

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (02/28/2025)

KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Sunday, March 2 | Las Vegas Raiders Talent ID Flag Football Clinic @ Kalani |
| 2) Sunday, March 16 | Junior Prom |
| 3) Wednesday, March 26 | Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day |
| 4) Friday, April 18 | Holiday : Good Friday |
| 5) Monday, May 26 | Holiday : Memorial Day |
| 6) Sunday, May 18 | Senior Prom |
| 7) Wednesday, May 21 | Confirmed : Graduation |
| 8) 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>

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS – What a weekend

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

Kalani High School won their regional competition for the 2025 National Science Bowl® (NSB) last weekend and will compete in the NSB National Finals this spring. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), who sponsors the NSB, announced today. “Every year this ‘competition like no other’ brings together some of the most remarkable and inspiring students from across America. The NSB brings together thousands of middle and high school students from across the country to compete in a fast-paced question-and-answer format where they solve technical problems and answer questions on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth and space sciences, physics, and math.

Today, the NSB annually draws more than 10,000 middle and high school competitors. Since the first competition in 1991, approximately 344,000 students have faced off in the National Science Bowl® Finals. The knowledge that former competitors have acquired and, more importantly, the collaborative skills and study habits that they learned along the way have led them to successes in a variety of fields. Many have become researchers; others are science and math professors. The 2025 competitors will follow in the footsteps of previous National Science Bowl® contestants and will blaze a trail for students in science, math, and engineering. DOE’s Office of Science is the single largest supporter of basic research in the physical sciences in the United States and is working to address some of the most pressing challenges of our time.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Science Bowl® is a nationwide academic competition that tests students’ knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics. Middle and high school student teams from diverse backgrounds are comprised of four students, one alternate, and a teacher who serves as an advisor and coach.

Also competing : Kalani Team 2 - Nelson Wong Nadine Laposi Ivan Tse Grace Won Xinyue Yu

Congratulations **HHSAA (State) Wrestling Champion** *Koan Hotema*

More student recognition

Congratulations

Urban Land Institute Hawaii

Brian Sakamoto Justin Pellett Mason Nagata Jiaorong (Michelle) He Chaz Wada
Teacher - Shaun Mitsuda

Congratulations to Kalani's Urban Plan team for delivering a unique real estate redevelopment proposal in this year's state final which was won by a team from Iolani. Our team provided unique design ideas and strong reasoning for their design proposal. Although we did not win, unofficially, their proposal was one of the two that were considered for the win.

Mahalo also to Kenny Okawa and Chase Sumida for assisting in the preparation of the team for the state competition.

Congratulations

Kalani LifeSmarts Team 5.1

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

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

Students completed individual assessment tests prior to the state competition, then tested their team skills through a “speed smarts” activity and gameshow-style buzzer rounds at the in-person state competition. 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.

Congratulations

Honolulu District Science Fair

**Sponsored by the Hawaii Academy of Science
Senior (high school) Division**

The following students received callbacks to share their projects (top 6 in the district)

Leilani Phan Mirah Levine Sydney Melemai Luka Milincic

The Hawai'i Academy of Science (HAS) is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1925. The vision of the Academy is to promote scientific research & education in Hawai'i and the Pacific Rim. The Academy is particularly interested in developing and executing programs and experiences for the science and learning communities. Our projects include the Hawai'i State Science and Engineering Fair (HSSEF), The Hawaii and Pacific Junior Science & Humanities Symposium (Hawaii JSHS), Science Cafe and the support of Statewide STEM Programs.

Congratulations

Sydney Melemai

Sydney Melemai was selected to receive the *Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award!* She will be presented with a \$500 cash award sponsored by Soroptimist International of Waikiki Foundation, Inc. in recognition of her commitment to making the community and world a better place through her leadership and volunteer efforts.

Sydney will receive her award at the Soroptimist Awards Reception which will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at the Prince Waikiki, Pi'inaio Ballroom. Three of the Oahu Soroptimist clubs (Honolulu, Central Oahu and Waikiki) will be hosting our annual awards reception where all of the award winners from our three clubs will be recognized.

Congratulations

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
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 (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

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**

Posters will be on display at Kahala Mall.

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. *Melody Ferguson - Dean of Admission*

Congratulations

Mia Doma

Global Innovation Race Conference

Congratulations to freshman Mia Doma. She was selected by Complex Area Superintendent Rochelle Mahoe to attend the Global Innovation Race Conference at the University of California, Berkeley this summer. Only one student is selected per complex area and Mia will be representing the Farrington-Kaiser-Kalani Complex Area. In partnership with schools, school districts, and international foundations, GIR brings together a diverse group from more than 10 countries, promoting global collaboration and empowering the next generation to thrive in a world driven by AI. 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

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.

Congratulations

Zhoulin Chen

Zhoulin was selected as the top scholarship recipient for the Rotary Club of Kahala Sunrise

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	2nd Place
Behavioral Health	Hana Sonoda (2nd 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 (2nd 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**

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 Pellet**

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 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**



Future Farmers of America (FFA)

Career Development Events (CDE).

Congratulations to the following students

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

Congratulations

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

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.**

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>

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:

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

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

More information forthcoming

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 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!

Are you interested in studying in Japan for college?

Pick up an activity pass from the College & Career Center in the library for our workshop on March 6 @ advisory to learn more!

Learn about...

- Kalani High School's partnerships with Rikkkyo and Sophia University
- English taught programs in Japan
- What Japanese colleges and universities look for in an applicant
- Other ways to study in Japan

Guest presenters include:

Meikai University (English taught Global Management degree with industry partners in hotels & airlines in the Tokyo/Urayasu area)

Nagoya University of Commerce & Business (English taught Business degree, accredited by AACSB same as UH Manoa)

Other Colleges Visits:

Date	College	Time	Location
March 03	Whittier College (Whittier, CA)	1:30pm-2:00pm	Library
March 04	University of Redlands (Redlands, CA)	10:00am - 10:30am	Library
March 06	Study in Japan: Meikai University (Urayasu) & NUCB (Nagoya)	10:47am - 12:07pm	Library
March 14	University of Northern Colorado (Greeley, CO)	9:00am-9:30am	Library
April 01	Washington State University Pullman, Washington	11:00am - 11:30am	Library
April 04	Colorado Mesa University Grand Junction, Colorado	9:00am -9:30/9:45am	Library

Spring Hawaii Association for College Admission Counseling College Fairs Featuring 50+ colleges:

March 8 @ LCC 2:00-3:30 pm

March 9 @ UH Manoa 11:00am-1:00pm

<https://hawaiiacac.org/college-fairs/>

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)

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 HIDOE 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 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>

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 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

ATHLETICS

Congratulations Alumni

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

Kara Kaneshiro, Golf, Colorado State: Led the Rams with a sixth-place finish at the Westbrook Invitational, finishing 8 under par for three rounds. It was her third top-10 finish this season and she finished ahead of four women who are ranked in the top 100.

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 Nuibe - 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

Eastern Division Girls Junior Varsity Tennis 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	
Swimming and Diving	Eastern Division Champions (Girls)	OIA Champions Junior Varsity Boys
Wrestling	Eastern Division Champions	
Paddling - pending		

Wrestling Results forthcoming

Swimming and Diving Results forthcoming

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.

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Aaron Oandasan, Title VI
Toby Yamashiro, Title VII
Nicole Isa-Iijima, Title IX
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Annual Notice of Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Statement

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. This requirement extends to all of the Department's programs and activities, including employment and admissions as applicable. If you have difficulty understanding English, you have the right to receive language assistance at no cost to you. Please contact your school's principal for more information. For the Department high schools that offer Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs of Study in arts and communications, business, health services, industrial and engineering technology, natural resources, and public and human services, there are no admission criteria. Department high schools will take steps to assure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in CTE programs and will provide equal access to designated youth groups. The Department does not tolerate acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Any student who believes that he or she has been subjected to harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion is encouraged to report such harassment. Students and parents may report allegations of discrimination or harassment to the school's administrator or to the Department's Civil Rights Compliance Branch at the address listed below. The Department is committed to conducting prompt investigations. Support, including counseling and educational resources, will be available to students who are harassed as well as to students found to have engaged in acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Students found to have engaged in harassment may be disciplined up to and including suspension if circumstances warrant. Students, parents, and Department staff should work together to prevent harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. The Department will not tolerate retaliation for reporting discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report the discrimination or harassment. Please direct inquiries regarding Department nondiscrimination policies to:

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