laineo Ono
Corresponding Secretary- Jordynn Wong Recording Secretary- Peyton Nakata Treasurer- Destiny Nguyen

Class of 2028

President- Mia Doma Vice President- Angela Park
Corresponding Secretary- Crystal Ko Recording Secretary- Reia Jumawon Treasurer- Rex Ho

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>

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 – Visited Iwakuni in March 2025
Will host 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

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 16 Star Advertiser (will try to include this every week)

Kara Kaneshiro, Golf *Colorado State*: is one of just four women under par after the first round of the Mountain West championship, shooting a 34 on the front nine on her way to a 71. She trails the leader by 2 strokes with two rounds to go.

Teal Matsueda, Golf *Boise State*: Sits in a tie for 14th place, six shots off the lead, after the first day of the Mountain West Championships after shooting a 74. She was even par on the 16th tee before two late bogeys.

Keoni Thiim, Volleyball *Brigham Young*: Scored more than 10 points in a match with nine kills and three aces in a 3-1 loss to UCLA. He had six kills on 22 swings the previous night in his return to the starting lineup.

Congratulations

OIA Individual Golf Champion

Isaac Kim

OIA Champs

Boys Varsity Tennis Team

Eastern Division Champions (Spring Sports)

Girls Varsity Golf Team

Boys Varsity Tennis Team

Girls Varsity Tennis Team

Tennis

OIA Semifinals

Boys : Kalani 3 – Mililani 0

Girls : Kalani 3 – Campbell 0

OIA Finals

Boys Varsity Champions

Girls Varsity – Runner-up

Baseball

Kalani 0 – Roosevelt 10

Kalani 6 – Moanalua 5

Kalani 3 – Kailua 4

Kalani 2 – Kaiser 5

Kalani 1 – Castle 0

– **playoff schedule forthcoming**

Kalani 2 – Kaiser 7

Kalani 14 – Castle 2

Kalani 6 – Roosevelt 5

Kalani 2 – Moanalua 3

Kalani 0 – Kailua 7

Softball

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

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

Volleyball

Kalani 3 – Kaiser 0
 Kalani 3 – McKinley 1
 Kalani 0 – Moanalua 3
 Kalani 1 – Castle 3
 Kalani 2 – Roosevelt 3
 Kalani 2 – Kahuku 3
 – **playoff schedule forthcoming**

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
 Kalani 3 – Moanalua 16

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

Golf

Week 7

2nd Sakura Ramirez 77
 5th Sora Kishida 79
 6th Ashlyn Yorimoto 82
 14th Taylor Olanda 97
 --- Rylee Hara-Shimabuku WD

OIA Eastern Division Champs

7th Ashlyn Yorimoto 75
 8th Rylee Shimabuku-Hara 76
 11th Sakura Ramirez 78
 20th Tatum Frias 86
 24th Taylor Olanda 92

OIA Championship : Girls 2nd / Boys 4th

5th Sora Kishida 82/79
 7th Ashlyn Yorimoto 85/80
 17th Rylee Hara-Shimabuku 88/88
 18th Sakura Ramirez 97/84
 22nd Tatum Frias 86/103

11th Parker Smith 85
 21st Wei Ma 87
 26th Ian Park 88
 29th Zachary Tam 89
 32nd Jayden Kim 90
 34th Brady Kudo 92

12th Isaac Kim 80
 16th Zachary Tam 82
 22nd Parker Smith 84
 25th Koa Tseng 85
 52nd Ian Park 96
 55th Jayden Kim 97

1st Isaac Kim 80/73
 16th Parker Smith 85/87
 28th Zachary Tam 87/96
 41st Brady Kudo 101/107

Flag Football – season completed

Grade Check Dates

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

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List of Awards (announced earlier)

Congratulations

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

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 Awarded \$50,000
Dr. Mike Ida : Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching
Dr. Mike Ida : Kleenex Heroes of the Classroom

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

35th Annual Physics Olympics : State Champs

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

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

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.

Sarah Ing : National Gold Medal Award in the Scholastic Art Competition and the American Visions Medal

Virgil Tan : showcased his film *New Start* at the prestigious 2025 Hawaii International Film Festival Opio Fest

Silver Medal Award in the Scholastic Art & Writing Competition

Leilani Phan : JSHS Junior Science and Humanities Symposium

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

Mirah Levine - Elected Key Club Division 22 Lieutenant Governor

State 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 : Sydnie 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

Honolulu District Science Fair

Best in Category:

Engineering Technology: Statics & Dynamics - Man Fung Zhou 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

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

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

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 Pellett

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

Future Farmers of America

Landon Nii - **elected to be one of 6 FFA state officers (treasurer) for the 2025-26 term.**

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

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

[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