

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (03/07/2025)

KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Sunday, March 16 | Junior Prom |
| 2) Wednesday, March 26 | Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day |
| 3) Friday, April 18 | Holiday : Good Friday |
| 4) Monday, May 26 | Holiday : Memorial Day |
| 5) Sunday, May 18 | Senior Prom |
| 6) Wednesday, May 21 | Confirmed : Graduation |
| 7) 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=5MPVjhw2yDM>

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations

35th Annual Physics Olympics

This past Saturday, 2 teams of engineering/physics students from Kalani competed in the 35th Annual Physics Olympics held at Kapiolani Community College and hosted by the University of Hawaii.

Both teams excelled in the competition against teams from Iolani, Kamehameha, Kaiser, HBA, and other schools.

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*

Several of the Kalani students also participated in the 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.

Go Falcons!

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

Liz Oguriyama (early grad) on her acceptance to Rikkyo University

Congratulations

Honolulu District Science Fair Sponsored by the Hawaii Academy of Science Senior (high school) Division

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.

Best in Category:

Engineering Technology: Statics & Dynamics (ETSD)

Stationary Radar: Cross Section Tracking While Searching VR Override Tracking HVB - *Man Fung Zhuo*

Microbiology (MCRO)

Analyzing the Effect of Preservatives on Microbial Growth in Expired & Unexpired Makeup Cosmetics - *Mirah Levine*

Physics & Astronomy (PHYS)

Interferometer Use in Earthquake Detection - *Luka Milincic*

Systems Software (SOFT)

Rover Exploration Using Data Processing to Identify Optimal Location on Mars - *Kristalyn Lee*

Special Awards:

Association for Women Geoscientists:

Rover Exploration Using Data Processing to Identify Optimal Location on Mars - *Kristalyn Lee*

NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:

Study of Aiptasia for Heavy Metal Decontamination in Oahu South Shores - *Leilani Phan*

USAID - United States Agency International Development:

Wai 'Ola - *Sydnie Melemai*

United States Air Force:

Analysis of Astronomical Software's Predictions of C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) - *Robert Haak*

Advancing to States:

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

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

May 10 – 16 in Columbus, Ohio

2nd Place (Silver Medalist) - *Leilani Phan*

3rd Place (Bronze Medalist) - *Mirah Levine*

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
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
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 in 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
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)

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>

Potential Student Misconduct

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

Speak Now App

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

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

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

Lottery for Geographic Exemptions for School Year 2025 – 2026

From January 1, 2025 to March 1, 2025, Kalani High School 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!

Other Colleges Visits:

Date	College	Time	Location
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)

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) : Liz Oguriyama, 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

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

Chengdu Debate Competition – **Visited China Nov. 2024**
Jeju International Youth Forum – **Visited Korea Nov. 2024**
Hainan/Beijing Cultural Exchange Trip – **Visited China Dec. 2024**

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)

Teal Matsueda, Golf, Boise State: Slipped to 21st place at the UNF Collegiate, shooting par in the second round after being 6-over in the first and slipping to a 78 with three birdies in the third round. It was her first top 25 finish since October.

Emily Paulino, Wrestling, Midland: Earned runner-up honors in the Great Plains Athletic Conference Championships in the 124-pound class, falling to top-ranked Cristelle Rodriguez of Doane 11-0 in the final. She got there with a 37-second pin in her first match and a 9-1 victory in the second.

Congratulations Winter Sports

*HHSAA (State) Wrestling Champion - Koan Hotema
OIA Boys Junior Varsity Swimming and Diving Champions
OIA Girls Junior Varsity Tennis Champions
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*

Spring Sports

Tennis

Boys : Kalani def McKinley 5-0

1st Singles (KLN) Eric Topacio def. (MCK) Jesse Song 6-1 6-2

2nd Singles (KLN) Kai Tatemori def. (MCK) Ryan He 6-0 6-1

1st Doubles (KLN) Noah Pak/Ryuki Tatemori def. (MCK) Tiger Le/Chris Tam 6-2 6-0

2nd Doubles DEFAULT (KLN) def. (MCK)

3rd Doubles (KLN) Brayden Belaras/Tomohiro Yamada def. Gabriel Gaditano/Sebastian Wilson 6-0 6-0

Girls : Kalani def McKinley 5-0

1st Singles DEFAULT (KLN) def. (MCK)

2nd Singles DEFAULT (KLN) def. (MCK)

1st Doubles (KLN) Kylie Oba/Brielle Rola def. (MCK) Hunter Visitacion/Jade Racasa 6-0 6-3

2nd Doubles (KLN) Tracy Kha/Sydney Lin def. (MCK) Katherine Tu/Ahn Ly 6-2 6-0

3rd Doubles DEFAULT (KLN) def. (MCK)

Kalani @ Kalaheo

March 8

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4th Sora Kishida 66
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12th Rylee Hara-Shimabuku 78
18th Sakura Ramirez 85
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10th Rylee Hara-Shimabuku 80
11th Ashlyn Yorimoto 83
19th Jinie Ho 93

6th Isaac Kim 75
14th Zachary Tam 79
14th Brady Kubo 79
18th Parker Smith 81
42nd Koa Tseng 92
47th Wei Ma 93

14th Parker Smith 83
25th Zachary Tam 88
35th Wei Ma 92
40th Brady Kubo 94
43rd Isaac Kim 97
50th Koa Tseng 100

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