

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (01/30/2026)

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, February 6 | Planning and Collaboration Day – no students |
| 2) Monday, February 9 | Institute Day – no students |
| 3) Sunday, February 15 | Freshmen/Sophomore Banquet @ Ala Moana Hotel 5:00pm – 9:00pm |
| 4) Monday, February 16 | Holiday – Presidents’ Day |
| 5) Friday, March 13 | End of 3 rd Quarter |
| 6) Sunday, March 15 | Junior Prom – Koolau Ballroom |
| 7) Thursday, March 26 | Holiday – Kuhio Day |
| 8) Friday, April 3 | Holiday – Good Friday |
| 9) Wednesday, May 13 | Senior Awards Night @ Moanalua High School Auditorium |
| 10) Wednesday, May 20 | Graduation at the Stan Sheriff Center - confirmed |
| 11) Monday, May 25 | Holiday – Memorial Day |
| 12) Thursday, May 28 | Last Day for Students – End of 2 nd Semester |
| 13) Friday, May 29 | Last Day for Teachers |

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=5MPVjyv2yDM>

Congratulations

Kalani High School Model UN Team

Model United Nations Conference at Vancouver, British Columbia

H-USS - Historical Senate

Mirah Levine - Outstanding Delegate Bryce Hara - Honorable Delegate

HCC Historical Crisis Committee

Ivan Tse - Outstanding Delegate Ryder Goto - Best Research

UNSC- United Nation Security Council

David “Morgan” LeNoir – Best in Committee



Results from January 17 MUN conference at Mililani.

Kalani had delegates in two committees and we got best delegate for both of them : Anson Li and Ty Terada. Kalani also received the best researcher : Bryce Hara and Verbal Commendation for Lino Tseng and Ivan Tse. Morgan LeNoir went to Columbia University MUN in New York. Received Best Delegate in his committee on French Wars on Religion.

Congratulations

2026 High School Select Band

Kainoa Alcain, Trumpet Hope Bayudan, Flute Junyu Blas, Clarinet Rylan Chan, Tenor Sax
Kai Herzog, Trumpet Yuto Kawaguchi, Clarinet Jett Katano, Clarinet Jeannie Kim, Clarinet
Lani Kim, Alto Sax Olivia Kobayashi, Bass Clarinet Kaden Kojima, Trumpet Brandon Lai, Alto Sax
Jayden Lamayo, French Horn Ethan Lewis, Euphonium Samuel McNiell, French Horn
Kobe Miyamasu, French Horn Tanner Nagata, Clarinet Ellie Obara, Clarinet James Oulayrack-Oshiro, Trombone
Erin Suehisa, Clarinet Brandalyn Tran, Oboe Jessica Wiemer, Flute Nagito Yasuda, Alto Sax

2026 High School Honor Band

Jake Hwang, Bassoon Slayter Kamimura, Tuba Desmond Sutton, Flute Peyton-Reese Sylva, Tuba

Congratulations

Kalani High School Named to Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll

College Board announced that Kalani High School has been named to the 2025 Advanced Placement (AP) Program School Honor Roll, earning Silver distinction. The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening participation. Schools can earn this distinction annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness. Kalani High School is the only school in the State to receive a Silver Distinction – no Hawaii school received a Gold Distinction.

Kalani High School had 57% of seniors who took at least one AP Exam during high school, 48% of seniors scoring a 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam and 14% of seniors who took 5 or more AP Exams.

AP Courses Offered : 17 Sections Taught : 29 Number of teachers Teaching AP : 14 671 students

Congratulations

63rd Annual Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Awards

7 Gold Keys 10 Silver Key Awards 25 Honorable Mention Awards

Gold Key winners will have their work on display at Capitol Modern starting February 4th.

The awards ceremony for Gold Key winners will be held on February 28th (1-3:30pm)
at the Capitol Modern Museum downtown.

Gold Key Awards

Atona Chan (grade 12) - 2 Gold Keys Awards (one for the Portfolio category) and 3 Silver Key Awards
Cindy Lin Alexandra Knight Adelyn Shelverton Olivia Liu Cael Sneed

Silver Key Awards

Sadie Leong Zimeng (Annie) Li Riona Miyazawa Chelsea O'Brien Russet Sounthala Ellie Tsumoto

Honorable Mention

Atona Chan Shiho Chan Anna Demarco Aidan Giliberti-Ippel Emily Hashimoto Sarah Ing
Michelle Kabasawa Sae-Eun Kim Alexandra Knight Sadie Leong Zimeng Li
Jayden Liang Olivia Liu Mahina Lopez Yueqi Luo Riona Miyazawa Kiran Ngo
Chelsea O'Brien Rose Pak Taylor Shimamura Ty Terada Ellie Tsumoto Bokyeong Yang

Congratulations

American Vision Nominee : ***Atona Chan***

Congratulations to Atona Chan for her Gold Key artwork being included as an American Visions Nominee for the 63rd Annual Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Awards. Atona won a total of 4 Gold Keys, and 3 Silver Keys overall.

There are only 5 nominees for this award given out of all the gold key works selected in the state of Hawaii, and one of these artists has a chance to win the American Visions Medal on the national level. Sarah Ing won it last year as a junior.

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 May 3.

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 *FIRST* Dean's List Finalists at the *FIRST* Championship.

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.

Team members : Brandalyn Tran, Nicole Du, Michelle Kabasawa, Zachary Li and Cristian Matache.

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

Qinhuangdao Cultural Exchange

Koyo High School - Hiroshima

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome home our delegation that went on a cultural exchange to Hiroshima, Japan.

Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima is a sister-school to Kalani High School.

If you are interested in applying for the Koyo High School Cultural Exchange program, ask a Japanese teacher or the front office for an application! Applications are due at the end of February.



Miyajima



Miyajima



Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Dome

Congratulations

Dr. Michael Ida

Computer Science Honor Society Teachers Award

CSTA Hawaii is pleased to recognize Dr. Michael (one of three teachers) at the annual Computer Science PD Summit. Congratulations for his willingness to go above and beyond for your students.

Hawaii News Now Feature

Halia Kaaua

Localicious Art / Recipe Contest

<https://www.hinowdaily.com/2026/01/22/enter-hawaii-agricultural-foundations-localicious-art-recipe-contest/>

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

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

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

Summer School

Dates : June 3 – July 8

8:00am – 1:00pm

1st semester : June 3 – June 19 [Holiday : June 11] 2nd Semester : June 22 – July 8 [Holiday : July 3]

Courses to be offered :

Modern History of Hawaii / Participation in Democracy U. S. History World History
Physical Education Health

Remedial courses : TBD

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>

Congratulations

Questbridge

Yijia Wang - Matched with Stanford University

Congratulations

Jeannie Kim

Boston College Nursing Program

Kalani Explore Major Expo

Kalani High School hosted its first Explore Major Expo for students in grades 9–12. University of Hawaii, Mānoa shared insights on majors, high school preparation, expectations, and opportunities. Students attended 30-minute advisory sessions to explore interests, alongside music, athletics, and outreach programs. The event encouraged curiosity, planning, and informed decision-making for their post-high school planning.

Thank you for all your help and support with Monday's Explore a Major Expo! It went really well and we received a lot of positive feedback from both UH and the students! We hope to be able to continue this next year in some sort of way.

Upcoming events:

Interested in Playing College Sports?

Join our Informational session on Tuesday, 2/3 during advisory in the library.

Learn about NCAA eligibility requirements and helpful tips you need to know to better prepare yourself throughout high school. Sign up by filling out this [google form](#).

Serve & Protect Explore Careers in Service during advisory in the library on February 27th.

This is for military branches and our emergency services. Once that gets planned out in detail. Look for info email.

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 JV Paddling Champions : Boys – Girls – Mixed : 1st Place in all 3 divisions

OIA Eastern Division Champions

Girls Varsity Basketball

Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving

Boys Varsity Soccer

Boys Junior Varsity Soccer : Boys Junior Varsity Boys Soccer lose 2-1 in OIA Championship Match

WINTER SPORTS

Girls Basketball – Eastern Division Champions

OIA Playoffs : Kalani 47 – Radford 27

Kalani 45 – Mililani 44

OIA Championship : Kalani 26 – Campbell 39

HHSAA – Kalani vs. Radford

Boys Soccer – Eastern Division Champions

OIA Play-offs : Kalani 2 – Kailua 0

Kalani 3 – Campbell 2

OIA Championship : Kalani 0 – Mililani 5

**Swimming – Boys Junior Varsity East 1st Place
Boys Varsity East 1st Place**

**Girls Junior Varsity East 1st Place
Girls Varsity East 3rd Place**

01/30 OIA Trials

01/31 OIA Finals and Diving

02/13 HHSAA Trials

02/14 HHSAA Finals and Diving

OIA Eastern Division Varsity Swimming and Diving Championship

Boys Varsity – 1st Place

1st Place : Wyatt Kawagishi _ Diving

Jayden Tran – 100 Free

Boys 400 Free Relay: Kai Wolfe, Nicholas Zu, Hugo Lum, Jayden Tran

2nd Place: Christian Malalis – Diving

Ryan Matsumoto – 200 Free and 500 Free

3rd Place: Remington Whitmore – Diving

Joseph Doi-Parilla – 200 Free

Hugo Lum – 200IM

Nicholas XU – 100 Back

Jayden Tran – 100 Breast

Boys Medley Relay: Kai Wolf, Jayden Tran, Hugo Lum, Nicholas Xu

4th Place : Kai Wolfe – 50 Free

Nicholas Xu – 100 Fly

5th Place : Kai Wolfe – 100 Back

Boys 200 Free Relay : Brian Koo, Joseph Doi-Parilla, Ryan Matsumoto, Keanu Tan

OIA Eastern Division Varsity Swimming and Diving Champions

Girls Varsity – 3rd Place

1st Place : Hannah Sanders - 200IM

2nd Place : Hannah Sanders : 100 Breast

Sumie Yamada : 200IM

Girls Medley Relay – Hannah Sanders, Lillian Terry, Choko Uchida, Ylang Valencia

3rd Place : Girls 400 - Free Relay: Rie Perez, Celine Lee, Lillian Terry, Hannah Sanders

4th Place : Sumie Yamada – 100 Fly

Lillian Terry – 500 Free and 100 Breast

5th Place : Rie Perez – 200 Free and 500 Free

Choko Uchida – 100 Fly

Girls 200 Free Relay : Rie Perez, Ylang Valencia, Sumie Yamada, Lillian Terry

Wrestling

OIA JV Championship : Boys Team – 5th Place

1st Place : Slater Kamimura Ashlyn Wang

3rd Place : Chase Mizuuchi Zavier Strong

4th Place : Rylen Kaku

5th Place : Jeevan Ng Ethan Levis Micah Maru

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

OIA JV Paddling Champions : Boys – Girls – Mixed : 1st Place in all 3 divisions

01/24 OIA Championship @ Keehi Lagoon

02/07 HHSAA Championship @ Keehi Lagoon

Season Completed

Girls Soccer – East 4th Place – OIA 5th Place

HHSAA – Kalani 1 – Kamehameha Maui 4

Boys Basketball – Division II 4th Place after regular season

OIA Play-offs : Kalani 57 – Roosevelt 58

JV Baseball

JV Tennis – Eastern Division 2nd Place

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

SPORTS OFFERINGS 2025-26

SPRING

Spring Sports Registration deadline is January 30th, 6:00 pm

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 – more forthcoming

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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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

Congratulations

Atona Chan

Congratulations to Atona Chan for being accepted by the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design.

Center for Tomorrow's Leaders

Class of 2026 Fellows

Mia Nishiguchi

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: *Hyllocereus 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

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: Rescuerpen

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 Sydney Melemai Ivan Tse Sara Lau Miki Okata

Chengdu Debate Challenge

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

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

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 Nuipe

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

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/>

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

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Overcoming racial and Hawaii bias in MLB should mean more than World Series victory for Lenn Sakata

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