

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (02/21/2025)

KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Tuesday, February 25 | ACT / Pre-ACT Testing (Grades 9-11) / Senior Grad Practice (Mandatory) |
| 2) Sunday, March 2 | Las Vegas Raiders Talent ID Flag Football Clinic @ Kalani |
| 3) Sunday, March 16 | Junior Prom |
| 4) Wednesday, March 26 | Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day |
| 5) Friday, April 18 | Holiday : Good Friday |
| 6) Monday, May 26 | Holiday : Memorial Day |
| 7) Sunday, May 18 | Senior Prom |
| 8) Wednesday, May 21 | Confirmed : Graduation |
| 9) Friday, May 30 | Last Day for students |
- March 17 – 21 Spring Break

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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=5MPVjhw2vDM>

Congratulations

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

Please congratulate the following artists

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**

Posters will be on display at Kahala Mall.

Good Luck

Urban Land Institute Hawaii

The City of Yorktown Cordially invites

Iolani School, **Kalani High**, and Punahou School

Best and Final Competition

Members of the winning team will receive the ULI Hawaii Urban Plan Award

for excellence in **Civic Engagement** related to the Urban Environment

In appreciation for your time, effort, and the ideas that you have shared with the City Council, all participating teams will receive gift certificates and each member of the five person winning team will receive a \$500 Amazon gift card.

All participants will receive a \$75 gift card.

Time and Date: The Mayor (of Yorktown) will present the new priorities that should inform team efforts during this best and final competition at 8:00 AM on February 22, 2024. City Council Presentations will start at noon.

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>

Congratulations
Leilani Phan and Daniel Shiraki

Last week, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program announced the 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 (from all 50 states and 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)

Congratulations

Pacific Lutheran University President's Scholarship

Luna Kodama and Skyler Rivera

have been awarded a Pacific Lutheran University President's Scholarship, one of the top academic and leadership scholarships offered by PLU. Over 400 qualified applicants applied for this competitive \$34,000 per year award, and 133 President's Scholars were selected. Scholars have been invited to campus to interview with PLU faculty for the next tiers of scholarships — ten Harstad Founder's Scholarships (\$40,000 per year) and five full-tuition Regents' Scholarships. Luna and Skyler were selected based on academic achievement, co-curricular involvement, service and leadership, as well as potential to effect positive change and leadership in both the academic and co-curricular life of our university. This year's President's Scholars have a cumulative average weighted GPA of 4.05.

Thank you for your support of and congratulations to these students!

Melody Ferguson - Dean of Admission

Congratulations
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

Congratulations to our 45 HOSA - Future Health Professionals Chapter students that represented Kalani in our 2025 State Leadership Conference. Seventeen students qualified to represent Hawaii in our International Leadership Conference in Nashville Tennessee (June 2025). Special Congratulations to our 6 Hawaii State Champions.

Events:	Students:	Placed in state:
Health Career Photography	Lovie Barnhart	1st 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	1st Place
Pathophysiology Health Science	Ivan Tse	1st 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	1st 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**

A written exam is taken by all DECA members. The following students placed top 3 in the state:

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**

The following students are Trophy Winners (top 3 out of the 6 finalists).
They are eligible for this year's International Career Development Conference.

Trophy Winners

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**



Kalani Project Grad 2025 : kalanipg25@gmail.com

Please congratulate 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

NCWIT Aspirations in Computing High School 2025 Awardees

Kristalyn Lee : Hawai'i Affiliate Winner

Leilani Phan : Hawai'i Affiliate Winner

Katie Ta : Hawai'i Affiliate Winner

Summer Hall : Hawai'i Affiliate Honorable Mention

Latasha Hui : Hawai'i Affiliate Honorable Mention

The students listed above have been selected as a 2025 NCWIT Aspirations in Computing High School Hawai'i Awardee. They are being recognized for significantly demonstrating interest and aptitude for computing and technology, for the leadership they've shown in their classrooms, and for their aspirations to pursue technology throughout their future journey to solve problems and positively impact humanity. Awards ceremony Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Congratulations

Kalani LifeSmarts Team 5.1

February 21, 2025

**Congratulations to Kalani's LifeSmarts Team – 2nd place
by 5 points to Iolani School**

January 13, 2025

HONOLULU — The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) Business Registration Division and Insurance Division, and Hawai'i Credit Union League (HCUL) announced the top-scoring high school teams for the online portion of the annual Hawai'i LifeSmarts State Competition. Teams from 'Iolani, Kalani, and Waipahu high schools have earned their spot to compete at the in-person state competition.

Students completed individual assessment tests prior to the state competition, then they will test their team skills through a "speed smarts" activity and gameshow-style buzzer rounds at the in-person state competition. The winner of the competition will represent Hawai'i at the National LifeSmarts Competition in Chicago, Illinois from April 24 – 27, 2025. LifeSmarts is a consumer education program designed to teach students in grades 6-12 about personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology, and consumer rights and responsibilities. The Hawai'i LifeSmarts program is locally sponsored by the DCCA Business Registration Division and Insurance Division, in partnership with HCUL, and is run by the National Consumers League.

Team Members : Jiaorong (Michelle) He, Zhoulin Chen, Leila Florendo, Aileen Kong and Kouki Oda.

Lottery for Geographic Exemptions for School Year 2025 – 2026

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

Lottery will take place on the first Friday in April

Please mail completed applications with a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to:

Kalani High School
4680 Kalaniana'ole Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

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

STUDENT SECTION

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>

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2025-2026 academic year is OPEN.

WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO NOW TO PREPARE

Prior-Prior Year (PPY) Tax Information: The 2025-2026 FAFSA will use 2023 tax information for you and your families to determine eligibility for federal student aid. You should ensure that this information is completed and accessible. All students and parents contributing to the FAFSA will need a FSA ID. If you don't already have one, you will need to create an account.

FAFSA HELP FOR FAMILIES COMPLETING THE FORM

VIRTUAL WEBINARS: Please check out the weekly FAFSA webinars hosted by P-20.

Register here: <https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/upcoming-events/>

EMAIL OR CALL: Hawai'i FAFSA Assistance through P-20 Call (808) 842-2540 or email FAFSA@Hawaii.edu Email or call to receive a response within 24 hours from a local financial aid expert. These resources are free and available to all students, regardless of where you plan to attend college!

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)

Kalani High School Students matriculating to Japan Universities
***indicates verification from university of enrollment**

Class of 2017

Asia Pacific University : Hitomi Sakate
Juntendo University : Kai Fujii*
Waseda University : Masanari Mitsui*

Class of 2018

Institute of Technologists - Monotsukuri Daigaku : Ichika Sonoda
International Christian University : Takumi Taira
Meiji Gakuin : Momo Tsuyuki and Ann Tsuyuki
Sophia University : Lilika Kobayashi

Class of 2019

Keio University : Ayumu Kodama*

Class of 2020

Nihon University : Chihiro Kiyonaga* and Kento Yokoyama*
Osaka University : Rei Naiki*
Ryukyu University : Miu Tolero*
Sophia University : Tokio Hamamoto* and Jake Lee*
Temple University : Marisa Asato*
Toyo University : Yuito Mori*

Class of 2021

Fukushima Medical University : Yuki Ohashi*
Keio University : Jennifer Kaneda*
Obirin University : Sumire Tachihara
Rikkyo University : Rayne Duhaylonsod
Sophia University : Ririi Kikuchi* and Moka Sato

Class of 2022

International Christian University : Riena Choy*
Sophia University : Usaburo Mendenhall* and Maoli Tanaka
Doshisha University : Kylie Yoshioka
Ritsumeikan University : Yuto Yamamoto
Tokyo International University : Takumi Hayashi

Class of 2023

Sophia University : Conrad Del Rosario* - Kyo Homma* and Jin Niiyama*
Rikkyo University : Isa Taylor*
Waseda University : Zachary Hayashi

Class of 2024

Sophia University : Kyle Haubner* and Ryo Naiki*
Keio University : Koa Okano* and Leon Tsuboi*
Temple : Shinsei May - Ayshya Goings - Natalia Tangonan and Alicia Tangonan
Tokyo University of Agriculture : Kosei Kikuchi
Ritsumeikan University : Shuto Kawahara
Waseda University : Risa Ozawa* (also accepted to ICU)

Class of 2025

Early grads (Class of 2025) applying for Spring 2025/Fall 2025: Kokoa Murotani, Kosei Kikuchi
Rikkyo University (accepted to partnership program) : Shea Brown and Alex Chan
Sophia University (accepted to partnership program) : Koa Close and Xander Okata

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

Visited Korea July 14-21 2024 – Hosting in January 2025
Hosted in August 2024– Visited Hiroshima in January 2025
Host in March 2025 – Travel to Hokkaido in July 2025
Hosted in January 2025 – Travel in March 2025
Visited Kyoto Nov. 2024 – Will hosted in July 2025
Will host in September 2025
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**

Congratulations

- **Kalani High School : Hawaii School of Democracy**
- **Kalani High School : Science Olympiad – 3rd Place**
See February 7, 2025 Parent Bulletin for Awardees
- **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**
- **Jiaorong He, Zhoulin Chen, Leila Florendo, Aileen Kong and Kouki Oda : LifeSmarts State Qualifier**
 - **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
 - **NCWIT Aspirations in Computing High School 2024 Awardees**

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

Sydney Melemai : 2024 Hawaii Honorable Mention Latasha Hui : 2024 Hawaii Rising Star

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

The Stylus: Jasmine Spurling, Yijia Wang & Taylor Shimamura - REACH Challenge Finalists

Da Car Maid: Airi Choi, Yuna Otsuka & Rui Han - REACH Challenge Semi-Finalists

The Carb Enabler: Kalea Maglidt & Nadine Laposi - REACH Challenge Semi-Finalists

- **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

2024 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

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. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Speak Now App

The Speak Now HIDEO app provides another avenue for students to report bullying incidents on campus — digitally and anonymously, if they choose — to appropriate school personnel. The app was made available to our middle schools on Jan. 31, 2019 as a first phase, high schools in September 2019, and elementary schools on March 1, 2022. Speak Now HIDEO 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-HIDEO.aspx>

ATHLETICS

Congratulations Alumni

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

Keoni Thiim, Volleyball, Brigham Young: Put down 17 kills in a 3-2 win over Concordia Irvine, tying his season high with five aces one day after being limited to four kills on 14 swings in a 3-1 win over the Golden Eagles.

Great Aloha Run – Kalani teacher in her age division : 3rd Brooke Nasser 1:06:58

Great Aloha Run – Kalani Alumni Age 70-74: 1st John Wat 1:07:18.

Congratulations

OIA Boys Junior Varsity Swimming and Diving Champions

OIA Girls Junior Varsity Tennis Champions

Keira Oba - Sydney Lin - Binta Sawo Mattes - Cameryn Credo - Breydi Nuipe - Jasmine Uyesono - Eunice Kim - Haley Smith

Eastern Division Girls Swimming and Diving Champions

Eastern Division Boys Varsity Soccer Champions

Eastern Division Boys Varsity Wrestling Champions

Eastern Division Boys Junior Varsity Soccer Champions

Eastern Division Boys Junior Varsity Baseball Champions

Winter Season Completed

Boys Basketball Eastern Division 5th Place

Girls Basketball Eastern Division 4th Place

Boys Soccer Eastern Division Champions

Boys Soccer JV Eastern Division Champions

OIA Junior Varsity Boys Soccer Runner-up

Girls Soccer Eastern Division 5th Place

Girls Tennis JV Eastern Division

OIA Champions

Baseball JV Eastern Division Champions

Paddling - pending

Wrestling

January 28 JV results TBD

February 7 Eastern Division

February 14 OIA Championship

February 21 HHSAA

Swimming and Diving

Kalani / Dorothy Aki Invitational Swim Meet Results pending

OIA Results pending

HHSAA Results pending

Grade Check Dates

Monday, March 3, 2025

Friday, March 14, 2025 End of 3rd Quarter

Friday, April 4, 2025

Monday, April 21, 2025

Monday, May 5, 2025

Monday, May 19, 2025 End of 4th 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.

Department of Education requirements for athletic participation:

- Current Department of Education Athletic Physical
- Department of Education Consent and Assumption of Risk form per sport. (1 sport per form)
- Concussion Management Student Consent
- Need a physical? We encourage you to take your child to their regular doctor. Those who want a physical quicker please contact your nearby Urgent Care facility to inquire about walk-in physical appointments. (Fee may be charged). Don't forget to download and take the physical form with you.

Kalani High School requirements for athletic participation:

- Completion and submission of Athletic Registration - New to Kalani? Create a new account and remember your password. Returnees log in with their password.
- Sign up and try out for a team.
- Once selected to a team, student-athlete will pay the \$80.00 ASET Fee

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Toby Yamashiro, Title VII
Nicole Isa-Iijima, Title IX
Krysti Sukita, ADA/504

Inquiries concerning discrimination and/or harassment may also be referred to the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education.