

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (04/24/2026)

# 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, May 8     | Senior Last Day  |
| 2) Wednesday, May 13 | Senior Awards Night @ Moanalua High School Auditorium    |
| 3) Sunday, May 17    | Senior Prom  |
| 4) Wednesday, May 20 | <b>Graduation at the Stan Sheriff Center - confirmed</b> |
| 5) Monday, May 25    | Holiday – Memorial Day                                   |
| 6) Thursday, May 28  | Last Day for Students – End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester  |
| 7) Friday, May 29    | Last Day for Teachers                                    |

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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=5MPVjhw2vDM>

### *Congratulations*

Oahu Math League

Mu Seong Kim – Top 10 High Scorer (season average)

Congratulations to junior Mu Seong Kim being in the top 10 individual high scorers for the season. Over the course of 7 meets he achieved an average score of 29.0 out of 30. This is the first time in Dr. Ida's 25+ years of coaching OML that Kalani has had a top scorer --- usually dominated by Iolani students.



### *Congratulations*

Ka Leo O Kalani  
5<sup>th</sup> in the State



Individually:

Sakura Enami, 2nd, Commentary      Sakura Enami, 3rd, illustration

Maya Gregory, 2nd, Review      Isabella George, 3rd, Podcast.

Kalani High School

3rd, Online Division

4th, Photo Division

5th, Design Division

5th, Writing Division.

## *Congratulations*

### Kalani Association of Students

President: Taylor Wong Vice President: Aeda Hasty  
Secretary- Noah Yasuda Treasurer- Aaron Kwok Historian- Haley Ogata

Class of 2027 : President- David Summers Vice President- Laineo Ono  
Corresponding Secretary- Jordynn Wong Recording Secretary- Peyton Nakata Treasurer- Destiny Nguyen

Class of 2028 : President- Mia Doma Vice President- Angela Park  
Corresponding Secretary- Crystal Ko Recording Secretary- Reia Jumawan Treasurer- Kaylee Fang

Class of 2029 : President- Elizabeth Huang Vice President- Taytem Izutsu  
Corresponding Secretary- Travis Nagata Recording Secretary- Olivia Liu Treasurer- Leilani Phillips

## *Mahalo*

*On behalf of the Kalani Association of Students and myself, we would like to extend a BIG MAHALO to all of you! It really takes a village to provide fun, social events where our students can enjoy and take a break from academics. This event was truly student-led by KAS. I had very little involvement and am proud to see the growth from them throughout this year. They all started their day at 5:00am to prepare last minute items to make this event for our students. If you saw kids having fun, that was our main purpose and we knew we hit that goal when you saw smiles on their faces..... and yours :) - Rei Akasaki (SAC)*

**Mahalo to KAS and Student Activity Coordinator, Rei Akasaki, for planning and executing a great Falcon Fair**

## *Congratulations*

### **2026 Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation Scholarship**

#### *Taylor Shimamura*

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.

#### **Update from the Takitani Foundation**

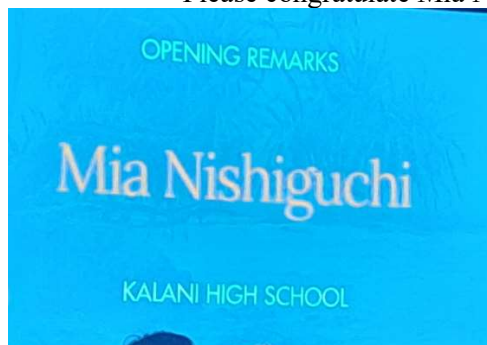
**Kalani High School joins the Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation in congratulating Taylor Shimamura as the Mamoru Takitani Outstanding Student (\$10,000 award)**

### **2026 Citizen-Scholar Award recipient**

#### *Mia Nishiguchi*

For the past 21 years, the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the Hawai'i State Department of Education, and the Honolulu Star-Advertiser have honored one outstanding senior from every public high school throughout the state who best exemplifies citizenship in school and the community. Each of these students have given back to make our state a better place and embody the Department of Education's Vision of a Public School Graduate.

Please congratulate Mia Nishiguchi - Kalani High School Citizen Scholar 2026



## *Congratulations*

University of Hawaii  
New Warrior Scholarships  
REGENTS Scholar

*Ryder Goto Rylan Gubatan Mirah Levine*

**Provost Achievement Scholarship**

*Luka Jube Toby Kim Anson Li Tara Lynn Miura Brielle Rola Ivan Tse*

## *Congratulations*

National Merit Finalist  
*Ivan Tse*

Ivan has advanced to Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program of 2026 by demonstrating high potential for future academic accomplishment through distinguished performance

## *Congratulations*

**National Merit Recognition**

Congratulations to the following juniors who took the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in October and met the requirements to enter the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program. With a Selection Index Score of 208 or above, these high performers have shown outstanding academic potential. These students are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants (out of 1.3 million students who took the test) and will be recognized in the fall as either a Semifinalist or Commended Student

*Summer Hall Mu Seong Kim Andrew Li John Phillips Cathy Tran*

## *Congratulations*

**Hawaii State Science Fair  
Best in Category**

Software Design : 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Alexander Wang  
Biochemistry : 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sarah Lee      Biomedical Engineering : 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Summer Hall  
Chemistry : 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Andrew Li      Chemistry : 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Isabelle Lam

**Senior Research Exemplary Chemistry Projects**

\$25 Award at HI ACS Banquet – Andrew Li, Kalani High School  
“Aloha Red: Hylocereus Costaricensis and Hibiscus Rosa-Sinensis as Natural Colorant Alternatives to Red 40”

\$200 Cash Award – Isabelle Lam, Kalani High School  
“Infusing Wound Dressings with Plant Pigment to Monitor pH Levels”

\$500 Cash Award – Summer Hall, Kalani High School  
“3D Printed Biodegradable Skin Scaffolds Using Cross-linked Polymers to Predict Cell Regeneration”

Regeneron Biomedical Science Award \$375 Cash Award & Certificate – Summer Hall, Kalani High School  
“3D Printed Biodegradable Skin Scaffolds Using Cross-linked Polymers to Predict Cell Regeneration”

Yale Science and Engineering Association Certificate – Isabelle Lam, Kalani High School  
“Infusing Wound Dressings with Plant Pigment to Monitor pH Levels”

## *Congratulations*

Congratulations to Kalani’s PAAC (Pacific and Asian Affairs Council) Club. They had three teams compete in this year's Academic World Quest, a statewide competition on international topics.

**1st Place Overall:**

Bryce Hara Anson Li Jayden Tran Ivan Tse

**Bryce, Anson, Jayden, and Ivan will be representing Hawaii in the National Competition in Washington DC**

**County Award:** Cathy Tran Amelia Sullivan Leo Tse Museong Kim  
**3rd Place Overall:** Lino Tseng Leala Florendo Yinyi Chen Aurora Sullivan

## ***Congratulations***

### **Mildred Ha Aspiring Educator Award.**

Please congratulate the following:

**4 year \$15,000/year Award - Naomi Stremick**

**One time \$15,000 Award - Alia Heller, Jayhee Haysty, Landon Nii**

Mildred Ha, 76 of Honolulu passed away on September 18, 2023 in Honolulu. She was born on July 17, 1947 in Honolulu to the late Joseph and Yoshiko Ha. Mildred was a retired teacher with the State of Hawaii Department of Education. She is survived by her family and friends. Mildred Ha is a graduate of Kalani High School – Class of 1965.

In honor of her parents, Ms. Ha donated the entire proceeds of her estate to Kalani High School to assist aspiring educators. The applicants were extremely qualified and highly competitive with outstanding academic, leadership, and community service profiles. The scholarship committee was extremely impressed with the quality of the applicants.

### **Summer School**

Dates : June 3 – July 8

Time : 8:00am – 1:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> semester : June 3 – June 19 [Holiday : June 11]      2<sup>nd</sup> 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 : registration by Kalani Counselors **ONLY**

## **STUDENT SECTION**

### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

#### **SUMMER INTERNSHIP/OTHER EVENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Mrs. Lisa Hayashi      College and Career Counselor      [lisa.hayashi@k12.hi.us](mailto: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>

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

## ATHLETICS

### Spring Sports *Congratulations*

#### OIA Champions

Boys Varsity Tennis Team (3-peat)

OIA Eastern Division Champions

Boys Varsity Tennis

Girls Varsity Golf

Girls Junior Varsity Track and Field

Bill Smithe Invitational Track Meet

Girls Varsity Champions

Boys Varsity Champions

#### Flag football – season completed

Eastern Division – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

#### Baseball – season completed

Eastern Division – 5<sup>th</sup> Place

#### Softball

Eastern Division – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

OIA Play-offs

Kalani 6 – Campbell 13

Kalani 12 – Leilehua 0

April 25 : Kalani vs. Pearl City

#### Surfing

### *Congratulations*

#### OIA Championship : Surfing

Boys : 3<sup>rd</sup> Place    Girls : 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

1<sup>st</sup> Place : Kaipo'i Koa (Bodyboard)    1<sup>st</sup> Place : Bella Eberz (Longboard)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place : Sunny Drill (Shortboard)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place : Max Peters (Shortboard)    3<sup>rd</sup> Place : Bella Eberz (Shortboard)

6<sup>th</sup> Place : Thomas (Reid) Bernier (Longboard)

9<sup>th</sup> Place : Kapua Gebhardt (Longboard)

14<sup>th</sup> Place : Coco Macdonald (Longboard)

15<sup>th</sup> Place : Miu Little (Bodyboard)

#### Judo

TBD

#### Tennis

Eastern Individual Championship

Congratulations to our OIA East Individuals Champions

Ryuki Tatemori - OIA Boys Singles Champions

Ian Pak / Noah Pak - OIA Boys Doubles Champions

2<sup>nd</sup> Place : Kayden Wong / Lucas Chew (Doubles)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place : Lexi Duldulao / Tracy Kha (Doubles)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place : Eric Topacio (Singles)

4<sup>th</sup> Place : Connor Lin / Tyka Ching (Doubles)

5<sup>th</sup> Place : Elizabeth Huang / Yuna Takimoto (Doubles)

#### Track and Field

Kalani Invitational – Meet results : <https://sites.google.com/site/oiatrackingresults/2026-track-field-results>

Moanalua Invitational – Meet results : <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/621502/results/all>

Bill Smithe Invitational Meet results : <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/656218/results/all>

OIA Eastern Division Junior Varsity – Meet Results : <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/641444/results/all>

OIA Junior Varsity Track Championship results : TBD

**Golf :**

**Congratulations : Girls – OIA Eastern Division Champions**

Girls	Best Round	Course
Sakura Ramirez	70	Ewa Villages
Sora Kishida	73	Ewa Villages
Tatum Frias	77	Ewa Villages
Ashlyn Yorimoto	77	Ala Wai
Rylee Hara-Shimabuku	71	Makalena
Amy Li	82	West Loch
Karina Sung	94	Mililani
Taylor Olando	98	Mililani
Haley Smith	101	Mililani
Reon Okano	98	Mililani

Golf : Boys	Best Round	Course
Issac Kim	70	Ala Wai
Brady Kudo	82	West Loch
Koa Tseng	76	West Loch
Yuya Shiragami	88	West Loch
Lancerlot Wang	82	West Loch
Brendan Ho	112	Makalena
Jayden Kim	87	West Loch

**Volleyball – season completed**

**Water Polo – season completed**

**Winter All-Stars**

**2025-2026 Girls Basketball All-State Feb 15 – Jordin Baker  
Soccer – East Player of the Year – Toranosuke Kikuchi**

Girls Basketball –

1<sup>st</sup> Team Jordin Baker & Angel Stephenson

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Isabelle Baker Peyton Frye Kaliyah Kapahua-Kahele

Boys Basketball –

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Garrick Imamura 3<sup>rd</sup> Team AJ Stephenson

Hon. Mention Jakob Pasion Zeke Smith

Boys Soccer –

1<sup>st</sup> Team Toranosuke Kikuchi Aito Sameshima Arawi De La Cuba Daichi Fujita Carlos Barlos Cody Fuse

Hon. Mention Desmond Maurer Davian-Fox McElfresh Seth O'Neal Preston Tham

Girls Soccer –

1<sup>st</sup> Team Chiara Doyle Tia Trinidad

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Riley Asato Pomaikai Oneha Makena Young Kira-May Nosse

Hon. Mention Emmy Fernandez Kira Yamaguchi

**Paddling – Swimming and Diving – Wrestling – All Stars forthcoming**

## **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.

## **Continuous Notice**

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

Civil Rights Compliance Branch	Beth Schimmelfinnig, Director
Hawaii State Department of Education	Rhonda Wong, Compliance
P.O. Box 2360	Aaron Oandasan, Title VI
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804	Toby Yamashiro, Title VII
(808) 586-3322 or relay	Nicole Isa-Iijima, Title IX
<a href="mailto:CRCB@k12.hi.us">CRCB@k12.hi.us</a>	Krysti Sukita, ADA/504

## **Annual Notice of Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Statement**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. This requirement extends to all of the Department's programs and activities, including employment and admissions as applicable. If you have difficulty understanding English, you have the right to receive language assistance at no cost to you. Please contact your school's principal for more information. For the Department high schools that offer Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs of Study in arts and communications, business, health services, industrial and engineering technology, natural resources, and public and human services, there are no admission criteria. Department high schools will take steps to assure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in CTE programs and will provide equal access to designated youth groups. The Department does not tolerate acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Any student who believes that he or she has been subjected to harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion is encouraged to report such harassment. Students and parents may report allegations of discrimination or harassment to the school's administrator or to the Department's Civil Rights Compliance Branch at the address listed below. The Department is committed to conducting prompt investigations. Support, including counseling and educational resources, will be available to students who are harassed as well as to students found to have engaged in acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Students found to have engaged in harassment may be disciplined up to and including suspension if circumstances warrant. Students, parents, and Department staff should work together to prevent harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. The Department will not tolerate retaliation for reporting discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report the discrimination or harassment. Please direct inquiries regarding Department nondiscrimination policies to:

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Inquiries concerning discrimination and/or harassment may also be referred to the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education.

## **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 71<sup>st</sup> 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

## **Congratulations - continued**

### **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

Alexander Wang

Exploring the Use of Hybrid Post-Quantum Key Exchange in TLS 1.3

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.

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

Exploring the Use of Hybrid Post-Quantum Key Exchange in TLS 1.3 – Alexander Wang

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

### **HOSA**

2026 State Leadership Conference – Results

1<sup>st</sup> Place : Health Informatics : Cathy Tran

1<sup>st</sup> Place : Pharmacology : Wenjing 'Kelly' Mo

2<sup>nd</sup> Place : Family Medicine Physician : Susan Zheng

3<sup>rd</sup> Place : CPR / First Aid : Bruce Fujita-Simmons Maceo Bodner

1<sup>st</sup> Place : Medical Innovations : Isabelle Lam Summer Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> Place : Medical Innovations : Ella Lam Sarah Lee Kalea Santos

3<sup>rd</sup> Place : Ella Kimura Cortlyn Endo Andrew Li

1<sup>st</sup> Place : Public Service Announcement : Airi Choy Taylor Shimamura

15 students qualified to represent Hawaii in the 2026 International Leadership Conference in Indianapolis in June

### **2026 Hawaii State Future Farmers of America Convention in Kona**

Career Development Event :

Yaya Germain and Isabella Lorenzo : Ornamental Plant ID 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Landon Nii : Extemporaneous Public Speaking 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Tennessee Idol, Logan Luke, Seth Roach, Tryston Thompson, and Andy Wang : Parliamentary Procedure 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### **Kalani LifeSmarts Team**

State Runner-up

The LifeSmarts competition tests students on their knowledge of personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology, as well as consumer rights and responsibilities.

Individual award - Michele Kabasawa : 2nd place in overall combined online test scores.

Representing Kalani High School : Brandalyn Tran Nicole Du Michelle Kabasawa Zachary Li Cristian Matache

### **37th Annual Physics Olympics**

Kalani Team 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall : Andrew Li, Rodrigo Del Carpio and Ella Kimura.

1<sup>st</sup> in Car Jost, and Balloon Powered boats

Kalani Team 2 : Kyle Louie, Summer Hall, Reese Sekiya, Xinyue Yu 2<sup>nd</sup> in Car Joust

Kyle Louie's Bridge supported him all the way to Nationals.

### **Kalani High School Urban Plan Team**

Urban Land Institute's Urban Plan Hawaii State Championship : 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

This year's competition included participants from Punahou, Iolani, and Kalani High School. The students were tasked with creating a new development in the fictional city of Yorktown that would simulate the real-world decision making that goes into urban planning and development.

Representing Kalani High School : Stephanie Yeung Nadine Laposi Mirah Levine Bryce Hara Rin Dong.

### **VEX Robotics Tournament.**

Good Engineers Notebook top third

4th in skills and 6th over all.

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 Crowell

### **Honua Scholars Laulima Symposium**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### **Koyo High School – Hiroshima**

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

### **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.

### **Atona Chan**

National American Vision Medal awardee and Gold National Medalist  
63rd Annual Scholastic Art Awards  
Atona won a total of 4 Gold Keys, and 3 Silver Keys overall.

### **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  
Nicole Du    Cindy Lin    Alexandra Knight    Adelyn Shelverton    Olivia Liu    Cael Sneed  
Nicole Du - Lexus Hawai'i Takumi Award.

#### **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

### **2026 TC Ching "What Makes Hawaii Special" Contest**

Mika Velasco : 1st place in the Essay Division      Rana Terai : 2nd place in Poster Division

### **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

### **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

### **DECA**

#### **Individual Event Finalists (top 6 in State)**

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

### Written Exam (top 3 in State)

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*

### 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

Erin Wong received a \$500 check from 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

## **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/>

## **Family, Career and Community Leaders of America – CTE Competition**

Culinary Students

Pastry Arts Technical Decorating Skills Event Demonstration: Kaela Santo, Silver Medalist

Garrick Imamura, Bronze Medalist

Connor Lin, Bronze Medalist

Joshua Zheng, Bronze Medalist

STAR Event: Culinary Arts: Vincent Than, Bronze Medalist    Louisa Mossman, Bronze Medalist, 5th place overall

STAR Event: Baking and Pastry : Elizabeth Tom, Silver Medalist

## **2026 NCWIT Aspirations in Computing High School Award Hawai'i Affiliate Winner**

Summer Hall    Katie Ta : Both are State Winners and National Honorable Mentions

Mia Nishiguchi : State Honorable Mention.

## **Industry Certification**

Arisa Baruffi

Arisa Baruffi completed her Dual Credit ITS122, Cyber Security course in December.

Successful completion of the industry's certification exam

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ICSpark Hackathon**

Students created web-based projects to solve real-world problems.

Congratulations to the following students : 4<sup>th</sup> Place : Amy Li, Susan Zheng, and Caleb Crosswell

## **Best Produced Video at the 2026 Japan Wizards Competition.**

Aiden Nakamura, Kaydee Nakamitsu, and Serena Uchima-Pyun

Their piece explores what makes the Sumidagawa Festival unique and exciting, how it reflects Japan's traditions and seasonal life, and how it brings people together.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/WhctKLbvVZQPfftwJtsHNlnkGmQzwTIKgzJcZdvRkWXRgkHnpFDHFJGgiHmdwDnmGpzFxl?compose=TffTVSKkxNILtjLwhkdngljhcZWMNPGGNBQxsVjwxwsXIHspGDJnSICqWNHMTJLPPgKGnXGrdXnnvPxVDqHmzPjJBjWVmNTFMBWHFwWnTlpjJFKfkSdINXHjTgbpBTsrLHLnmLWPtWfCJRrlgsBDgLwZCDcRKbVdsCGrZnpdptgWtSDTRjPnmZKdTThvXrtvfTbtsirvhTvsnpBbRHbjVbhfZCqWzcxVbKPrfxWqdpKTjZJxQQMVbrmblbSdHBICBBCLICpnrqjGglmntJhBZjdVRRpCPRZnnSQnngJJmhTQJwSFHzgrLmmLjFRxNbHdNfdbHhBchzDjHKzKlgnNbTCzdHsKGjg&projector=1>

## **Questbridge**

Yijia Wang – Matched with Stanford University

## **Accepted to Sophia University**

Yuna Otsuka Sociology (SPSF)

## Sports

### Winter Sports

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

#### OIA Eastern Division Champions

Girls Varsity Basketball  
Boys Varsity Soccer

Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving  
Boys Junior Varsity Soccer

Swimming – Boys Junior Varsity East 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Boys Varsity East 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Boys OIA Varsity – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Girls Junior Varsity East 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Girls Varsity East 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Girls OIA Varsity – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

### Wrestling

OIA Dual Champions - Boys

OIA Eastern Division Boys Champions

OIA Championship Boys – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

HHSAA Boys : 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Girls : 20<sup>th</sup> Place

OIA Eastern Division Girls – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

OIA Championship Girls - 12<sup>th</sup> Place

Girls Basketball – Eastern Division Champions

OIA – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      HHSAA – top 8

Boys Soccer – Eastern Division Champions

OIA – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      HHSAA – top 4

### Paddling

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

OIA Varsity : Girls - 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Boys - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Mixed - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

HHSAA Championship – Girls – Semifinals 5<sup>th</sup> Place      Boys Varsity – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Mixed – 5<sup>th</sup> Place

Girls Soccer – East 4<sup>th</sup> Place – OIA 5<sup>th</sup> Place

Boys Basketball – Division II 4<sup>th</sup> Place after regular season

JV Tennis – Eastern Division 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

JV Baseball : results forthcoming

### 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 : Player of Year: Lexi Duldulao

1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars : Lexi Duldulao      Sydney Lin      Conner Lin      Tyka Ching

2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Stars : Isabella Lee      Haley Smith      Jasmine Uyesono      Breydi Nuibe

#### Crosscountry All Stars

1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars : Seita Takinishi      Rui Imai      Ashlyn Wang

2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Stars : Oscar Richardson      Jisung Kang      Hayden Bishop

2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Stars : Tricia Tengan      Ella Kimura      Jerney Martin      Anela Ohelo

#### Volleyball All Stars

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Ida (one of three teachers) at the annual Computer Science PD Summit. Congratulations for his willingness to go above and beyond for our students.

**Alumni in the News**

Emily Yang (Class of 2017)

Presidential Scholar 2017

Matched with Stanford OB/GYN Residency Class of 2030

University of Southern California --- B.S. in Bioinformatics and Sociology

Harvard Medical School

Goldwater Scholar and US Presidential Scholar

Research year : Prenatal Genetics at Brigham and Women's Hospital

Co-developed SAIL, a near-peer teaching program pairing OB/GYN sub-interns with clerkship students

Her volunteerism spans county jails, homeless shelters, and underserved clinics — reflecting a physician-in-training who shows up wherever she's needed. Her long-term goal is to help expand access to prenatal genetics and fetal surgery in Hawai'i. When she's not doing all of that, you'll find Emily hosting weekend dinners for friends, writing fiction inspired by her own adventures, or exploring the world on savings from part-time jobs.

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/>

**Kimchee King Mike Irish has endured in a remarkable journey of survival and success**

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2026/03/09/sports/curtis-murayama-kimchee-king-mike-irish-has-endured-in-a-remarkable-journey-of-survival-and-success/>

The 2026 AP Exams will be administered in schools over two weeks in May: May 4–8 and May 11–15.

Week 1	8 a.m. Local Time	12 p.m. Local Time
<b>Monday, May 4, 2026</b>	Biology	European History
	Latin	Microeconomics

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>8 a.m. Local Time</b>	<b>12 p.m. Local Time</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 5, 2026</b>	Chemistry Human Geography	United States Government and Politics
<b>Wednesday, May 6, 2026</b>	English Literature and Composition	Comparative Government and Politics Physics 1: Algebra-Based
<b>Thursday, May 7, 2026</b>	Physics 2: Algebra-Based World History: Modern	African American Studies Statistics
<b>Friday, May 8, 2026</b>	Italian Language and Culture United States History	Chinese Language and Culture Macroeconomics

<b>Week 2</b>	<b>8 a.m. Local Time</b>	<b>12 p.m. Local Time</b>
<b>Monday, May 11, 2026</b>	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Music Theory Seminar
<b>Tuesday, May 12, 2026</b>	French Language and Culture Precalculus	Japanese Language and Culture Psychology
<b>Wednesday, May 13, 2026</b>	English Language and Composition German Language and Culture	Physics C: Mechanics Spanish Literature and Culture
<b>Thursday, May 14, 2026</b>	Art History Spanish Language and Culture	Computer Science Principles Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
<b>Friday, May 15, 2026</b>	Environmental Science	Computer Science A