

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (01/02/2025)

KALANI High School

Where the Winds of Knowledge Carry You to a Brighter Future

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Friday, December 19 | End of 1 st Semester |
| 2) Monday, January 5 | No Students – Teacher Work Day |
| 3) Tuesday, January 6 | First Day of Second Semester (odd schedule) |
| 4) Monday, January 19 | Holiday – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| 5) Friday, February 6 | Planning and Collaboration Day – no students |
| 6) Sunday, February 15 | Freshmen/Sophomore Banquet @ Ala Moana Hotel 5:00pm – 9:00pm |
| 7) Monday, February 16 | Holiday – Presidents’ Day |
| 8) Friday, March 13 | End of 3 rd Quarter |
| 9) Sunday, March 15 | Junior Prom – Koolau Ballroom |
| 10) Thursday, March 26 | Holiday – Kuhio Day |
| 11) Friday, April 3 | Holiday – Good Friday |
| 12) Wednesday, May 13 | Senior Awards Night @ Moanalua High School Auditorium |
| 13) Wednesday, May 20 | Graduation at the Stan Sherrif Center - confirmed |
| 14) Monday, May 25 | Holiday – Memorial Day |
| 15) Thursday, May 28 | Last Day for Students – End of 2 nd Semester |
| 16) Friday, May 29 | Last Day for Teachers |
- 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>

Welcome

CISL Vice-Principal – Kekoa Carvalho

Kekoa is assigned to Kalani High School for the month of January

Welcome St. Olaf College Teachers

Please welcome St. Olaf College teachers to Kalani. Every other January, education majors travel to Hawaii as a part of their degree program. The teachers will be assisting Kalani teachers in the classroom during the month of January.

Questbridge

**We are thrilled to introduce 7,026 Finalists for the 2025 National College Match
Awarded Full Scholarships to Top Colleges through QuestBridge
*Yijia Wang - Matched with Stanford University***

QuestBridge is proud to announce the results of the 2025 QuestBridge National College Match, a program that connects high-achieving high school seniors with full four-year scholarships to 50 of the nation’s best colleges. Out of over 20,800 applicants, QuestBridge selected 7,026 Finalists to be considered for the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship (Match Scholarship). “We are thrilled to welcome this historic number of QuestBridge Scholars,” said Ana Rowena Mallari, Co-Founder and CEO of QuestBridge. “These Scholars will bring a depth of thought and range of experiences to our college partner campuses that will surely enrich their new communities.”

Congratulations

Jeannie Kim

Boston College Nursing

Jennie Kim was an Early Decision student who got accepted to Boston College highly competitive Connell School of Nursing

Congratulations

Atona Chan

Congratulations to Atona Chan for being accepted by the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design. Rhode Island School of Design is a private college that was founded in 1877. Recent acceptance rates were between 17- 19% - a very difficult school to get into.

Congratulations

Reese Sekiya and Rodrigo Del Carpio

Reese Sekiya and Rodrigo Del Carpio (Juniors) are Dean's List Finalists for FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC). They are the only two from the state of Hawaii selected as Dean's List Finalists. They will be invited to attend FIRST World Championship in Houston April 29 to May3.

In an effort to recognize the leadership and dedication of *FIRST*'s most outstanding secondary school students, the Kamen family sponsors awards for selected 10th or 11th grade* students known as the *FIRST* Robotics Competition and the *FIRST* Tech Challenge *FIRST* Dean's List Award. Since its introduction in 2010, the *FIRST* Dean's List Award has attracted the attention of prestigious colleges and universities who desire to recruit *FIRST* Dean's List students. Each Finalist is a great example of student leaders who have led their Teams and communities to increased awareness for *FIRST* and its mission. These students have also achieved personal technical expertise and accomplishment. It is the intention of *FIRST* that these individuals will continue on as great leaders, student alumni, and advocates of *FIRST*.
FIRST Dean's List Winners – 10 students are selected from the applicable *FIRST* Dean's List Finalists at the *FIRST* Championship.

Congratulations

As of December 6, 2025, Kalani has 169 of our seniors were accepted to University of Hawaii, Manoa

Congratulations

Kalani 7.0 LifeSmarts Team

Congratulations to the Kalani's 7.0 LifeSmarts team. They had one of the highest scores in this year's online competition which placed them as one of the top 4 teams in the state. 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's Business Registration Division and Insurance Division, in partnership with HCUL, and is run by the National Consumers League.

Kalani will compete against the best teams in Hawaii at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center in the State LifeSmarts Championship. The team consists of Brandalyn Tran, Nicole Du, Michelle Kabasawa, Zachary Li and Cristian Matache.

Dual Credit Informational Meeting

Kalani will be hosting a virtual Kalani Dual Credit Informational meeting on **Thursday, January 8th, 2026 from 6-7:00pm**. General information of Kalani's Dual Credit Program will be shared as well as information for the 2026 Summer and Fall terms. If you are new to dual credit you will want to attend this meeting to hear how to apply for admissions to our college campus partners. See the login information below and we'll see you in January. Reach out to Mr. Zane in the Library if you have any questions.

Meeting link : meet.google.com/pxk-zzut-mtg
Join by phone : (US) [+1 432-827-0618](tel:+14328270618) PIN: 718254141

Congratulations

The Honolulu District Science and Engineering Fair Team concluded their reviews of all projects and informed Kalani High School that the following 10 projects will be competing in HonSEF 2026:

1. 3D Printed Biodegradable Skin Scaffolds Using Cross-linked Polymers to Predict Cell Regeneration
2. Aloha Red: *Hylocereus Costaricensis* and *Hibiscus Rosa-Sinensis* as Natural Colorant Alternatives to Red 40
3. A Toxic Tide: The Impact of Common Sunscreen Chemicals on Hawaiian *Ulva Fasciata*
4. Creating a Medical Device to Facilitate Greater Upper Mobility
5. Examining effectiveness of natural detector molecules in place of synthetic detector molecules
6. Examining the Effects of Sunscreens on *E. mathaei* and *T. gratilla* Embryos and Larvae
7. Exploring the Use of Hybrid Post-Quantum Key Exchange in TLS 1.3
8. Fused Deposition Modeling of Activated Carbon Fiber-Reinforced PLA Filters for Low-Cost Microplastic Removal
9. Infusing Wound Dressings with Plant Pigment to Monitor pH Levels
10. Study of EDTA Acid to Break Down Albumin Aggregates for Alzheimer's Disease Research

FIRST Tech Challenge FTC Robotics Congratulations Team Magma

Kalani had three teams competing in tournaments across the islands, including Kaua'i. It was a competitive season and we were required to improve our robots throughout the entire season. The Culminating District Tournament was held at Le Jardin Academy, with 31 teams participating. The top 20 competed to advance to the State Championship. All three of our teams successfully placed within the top 20. In addition to match play, teams participated in judged interviews. All three advanced to callback interviews, with only nine total slots available. At the State Championship, all three of our teams advanced to the finals - the only public school represented in the final lineup.

Our teams did not advance to the championship match but all three teams won major awards:
Connect, Sustainability, and Think Awards, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place respectively.

While our teams did not qualify for the World Championship this year, two of the teams qualified for Premier events to be held this summer. Last year, one of our teams competed in Chicago and earned the Inspire Award, demonstrating continued growth and excellence at the national level. Our teams performed at an exceptionally high level, demonstrating resilience, teamwork, and technical skill. It was an outstanding season and a strong showing by Kalani students.

Bryan Silver

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
Mock Trial – Mr. Bard
Photography Club – new
Korean Club – Dr. Kim

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
Qinhuangdao / Beijing Cultural Trip

Project Grad 2026:

Kalani Falcons Project Grad is an all-volunteer effort that is committed to providing our graduating seniors a memorable overnight graduation celebration that is 100% drug and alcohol free. If you have not registered your SENIOR for Kalani Project Graduation 2026, please register now before the registration prices go up.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x_Rxik3nKJY77Fkg38zbJ6IzzJ9FuxW8/edit?usp=sharing&oid=101974132834342025504&rtpof=true&sd=true

If you are interested in being a part of the 2026 planning committee, please email, kalanipg26@gmail.com for more information on meetings and how to get involved. Mahalo!

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/1iz2tLh8e6InR8oa5Za8tLL0Z0q0G6xBqWR15wOnXCM/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

Soft-Tennis All Stars

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

Crosscountry All Stars

1st Team All-Stars : Seita Takinishi Rui Imai Ashlyn Wang
2nd Team All-Stars : Oscar Richardson Jisung Kang Hayden Bishop
2nd Team All-Stars : Tricia Tengan Ella Kimura Jerney Martin Anela Ohelo

Volleyball All Stars

2nd Team All-Stars ; Rohm Takamoto
Honorable Mention : Hana Engelhardt Shayla Harris Kyry Kiyabu Mira Lum Marie Muir
Samantha Niide Suzue Shower Ariana Taylor

WINTER SPORTS

Girls Basketball

Kalani 57 – Farrington 41	Kalani 62 – Kailua 15
Kalani 69 – Roosevelt 15	Kalani 60 – Kahuku 28
Kalani 75 – Moanalua 66	01/03 Kalani @ Farrington
01/06 Kalani vs. Kailua	01/08 Kailua vs. Roosevelt
01/14 Kalani @ Kahuku	01/16 Kalani @ Moanalua

Boys Basketball

12/20 Kalani vs. Pearl City postponed	Kalani 58 – Waianae 73
Kalani 83 – Waialua 16	Kalani vs. Anuenue – no score
Kalani 83 – McKinley 51	01/05 Kalani @ Kaimuki
01/07 Kalani vs. Dreamhouse	01/13 Kalani vs. Roosevelt
01/15 Kalani @ Castle	01/21 Kalani vs. Aiea
01/24 Kalani @ Waipahu	

Girls Soccer

Kalani 1 – Castle 0	Kalani 1 – Kalaheo 1
Kalani 0 – Kaiser 1	Kalani 1 – Moanalua 4
Kalani 1 – Kahuku 2	Kalani 0 – Castle 0
12/23 Kalani vs. Kalaheo	12/30 Kalani vs. Kaiser
01/02 Kalani @ Moanalua	01/06 Kalani @ Kahuku

Boys Soccer

Kalani 1 – Castle 0	Kalani 3 – Moanalua 0
Kalani 7 – Kailua 0	Kalani 1 – Roosevelt 0
Kalani 1 – Kaiser 1	Kalani 3 – Castle 5
Kalani 5 – Moanalua 0	01/03 Kalani @ Kailua
01/05 Kalani vs. Roosevelt	01/08 Kalani @ Kaiser

JV Baseball

Kalani 1 – Kaiser 11	Kalani 5 – Moanalua 5 (game called – darkness)
Kalani @ Farrington no score reported	12/20 Kalani @ Roosevelt no score reported
Kalani vs. Kailua no score reported	01/03 Kalani @ Kaiser
01/08 Kalani vs. Moanalua	01/10 Kalani vs. Farrington
01/15 Kalani vs. Roosevelt	01/17 Kalani @ Kailua
01/22 OIA Semi-Finals	01/24 OIA Championship

Swimming

The following have made State qualifying times

Nicholas – 100 Fly – 100 Back – 100 Breast – 100 Free

Jayden – 100 Fly – 100 Breast – 100 Free – 200 Free

Sumie – 100 Breast

Hugo – 100 Back

Ryan – 500 Free

Kimi – Unified events

Girls – 200 Free Relay – 400 Free Relay – 200 Medley Relay

Boys – 200 Free Relay – 400 Free Relay – 200 Medley Relay

Wyatt – Diving

01/10 OIA JV Championships

01/15 OIA East Diving

01/23 Kalani Invitational

01/30 OIA Trials

02/13 HHSAA Trials

01/17 OIA East Swimming

01/24 Kalani Invitational

01/31 OIA Finals and Diving

02/14 HHSAA Finals and Diving

Wrestling

12/19 Officials Tournament

12/26 Pa`ani Girls

01/03 Dual @ Moanalua

01/10 Round Robin @ Aiea

01/17 ILH Crossover

01/24 OIA JV @ Kailua

01/31 OIA Dual Championship @ Radford

02/07 OIA Eastern Division Championship @ Moanalua

02/13 OIA Championship @ Leilehua

02/14 OIA Championship @ Leilehua

02/27 HHSAA Championship @ NBC

02/28 HHSAA Championship @ NBC

Paddling

12/20 Preseason @ Keehi Lagoon

12/27 Preseason @ Keehi Lagoon

01/03 Preseason @ Keehi Lagoon

01/10 Preseason @ Keehi Lagoon

01/17 JV Championships @ Keehi Lagoon

01/24 OIA Championship @ Keehi Lagoon

02/07 HHSAA Championship @ Keehi Lagoon

JV Tennis – Season Completed

Eastern Division 2nd Place

OIA Semi-Finals vs. Mililani Kalani 2 – Mililani 3

SPORTS OFFERINGS 2025-26

SPRING

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

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)

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.

Alumni

Kalani grads from the early-'70s proving to be the school's golden age

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2025/12/15/sports/hawaii-prep-world/curtis-murayama-kalani-grads-from-the-early-70s-proving-to-be-the-schools-golden-age/>



Kalani High School 1st State Championship Team - 1970

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 surveillance 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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Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
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CRCB@k12.hi.us

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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

Center for Tomorrow’s Leaders

Class of 2026 Fellows

Mia Nishiguchi

2025-2026 MTNA Performance Competitions

Hawai‘i State Division

Junior Performance (strings) : Hawai‘i State Winner: Evangeline Tjoeng

Junior Performance (woodwinds) : Alternate: Desmond Sutton

Senior Performance (Woodwinds) : Alternate: Zhi Yi Chen, student of Aileen Kawakami

Honua Scholars Laulima Symposium

1st Place : Sarah Lee, Ella Lam & Kalea Santos: Honua Pitch Competition : Medical Innovation: Rescuopen

2nd Place : Isebelle Lam & Summer Hall: Honua Pitch Competition and Honua Proposal Competition:

Medical Innovation: Targeted Knee Thermotherapy Device

Jeju International Youth Forum

The students participated in discussions involving a variety of topics to improve their respective countries.

Students proposed solutions to real-life problems.

Chaperone : Ms. Kaneko

Students : Tamar McMillan-Zilberman + Mirah Levine + Qian Chen + Jeannie Kim

Japan Super Science Fair

The fair aims to cultivate scientific thinking, promote learning across different subjects and cultures, and create friendships through curiosity and discovery.

Chaperones : Ms. Hamasaki and Mr. Okawa

Students : Rodrigo Del Carpio Sydnie Melemai Ivan Tse Sara Lau Miki Okata

Chengdu Debate Challenge

Chaperone : Scott Melemai Bryce Hara and Anson Li captured 4th place.

Soft Tennis Trip

The Kalani Soft-Tennis Team returned from visiting Koyo Senior High School in Hiroshima, Japan

DECA

Kalani High School returned from representing Kalani at DECA's national leadership conference in Arlington, VA.

Students : Rex Ho Annika Li Brandalyn Tran Advisor : Mrs. Lisa Potterton

OGU Sister School Partnership

Kalani High Staff and students returned from visiting Osaka Gakuin High School

Chaperones : Lisa Hayashi Rei Akasaki Dan Hamada

Students : Kira Ann Ichiyama Madeline Eakin Jayhee Hasty Kylie Amine

Isaac Kim Shota Nakamura Daigo Tokunaga Jett Kume Ace Kume

Sports

Congratulations

Fall Sports

HHSAA Champion – Christina Kidd

HHSAA Runner-up : Girls Bowling

OIA Champions

Girls Junior Varsity Crosscountry

OIA Runner-up : Girls Air Riflery Boys Air Riflery Girls Bowling

OIA Eastern Division Champions

Girls Soft-Tennis Girls Air Riflery Girls Bowling Girls Junior Varsity Crosscountry

Alumni in the News

Jill Takasaki Canfield (Class of 1984), Hawai'i Literacy executive director

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2025/11/07/editorial/name-in-the-news/5-questions-jill-takasaki-canfield-hawaii-literacy-executive-director/>