

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (10/31/2025)

KALANI High School

Where the Winds of Knowledge Carry You to a Brighter Future

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

- 1) Tuesday, November 11 Holiday – Veterans’ Day
- 2) Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving
- 3) Friday, November 28 No School
- 4) Friday, December 19 End of 1st Semester
- 5) Thursday, December 25 Christmas
- 6) Monday, January 5 No Students – Teacher Work Day
- 7) Monday, January 19 Holiday – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 8) Monday, February 16 Holiday – Presidents’ Day
- 9) Friday, March 13 End of 3rd Quarter
- 10) Sunday, March 15 Junior Prom – Koolau Ballroom
- 11) Thursday, March 26 Holiday – Kuhio Day
- 12) Friday, April 3 Holiday – Good Friday
- 13) Monday, May 25 Holiday – Memorial Day
- 14) Thursday, May 28 Last Day for Students – End of 2nd Semester
- 15) Friday, May 29 Last Day for Teachers

No Confirmed Graduation Date
Waiting for Stan Sherrif Center

December 22 – January 2 : Winter Break
March 16 – 20 : 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=5MPVjlv2vDM>

Chengdu Debate Challenge

The China (Chengdu) U.S. Sister Cities Youth Debate Challenge was launched in 2016 in an effort to enhance the friendship and partnership between Chengdu and its U.S. sister cities (Honolulu). Bryce Hara and Anson Li will be representing Kalani High School from November 17-24. Chaperone : Mr. Melemai

Jeju International Youth Forum

Kalani has once again been selected to participate in Jeju International Youth Forum to be held from October 26 to November 1, 2025. The forum introduces a variety of topics that allow for student leaders from all over the world to discuss solutions and ways to improve their respective countries. Students problem solve solutions to real-life problems. Chaperone : Ms. Kaneko Students : Tamar McMillan-Zilberman + Mirah Levine + Qian Chen + Jeannie Kim

Japan Super Science Fair

Kalani is once again participating in the Japan Super Science Fair, held from November 1-5, in Kyoto, Japan. The fair aims to cultivate scientific thinking, promote learning across different subjects and cultures, and create friendships through curiosity and discovery. This year, participants will also have the chance not only to use the school facilities but they will also visit the new STEAM Fab Labs on campus.
Rodrigo Del Carpio Sydnie Melemai Ivan Tse Sara Lau Miki Okata
Chaperones : Ms. Hamasaki and Mr. Okawa

Kalani Marching Band

The award winning Kalani Falcon Marching Band will be participating in the following Marching Band Competitions

Kamehameha Tournament of Bands	November 1, 2025 5:30pm
Rainbow Invitational	November 11, 2025 4:30pm
Mililani High School Trojan Bandfest	November 15, 2025 6:00pm

Tutor.com:

Parents, please remind your sons/daughters that if they need help with ANY of their classes, help is available! Tutor.com is a free tutoring resource for all Kalani High School students! Students log in using their Clever credentials. Over 4,000 tutors are available to help in over 250 subjects, for FREE, 24/7. These tutors are LIVE PEOPLE! NOT Artificial Intelligence! There is also standardized test preparation assistance. See your counselor if you would like more information

Traffic Safety

Just because you see them doesn't mean that they see you.

Be careful when crossing any street on or off campus. Oftentimes, parents are looking at their phone or waving to their child and they might not see you if you are crossing in front of their car.

STUDENT SECTION

Clubs / Sports

Laulea – Ms. Yagi
Anime Club – Ms. Miyashiro
Book Club – Ms. Miyashiro
Spanish Club – Ms. Rivette
Health Occupations Students of America – Mr. A. Kimura
Center for Tomorrow's Leader – Mr. Iwanaga
Ceramics Club – Ms. Berezni
Chinese Club – Ms. Young Chan
DECA – Ms. Potterton
The Health and Fitness Club – Mr. Melemai
LEO Club – connected with Lions Club (Ms. Kaneko / Mr. Lee):
Model United Nations Club – Mr. Melemai
Key Club – Ms. Takayesu
National Honor Society (NHS) – Dr. Ida
Computer Science/Technology and Service Club – Dr. Ida
Oahu Math League (OML) – Dr. Ida
FFA – Ms. Doran
Hawaii Aspiring Aerospace Engineers Academy – Ms. Sato
Japan Club – Ms. Klein
CORE Club – Ms. Kaaua

Project Grad 2026

Kimber Kahanu- kalanipg25@gmail.com. [KPG 2026 Parent Letter.pdf](#)

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
Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School - Kyoto
Osaka Gakuin University / High School
Bihoku High School – Nagoya

Osaka Gakuin University Summer Bridge Program
Chengdu Debate Competition Jeju International Youth Forum
Hainan/Beijing Cultural Exchange Trip

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>

College Admission Counselor Visits

During these meetings, you will meet the college admission counselor for Hawaii applicants, learn more about the school, programs and majors offered, the application procedures and requirements, and have a chance to ask questions. Students need to sign up using their SCOIR account. Open to Kalani students grades 9-11.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iz2tLh8e6InR8oa5Za8tLL0Z0q0G6xBqWR15wQnXCM/edit?usp=sharing>

FAFSA Financial Aid Webinars

Sign up for virtual webinars occurring every Wednesday through Hawaii P-20 to learn more about financial aid. Open to all students and families. <https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/Upcoming-Events/>

College Visits

Pick up an activity pass from the College and Career Center in the Library
Ask your teacher for approval (sign up for NO more than 3 visits for the same class period)
Students who have off campus during a college visit do not need a pass to attend

ATHLETICS

Congratulations

OIA Junior Varsity Champions : Girls Crosscountry
OIA Eastern Division Junior Varsity Champions : Girls Crosscountry

Congratulations

OIA Eastern Division Champions : Girls Soft-Tennis
OIA Runner-up

Congratulations

OIA Eastern Division Champions : Girls Air Riflery
OIA Runner-up

Congratulations

OIA Runner-up : Boys Air Riflery

Congratulations

OIA Runner-up : Girls Bowling
OIA Eastern Division Champions : Girls Bowling

WINTER SPORTS PARENT MEETINGS

The DOE requires that **at least one parent/guardian attend a Sports Parent Meeting once per school year.**

- If you attended a Parent Meeting in the fall, you do not need to attend another one.
- Some teams may hold a **team-specific breakout meeting** immediately after the Parent Meeting. Please confirm the schedule with your coach.

Meeting Dates (All at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria):

- **November 3:** Girls Soccer & JV Girls Tennis
- **November 10:** Paddling, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer
- **November 17:** Boys Basketball, Swimming & Diving, JV Baseball
- **November 24:** Wrestling

One-time ball girl, Miyasaki finds her role with the Wahine

Jaci Miyasaki admitted she was “terrified” during her first Hawaii women’s volleyball practice. Associate coach Kaleo Baxter laughed when he was asked if he recalled her first session in the gym after the season had already begun. “I remember telling (head coach) Robyn (Ah Mow) and (assistant coach) Nick (Costello) that her forearms were katsu because she hadn’t passed a ball in so long,” Baxter said. “Her forearms were beat red and it lasted for a couple more practices.”

A season when every player has been asked to do more than originally expected includes someone who started classes at UH without even planning on playing volleyball. Miyasaki, a 5-foot-2 defensive specialist from Kalani High School, was lightly recruited by the UH coaches, and they thought she ended up attending a different school. After classes had started they found out she was at UH. They reached out to see if she wanted to play.

“My mom knows someone who works in the athletic department, and I guess they just told the coaches about me and there was a manager position open, so I was recommended,” Miyasaki said. “But then they were like, ‘I know her.’” She estimated it was more than a month since she had touched a volleyball when she came out for her first practice. By the following weekend, her number was called to make her UH debut against Portland in the last nonconference home match before the start of Big West play.

In the six weeks since, Miyasaki has played in every match. She had six digs and the first three aces of her career in Saturday’s sweep of Cal State Fullerton to help Hawaii remain tied with UC Irvine for sixth place in the conference entering this week’s road trip. The Rainbow Wahine (8-13, 4-6) take on league-leading UC Davis (14-5, 10-1) today before playing at UC Riverside (7-13, 3-8) on Saturday.

Hawaii will have played six of its nine October matches on the road. For Miyasaki, it has all happened quickly, but she is now comfortable in her role as an important passer off the bench to help get the UH offense going. “I still get the nerves, I will not lie, but once I am on the court, everything clicks in and I am just here to play volleyball,” Miyasaki said. “I was little and I would sit in the stands and I was a ball girl and (now) just stepping onto the court and seeing the cheerleaders, the band, and the fans, it’s just amazing and I never really thought that would come true.”

Hawaii has won two of its last three matches and is fighting to qualify for the six-team Big West Conference tournament during Thanksgiving weekend in Long Beach, Calif. UH took the Aggies to four sets in a match earlier this season at home after beating the Highlanders in five sets. UC Davis had a 10-match winning streak snapped on Saturday at Cal Poly, which has not lost a home match this season. “It’s been a grind these last three weeks,” Baxter said. “I think we just need to take care of the ball when it is on our side of the net. We can disrupt them behind the service line as much as we can when we make our serves, and it’s about what our block defense is doing and what we’re doing with that first ball contact.” UH is 34-1 all-time against UC Riverside with the lone loss coming last season on the road.

Crosscountry

Eastern Division Varsity (Top 20)

7 th Ashlyn Wang	13 th Tricia Tengan	15 th Ella Kimura	16 th Jerney Martin	18 th Anela Ohelo
5 th Seita Takinishi	8 th Rui Imai	11 th Oscar Richardson	12 th Jisang Kang	20 th Hayden Bishop

Team : Girls 3rd ----- Boys 2nd

OIA Varsity (Top 20)

15 th Ashlyn Wang	14 th Rui Imai
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Team : Girls 6th ----- Boys 6th

Saturday, November 1

HHSAA

@ CORP

Air Riflery

OIA Eastern Division
Girls – 1st Place Boys – 3rd Place

OIA Championship
Girls – 1st Place Boys – 3rd Place

Soft-Tennis - Season Completed

East Individual : Girls 1st Place : Lexi Duldulao and Sydney LinBoys 4th Place : Connor Lin and Tyka Ching
 OIA Individual Championships : Girls 3rd Place : Lexi Duldulao and Sydney Lin
 Team :Eastern Division : Girls 1st Place OIA Championship : Girls 2nd Place
 1st Team All-Stars : Lexi Duldulao Sydney Lin Conner Lin Tyka Ching
 2nd Team All-Stars : Isabella Lee Haley Smith Jasmine Uyesono Breydi Nuibe
 Player of Year: Lexi Duldulao

Cheer

Eastern Division – 6th Place (Qualified for OIA Championships)
 Saturday, October 25 OIA @ Radford
 HHSAA TBD

Bowling

OIA Individual and Team Championships @ K-Bay
Girls Team Championship (OIA Runner-Up)
Girl's Individual Championship (top 30)
 Kaori Shimamoto (7th Place) Peyton Fujiwara (10th Place) Lily Kidd (17th Place)
 Hunter Yamamoto (21st Place) Tien Saiki (28th Place) Jessica Lee (29th Place)
Boy's Individual Championship (top 30)
 Rylan Gubatan (30th Place)

HHSAA @ Schofield

Football – Season Completed ----- 6th Place
Volleyball – Season Completed ----- East 6th Place
JV Softball – Season Completed ----- East 2nd Place

SPORTS OFFERINGS 2025-26

JV = junior varsity, V = Varsity, B = Boys, G = Girls

FALL

B/G AIR RIFLE (V)
 B/G BOWLING (V)
 B/G CHEER (JV/V) SIDELINE/COMPETITION
 B/G CROSS-COUNTRY (JV/V)
 FOOTBALL (JV/V)
 G SOFTBALL (JV)
 B/G SOFT TENNIS (V)
 G VOLLEYBALL (JV/White/V)

WINTER

Boys BASEBALL (JV)
 B/G BASKETBALL (JV/V)
 B/G PADDLING (JV/V/COED)
 B/G SOCCER (JV/V)
 B/G SWIMMING & DIVING(JV/V)
 G TENNIS (JV)
 B/G WRESTLING (JV/V)

SPRING

BASEBALL (V)
 B/G GOLF (V)
 B/G JUDO (JV/V)
 G SOFTBALL (V)
 B/G TENNIS (V)
 B VOLLEYBALL (JV/V)
 G WATER POLO (V)
 G FLAG FOOTBALL (V)

WINTER SPORTS

SPORT	COACH	EMAIL
JV Baseball	Chase Sumida	vbaseball@kalanihs.org
Boys Basketball	George Weeks	bbasketball@kalanihs.org
Girls Basketball	Tyler Tsukazaki	gbasketball@kalanihs.org
Paddling	Keanu Sanford	paddling@kalanihs.org
Boys Soccer	Jaymes Barlos	bsoccer@kalanihs.org
Girls Soccer	Jillian Okamoto	gsoccer@kalanihs.org
Swimming & Diving	Sherri Ann Barret/Victoria Ruelas	Swimming@kalanihs.org
JV Girls Tennis	Shaun Miyata	vtennis@kalanihs.org
Wrestling	Racer Moody	wrestling@kalanihs.org

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

Athletic Supply, Equipment & Transportation (ASET) \$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 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.

The **ASET Fee** is charged once per school year for the first sport a student plays.

- If your child played a fall sport this year, you won't need to make any additional payment.
- Payment is made **online through GoFans** once your child is selected for a team.
- We no longer accept in-person payments.
- A small transaction fee applies.
- A payment link will be sent when it is time to pay.

Continuous Notice

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HSDOE) and its schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion in its programs and activities. Please direct inquiries regarding Department nondiscrimination policies as follows:

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Beth Schimmelfinnig, Director
Rhonda Wong, Compliance
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Toby Yamashiro, Title VII
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Krysti Sukita, ADA/504

AHERA

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, 40 CFR Part 763. It requires all primary and secondary school buildings to be inspected by AHERA accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos-containing building materials. The rule further requires the development of a management plan by an AHERA accredited management planner that is based on the findings of the inspection. The management plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school. In February 2001, Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-502 was adopted by the Hawaii State Legislature. These rules essentially mirror the requirements of the AHERA regulations. In both cases, the rule requires our school to notify parents, teachers, and employees of the presence and status of asbestos containing material in our school buildings.

The initial inspection of our school was conducted in 1958 and identifies some asbestos-containing materials. Since that time, we continue to conduct periodic surveillances and triennial re-inspections to ensure that the asbestos-containing materials remain in good condition and do not pose a hazard to our students and staff. An asbestos management plan was drafted based on our initial inspection and submitted to the Hawaii State Department of Health. It outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the material in a safe manner. The management plan is updated regularly as asbestos is removed or conditions change. A copy of the management plan is on file in the administrative office and is available for your review during our regular school hours. Should you have any questions, please call the school at 808-305-0500.

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.

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US News 2025 Best High Schools

Kalani High School is ranked first within Hawaii (non-charter public schools).

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/hawaii>

Congratulations

National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalist
Ivan Tse

On September 10, 2025, officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of the more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 71st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,930 National Merit Scholarships worth \$26 million that will be offered next spring. In October 2024, Ivan took the PSAT/National Merit Qualifying Test and met the requirements to enter the 2026 NM Scholarship Program. He is one of 10 Hawaii public school students recognized.

National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student
Bryce Hara Jayden Tran

On September 11, 2025, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation released the names of approximately 34,000 Commended Students based on a national selection score of 210. These students are also being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. *“Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success. These students are vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation, and we hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities.*

Model UN Conference
Punahou Competition

Best Delegate Winners: Ivan Tse Morgan Lenoir Ryder Goto

Outstanding Delegate Winners: Mirah Levine

Verbal Accommodation Winners: Leala Florendo David Summers Bryce Hara

David Lenoir
All-American Model United Nations Travel Team