

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (02/20/2026)

KALANI High School

Where the Winds of Knowledge Carry You to a Brighter Future

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Tuesday, February 24 | ACT Testing (grades 9-11) / Seniors Mandatory Graduation Practice 8:00am |
| 2) Friday, March 13 | End of 3 rd Quarter |
| 3) Sunday, March 15 | Junior Prom – Koolau Ballroom |
| 4) Thursday, March 26 | Holiday – Kuhio Day |
| 5) Friday, March 27 | Falcons on Fire |
| 6) Friday, April 3 | Holiday – Good Friday |
| 7) Friday, April 3 | Kalani Complex Elementary Track Meet @ Kalani |
| 8) Friday, April 17 | Falcon Fair |
| 9) Friday, May 8 | Senior Last Day |
| 10) Wednesday, May 13 | Senior Awards Night @ Moanalua High School Auditorium |
| 11) Wednesday, May 20 | Graduation at the Stan Sheriff Center - confirmed |
| 12) Monday, May 25 | Holiday – Memorial Day |
| 13) Thursday, May 28 | Last Day for Students – End of 2 nd Semester |
| 14) 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=5MPVjlv2vDM>

Lottery for Geographic Exemptions for School Year 2026 – 2027

From January 1, 2026 to March 1, 2026, Kalani High School will accept Geographic Exception (GE) applications for next school year (SY 2026-27).

Lottery will take place on the first Friday in April

Please mail completed applications with a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to:

Kalani High School 4680 Kalaniana'ole Highway Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

Applications received after the March 1, 2026 deadline will be placed on a waiting list.

Friday Night Prime Time

Friday Night Lights (2004) was a movie about a town in Texas that lived for football games on Friday nights. The movie showed how team spirit, team pride, and being a part of a team were beneficial in so many ways, not only winning. Friday Night Prime Time offers that same type of impact:

- creates equal opportunity and access to afterschool programs (extracurricular activities, including sports);
- provide a venue for afterschool programming for our special needs students;
- expand opportunities for all students (those who cannot make it on a varsity team can elect to serve as a peer coach);
- impact quality of life for students with disabilities and those at-risk through continued physical activity development and participation; and promote school spirit and pride.

This year, over 15 Oahu schools will participate in this program. Basketball is used to foster and promote interaction within and between schools. There is research to support the notion that schools are able to provide equal opportunities for students with disabilities and who are at-risk using extracurricular athletic activities like Friday Night Prime Time.

This proactive approach demonstrates that Kalani and other participating schools are willing to provide equal opportunities for all students.

Friday, March 6 – 6:30pm @ McKinley

Friday, March 27 – 6:30pm vs. Roosevelt

Friday, April 10 - 6:30pm @ Kaiser

Congratulations

Honolulu District Science and Engineering Fair Awards

First Place Summer Hall

3D Printed Biodegradable Skin Scaffolds Using Cross-linked Polymers to Predict Cell Regeneration

Second Place Andrew Li

Aloha Red: *Hylocereus Costaricensis* and *Hibiscus Rosa-Sinensis* as Natural Colorant Alternatives to Red 40

Summer and Alexander have qualified for ISEF (International Science and Engineering Fair), where they will represent our school and the state of Hawai'i at the highest level of scientific competition.

We are proud to share that five projects were named Best in Category seven received special awards, and eight advanced to the State Science Fair.

Advancing to State Science Fair (8 of the 16 total advancing)

3D Printed Biodegradable Skin Scaffolds Using Cross-linked Polymers to Predict Cell Regeneration – Summer Hall
Aloha Red: *Hylocereus Costaricensis* and *Hibiscus Rosa-Sinensis* as Natural Colorant Alternatives to Red 40 – Andrew Li
Creating a Medical Device to Facilitate Greater Upper Mobility - Ella Kimura
Examining the Effects of Sunscreens on *E. mathaei* and *T. gratilla* Embryos and Larvae - Tehya Lipman
Fused Deposition Modeling of Activated Carbon Fiber-Reinforced PLA Filters for Low-Cost Microplastic Removal- Lina Herzog
Infusing Wound Dressings with Plant Pigment to Monitor pH Levels - Isabelle Lam
Study of EDTA Acid to Break Down Albumin Aggregates for Alzheimer's Disease Research - Sarah Lee

Best in Category:

BCHM - Sarah Lee
ENBM - Summer Hall
CHEM - Isabelle Lam
ENEV - Lina Herzog
SOFT - Alexander Wang

Special Awards:

Regeneron Biomedical Science Award- Summer Hall
Society for In Vitro Biology Award - Isabelle Lam
United States Metric Association Award - Alexander Wang
United States Air Force Award - Sarah Lee, Andrew Li, Tehya Lipman
U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize - Lina Herzog
Yale Science & Engineering Association Award - Summer Hall

Thank you for continued support of our students as it truly takes a community to help them spread their wings and soar. A special shout out to Bryan Silver as this would not be possible without him guiding the students throughout this process. Please congratulate our students on their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations

Please congratulate Taylor Shimamura

Kalani recipient of the 2026 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.

Please congratulate Taylor Shimamura – Kalani High School 2026 Takitani Foundation Scholarship recipient

Congratulations

Yuna Otsuka Sociology (SPSF)

Dear Kalani High School (Partner School)

This is to announce that Yuna Otsuka, recommended by Kalani High School has been accepted to Sophia University's program starting in Autumn 2026. Sophia University (Jochi Daigaku) is the oldest Catholic university in Japan, located in the heart of Tokyo.
Atsushi Iizuka, Deputy Director - Sophia University Admissions Office

Congratulations

Mika Velasco

1st place in the Essay Division in the 2026 TC Ching "What Makes Hawaii Special" Contest.

<https://www.clarencetcingfoundation.org/all/2025-inspired-in-hawaii-essay-poster-digital-poster-and-video-contest-winners/>

Congratulations

Ty Terada

Selected to be a part of this year's Contemporary Photography in Hawaii Exhibition at the Downtown Art Center
February 12 – 28

Congratulations

Rana Terai

2nd place in Poster division for the T.C. Ching Awards.
Posters will be on display at Kahala Mall - so please check it out

Congratulations

VEX Robotics Tournament.

Congratulations : Good Engineers Notebook top third

4th in skills and 6th over all.

Robot made it to the semifinals before getting knocked out.

They are recognized with the Energy award. Our first state trophy in 14 years.

Cristian Matache, Katie Ta, Aliya Gallucci, Dylan Gia-Diep, Alessio Cherubini Morrison, and Caleb Crosswell

We also had student volunteers at the tournament both Saturday and Sunday.

Katie Ta - 10 hours Wilson Co - 23 hours Cristian Matache - 10 hours Reese Sekiya - 23 hours Sarah Lee - 13 hours

Congratulations

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America – CTE Competition

Culinary Students

Pastry Arts Technical Decorating Skills Event Demonstration:

Students demonstrated several different piping skills in script writing, piping animals and flowers out of frosting

Garrick Imamura, Bronze Medalist

Connor Lin, Bronze Medalist

Joshua Zheng, Bronze Medalist

Kaela Santo, Silver Medalist

STAR Event: Culinary Arts

Students cooked a starch, protein, and vegetable and was judged on their cleanliness, taste of final dish and presentation skills

Vincent Than, Bronze Medalist

Louisa Mossman, Bronze Medalist, 5th place overall

STAR Event: Baking and Pastry

Students baked cookies, cream puffs, and decorated a cake with script writing

Elizabeth Tom, Silver Medalist

Special thanks to our voting member and volunteer room consultant who assisted the overall organizers

Zoe Pesentheiner

Congratulations

DECA

Congratulations to all of the 47 Kalani DECA Chapter members who took part in this year's DECA Career Development Conference. This year marks the highest number of winners Kalani has had in the ten years that Mrs. Potterton has been advisor, and reflects the dedication, growth, and support surrounding our students.

The following students placed as finalists in their category (top 6 in the state):

Individual Event Finalists

Accounting Applications - Reese Sekiya, Bradlee Simmons
Apparel and Accessories Marketing - Reece Fujitani
Food Marketing - Stephanie Yeung
Hotel & Lodging Management - Erin Wong
Personal Financial Literacy - Rylan Gubatan
Principles Event: Business Management - Michelle Kabasawa
Principles Event: Entrepreneurship - Yuna Takimoto
Principles of Marketing - Phoebe Feng
Retail Merchandising - Lilyanne Florendo

Team Event Finalists

Business Law and Ethics - Annika Li/Keagan Ocampo
Buying and Merchandising - Kate Jones/Brandalyn Tran
Financial Services Team Decision Making - Logan Chang/Jisung Kang
Hospitality Services - Elijah Chung/Luke Waters
Marketing Management Team Decision Making - Ryder Goto/Morgan Lenoir
Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making - David Summers/Ty Terada, Aiden Nakamura/Justin Wong

Written Event Finalists

Community Awareness Project - Rex Ho, Katie Ta
Start-up Business Plan - Kylie Amine, Madeline Eakin, Kira Ichiyama

A written exam is taken by all DECA members. The following students placed top 3 in the state:

Written Exam

Accounting Applications: *Third Place* - Bradlee Simmons
Apparel and Accessories Marketing: *Second Place* - Reece Fujitani
Business Law and Ethics: *First Place* - Annika Li
Buying and Merchandising: *First Place* - Brandalyn Tran, *Third Place* - Kate Jones
Hotel & Lodging Management: *First Place* - Erin Wong Human Resources Management: *Third Place* - Mia Doma
Marketing Management Team Decision Making: *Second Place* - Ryder Goto, *Third Place* - Morgan Lenoir
Principles Event: Business Management: *Second Place* - Michelle Kabasawa
Retail Merchandising: *Second Place* - Lilyanne Florendo
Travel and Tourism Team Decisions Making: *Second Place* - David Summers

The following students placed top 3 in the state for their role-plays:

Role-plays

Accounting Applications: Bradlee Simmons, Role-Play #1: *First Place*
Apparel and Accessories Marketing: Reece Fujitani, Role-Play #1: *First Place*, Role-Play #2 - *First Place*
Business Law and Ethics: Annika Li/Keagan Ocampo, Role-Play: *First Place*
Buying and Merchandising: Kate Jones/Brandalyn Tran, Role-Play: *First Place*
Financial Services Team Decision Making: Logan Chang/Jisung Kang, Role-Play: *First Place*
Hospitality Services - Elijah Chung/Luke Waters, Role-Play: *Third Place*
Hotel & Lodging Management: Erin Wong, Role-Play #1: *Third Place*
Marketing Management Team Decision Making: Ryder Goto/Morgan Lenoir, Role-Play: *First Place*
Principles Event: Business Management: Michelle Kabasawa, Role-Play - *Second Place*
Principles Event: Entrepreneurship: Yuna Takimoto, Role-Play - *Second Place*
Retail Merchandising: Lilyanne Florendo, Role-Play #1 - *First Place*
Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making - David Summers/Ty Terada - Role-Play: *First Place*; Aiden Nakamura/Justin Wong - Role-Play - *Second Place*

***The following students are DECA Glass recipients (top 3 in the state overall).
They are eligible for this year's International Career Development Conference.***

Trophy Winners

Accounting Applications: *Third Place* - Bradlee Simmons
Apparel and Accessories Marketing: *First Place* - Reece Fujitani
Business Law and Ethics: *First Place* - Annika Li/Keagan Ocampo
Buying and Merchandising: *First Place* - Kate Jones/Brandalyn Tran
Community Awareness Project: *First Place* - Katie Ta, *Third Place* - Rex Ho
Financial Services Team Decision Making: *Second Place* - Logan Chang/Jisung Kang
Hotel & Lodging Management: *Third Place* - Erin Wong
Marketing Management Team Decision Making: *First Place* - Ryder Goto/David Lenoir
Principles Event: Business Management: *Second Place* - Michelle Kabasawa
Principles Event: Entrepreneurship: *Second Place* - Yuna Takimoto
Retail Merchandising: *Third Place* - Lilyanne Florendo
Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making - *First Place* - David Summers/Ty Terada, *Second Place* - Aiden Nakamura/Justin Wong

Additional Announcements:

Erin Wong received a \$500 check from one of the workshops led by Joni B. Redick-Yundt, the Founder and CEO of FAMES Hawaii

Kalani DECA Officers elected to Hawaii DECA State Leadership for 2026–2027:

- VP of Hospitality: Annika Li - VP of Career Development: Rex Ho

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

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

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

STUDENT SECTION

Summer School

Dates : June 3 – July 8

Time : 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

A MESSAGE for Juniors FROM YOUR COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELORS

Did you know your **FREE ACT** test is coming up on February 24?

Here's why this test actually matters (yes, really):

It can help with college admissions

Many nursing (including UH Manoa), engineering, and science-based programs require test scores again

Many international schools such as Canada, Japan, Korea require the ACT or SAT

It gives you a baseline score so you know where you stand

SAT sign up sometimes fills up quickly and is not offered at Kalani and the ACT registration is even more limited

than the SAT. You might do better than you expect — and that can open doors

Since it's free, this is your chance to take it seriously and see what you're capable of.

Show up, try your best, and let future you thank you later.

Here are free resources to study for the ACT:

ACT resources: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html>

Kaplan Test resources: [https://www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-free-practice-test?srsId=AfmBOorT_q-](https://www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-free-practice-test?srsId=AfmBOorT_q-kdg2WEzfUF1AngLTMKPhqHhFXpsqSuOmlV3c6Sza0LtBc)

[kdg2WEzfUF1AngLTMKPhqHhFXpsqSuOmlV3c6Sza0LtBc](https://www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-free-practice-test?srsId=AfmBOorT_q-kdg2WEzfUF1AngLTMKPhqHhFXpsqSuOmlV3c6Sza0LtBc)

A MESSAGE FROM MS. EDWARDS (TESTING COORDINATOR)

****You will need to find the email Ms. Edwards sent to you on February 10th to open the attachment with details regarding your specific ACT information****

All 11th grade students will be participating in the ACT (free of charge) on February 24, 2026 at Kalani High School. There are no classes on test day and all students will be released after testing finishes around 12:30pm. School lunch will be available for purchase after testing in the Cafeteria.

Please view the email attachment for your ACT test room location and ACT online registration information. The attachment contains your individualized MyACT Student Code and instructions for completing the required Non-Test Information on MyACT online. It is best to complete this informational section prior to the ACT, however it can be completed up to two days after testing. Complete registration by February 26, 2026 or your test scores may be delayed.

Please bring the following on test day – Two No. 2 pencils with erasers
ACT approved calculator <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-day/calculator-policy.html>
Current photo ID (replacement school ID's can be purchased at the Front Office for \$10) Light snack and water

ACT has a strict no device policy - you may not access your phones/smart watches/devices that connect to the internet at any time during testing - this includes breaks. If you use a device during testing, you will be dismissed, your parent/guardian will be called, and your test will be invalidated.

Informational booklets on taking the ACT are available for pick up in Room A13, the College and Career Center, and your counselor's office. More information on preparing for the ACT can also be found

here: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html>

If you have any questions before testing, please email me at jaimedwards@k12.hi.us.

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>

Upcoming events:

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>

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 <https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/Upcoming-Events/>

Sign up for virtual webinars occurring every Wednesday through Hawaii P-20 to learn more about financial aid.

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****

Project Grad 2026:

Please email kalanipg26@gmail.com for more information on how to get involved.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x_Rxik3nKJY77Fkg38zbJ6lzzJ9FuxW8/edit?usp=sharing&oid=101974132834342025504&rtpof=true&sd=true

Kalani High School Students matriculating to Japan Universities

Class of 2017

Asia Pacific University : Hitomi Sakate

Juntendo University : Kai Fujii*

Waseda University : Masanari Mitsui*

Class of 2018

Institute of Technologists - Monotsukuri Daigaku : Ichika Sonoda

International Christian University : Takumi Taira

Meiji Gakuin : Momo Tsuyuki and Ann Tsuyuki

Sophia University : Lilika Kobayashi

Class of 2019

Keio University : Ayumu Kodama*

Class of 2020

Nihon University : Chihiro Kiyonaga* and Kento Yokoyama*

Osaka University : Rei Naiki*

Ryukyu University : Miu Tolero*

Sophia University : Tokio Hamamoto* and Jake Lee*

Temple University : Marisa Asato*

Toyo University : Yuito Mori*

Class of 2021

Fukushima Medical University : Yuki Ohashi*

Keio University : Jennifer Kaneda*

Obirin University : Sumire Tachihara

Rikkyo University : Rayne Duhaylonsod

Sophia University : Ririi Kikuchi* and Moka Sato

Class of 2022

International Christian University : Riena Choy*

Sophia University : Usaburo Mendenhall* and Maoli Tanaka

Doshisha University : Kylie Yoshioka

Ritsumeikan University : Yuto Yamamoto

Tokyo International University : Takumi Hayashi

Class of 2023

Sophia University : Conrad Del Rosario* - Kyo Homma* and Jin Niiyama*

Rikkyo University : Isa Taylor*

Waseda University : Zachary Hayashi

Class of 2024

Sophia University : Kyle Haubner* and Ryo Naiki*

Keio University : Koa Okano* and Leon Tsuboi*

Temple : Shinsei May - Ayshya Goings - Natalia Tangonan and Alicia Tangonan

Tokyo University of Agriculture : Kosei Kikuchi

Ritsumeikan University : Shuto Kawahara

Waseda University : Risa Ozawa* (also accepted to ICU)

Class of 2025

Early grads (Class of 2025) applying for Spring 2025/Fall 2025: Kokoa Murotani, Kosei Kikuchi
Rikkyo University (accepted to partnership program) : Shea Brown, Alex Chan and Liz Oguriyama

Sophia University (accepted to partnership program) : Koa Close and Xander Okata

ICU : Sora Del Rosario*

Temple University : Dylan Maeda

University of Tsukuba : Noah Teramae*

Waseda University : Aika Kimura* (SILS)

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

Swimming – Boys Junior Varsity East 1st Place

Girls Junior Varsity East 1st Place

Boys Varsity East 1st Place

Girls Varsity East 3rd Place

Boys OIA Varsity – 2nd Place

Girls OIA Varsity – 3rd Place

HHSAA Results : Wyatt Kawagishi – 5th Place Diving

Nicholas Xu – 7th 100 Fly

Nicholas Xu . Hugo Lum . Kai Wolfe . Jayden Tran – 5th Place 200 Free Relay

Nicholas Xu . Hugo Lum . Kai Wolfe . Jayden Tran – 7th Place 400 Free Relay

Wrestling

OIA Dual Champions - Boys

OIA Eastern Division Boys Champions

1st Place : Koan Hotema Luke Nakai Devin Grune Kason Cabrera Caleb Kazarian

2nd Place : Sacha Goodwin-Ford Daigo Tokunaga

3rd Place : Colton Yamato David Summers

5th Place : Ryder Tagami Kaisten Ching Rylen Kaku

6th Place : Martial Goto Raven Hotema

OIA Eastern Division Girls – 4th Place

1st Place : Kaiona Talamoa

2nd Place : Tia Hotema Piper Lee Hina Sano

3rd Place : Larissa Urias

4th Place : Jasmine Lum Liv Gomez Cassidy Wong

6th Place : Brooke-Lynn Kahalewai

OIA Championship Boys – 3rd Place

1st Place : Koan Hotema Luke Nakai Caleb Kazarian Daigo Tokunaga

4th Place : Ryder Tagami David Summers

5th Place : Raven Hotema

6th Place : Gracesen Tecson Sacha Goodwin-Ford

7th Place : Devin Grune Kason Cabrera

OIA Championship Girls - 12th Place

2nd Place : Tia Hotema

3rd Place : Kaiona Talamoa

6th Place : Larissa Urias

8th Place : Hina Sano Cassidy Wong

Season Completed

Girls Basketball – Eastern Division Champions OIA – 2nd Place HHSAA – top 8

Boys Soccer – Eastern Division Champions OIA – 2nd Place HHSAA – top 4

Paddling

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

OIA Varsity : Girls - 4th Place Boys - 3rd Place Mixed - 3rd Place

HHSAA Championship – Boys Varsity – 4th Place Mixed – 5th Place Girls – Semifinals 5th Place

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

Boys Basketball – Division II 4th Place after regular season

JV Tennis – Eastern Division 2nd Place

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

JV Baseball : results forthcoming

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 Track (JV/V)
B/G TENNIS (V)	B VOLLEYBALL (JV/V)	G WATER POLO (V)	G FLAG FOOTBALL (V)	
B/G SURFING (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.

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:

Civil Rights Compliance Branch
Hawaii State Department of Education
P.O. Box 2360
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
(808) 586-3322 or relay
CRCB@k12.hi.us

Beth Schimmelfinnig, Director
Rhonda Wong, Compliance
Aaron Oandasan, Title VI
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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.

Continuous Notice

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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.

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

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

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.*

Air Force Academy Appointment

Appointment of Senior Ryder Goto to the United States Air Force Academy as a member of the Class of 2030.

Rhode Island School of Design

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

Dean’s List Finalists

Reese Sekiya and Rodrigo Del Carpio 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 are invited to attend FIRST World Championship in Houston April 29 to May3.

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 Sydney Melemai Ivan Tse Sara Lau Miki Okata

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

Chengdu Debate Challenge

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

Koyo High School – Hiroshima

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.

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.

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

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/>

Boston College Nursing Program

Jeannie Kim

Questbridge

Yijia Wang – Matched with Stanford University

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 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

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.

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

<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/>

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

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2026/01/05/sports/curtis-murayama-overcoming-racial-and-hawaii-bias-in-mlb-should-mean-more-than-world-series-victory-for-lenn-sakata/>

Dr. Kathryn Ko

<https://hawaiipublicschools.org/2026-alumni-spotlight-kathryn-ko-kalani-high/>

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2026/02/02/sports/curtis-murayama-jabsom-grad-ko-hurdled-obstacles-to-become-rare-gem-in-medical-field/>