

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (04/21/2023)

Kalani High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

1) Friday, April 21	Friday Night Lights vs. Kaiser @ McKinley 5:00pm
2) Friday, April 28	Friday Night Lights vs. Roosevelt @ Kalani 6:30pm
3) Friday, May 12	Last Day for Seniors
4) Thursday, May 18	Senior Awards Night @ Roosevelt HS Auditorium
5) Friday, May 19	Athletic Banquet (tentative)
6 Saturday, May 20	Senior Prom (tentative)
7) Tuesday, May 23	Graduation (Confirmed)
8) Friday, May 26	Last Day for Students
9) Monday : May 29	Memorial Day
10) Tuesday, May 30	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: Educating our Future

To move as a whole or unit; moving or working together in unison

Be the first to smile! ----- Danny Kaleikini

Congratulations

Taiga Sakai

Selected as a Gates Scholar and member of The Gates Scholarship Class of 2023.

As one of 750 Scholars chosen from a pool of over 51,000 applicants from across the nation, you now belong to an elite group of young leaders—all of whom represent the very pinnacle of academic achievement, service, and commitment.

We hope this news brings you and your family special joy and hope for a brighter future.

We recognize that your high school years have been impacted by disruptions and unexpected challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, as you finalize your college selection process, we encourage you to remain hopeful and excited about your plans to attend your top choice college this fall—and to stay the course. To support you, we will be sending you a separate email, tomorrow, with tips and guidance on how to approach your college selection process.

In addition to funding your undergraduate education, The Gates Scholarship will help you continue to hone your leadership skills, prepare for professional life, and start building an enduring network of fellow Scholars and other distinguished individuals. You will also have access to a range of support services, including mentoring, leadership development, wellness, career guidance, internship and job opportunities, and more.

Hawaii High School Journalism Awards

Congratulations to Kalani High School Journalism students.

They were honored at the 54th Hawaii High School Journalism Awards ceremony.

State Winners : Kalani – 3rd Place (top Public School behind Sacred Hearts Academy and Hawaii Baptist Academy)

Most Valuable Staffers : Lin Meyers – Reporter, Social Media

Category Winners : Azriel Badon and Lily Washburn – Infographic

Photo Division Winners : Kalani – 3rd Place

Design Division Winners : Kalani – 2nd Place

Online Division Winners : Kalani – 4th Place

Teacher : Brooke Nasser

More good news.....

Congratulations

OIA Girls Golf Champion

Kara Kaneshiro

OIA Girls Golf Runner-up

Teal Matsueda

Reach Challenge

REACH Challenge is an impactful Adaptive and Assistive Technology design thinking project for middle school, high school, and college STEM programs, showcasing ITEEA's mission that "Technology and Engineering Bring STEM to Life!" Teachers are provided a Toolkit of curriculum and resources to lead their students to create a viable adaptive or assistive technological solution to help someone in their community. This innovative project shows students that they can use their STEM skills for social good, making a real-world difference in the lives of those around them.

This year's award winners hail from nine states: North Carolina, Washington, New York, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Delaware, Florida and New Jersey. The students and teachers have described their experience as "heart-warming," "profound," and "invaluable."

"This project really is life changing, not only for the person receiving the adaptive technology, but for the students and their teachers as well," said Gavin Wood, an award-winning STEM educator who partnered with ITEEA to develop REACH Challenge. "It's a win-win for everyone involved." In this fourth year for REACH Challenge, teams created a wide variety of AT solutions, including an "easy REACH" modified school desk for a five-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy, a pneumatic bumper system that provides children in wheelchairs the opportunity to play soccer, and a closet rod attached to a lead screw mechanism which allows a teenager with dwarfism to reach clothes in her closet.

REACH Challenge National Finalists

17 Energy Booster Closet Rod - Kalani High School, Hawaii

Anna Seavey

Kiana Mizuno

Lisa Le

Jefferson Young

They built a vertical closet mover for a person that could not reach a typical closet hanging bar, yet still needed to have clothes that hung off the floor.

Congratulations

HMSA Kaimana \$5,000 Scholarship Recipient

Andrew Lee

HMSA Scholarship Committee was impressed with Andrew's Academic and Sports achievements as well as his commitment to the community. They also admired his positive outlook and his plans for the future.

2023 HMSA Kaimana Awards & Scholarship Program Luncheon.

Saturday, June 10, 2023 @ 10 a.m.

Hawaii Convention Center, Room 313

Congratulations

Kalani Robotics Team Magma

Hawaii Regional : Industrial Design Award

Aerial Drone World Competition Sugarland, Texas

Kalani (Claws Up) : Programming Award

Congratulations

2023 Citizen-Scholar Award recipient

Jennifer Moritaka

For the past 18 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 Jennifer Moritaka – Kalani Citizen Scholar 2023

Congratulations

Andrew Lee

2023 Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation Scholarship

Thank you to all who worked so hard to complete and submit the application for the Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation Scholarship. 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. Please congratulate Andrew Lee – Kalani's Takitani Foundation Scholarship recipient

Congratulation

National Merit Recognition

Congratulations to the following students who took the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in October and met the requirements to enter the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. With a Selection Index Score of 207 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

Leyna Ko Chaemin Lee Gabriela Virardi Mason Vuong

Congratulations

University of Hawaii New Warrior Scholarships

Provost Achievement Scholarship

***Noah Kessler Amber Kim Joseph Kim Jacie Le Andrew Lee
Matthew Li Una Miloncic Taiga Sakai Takeo Swallow Tristan Ta Shiina Tsuchiya***

Congratulations

CTL Vision Lab Competition

1st Place (Year 1 Category)

Leilani Pham Jesse Jong Kandace Wong Zhoulin Chen

The team worked hard to tackle the issue, "Connecting EL to Gen Ed". They made a 2 minute pitch about their process and solution, and they answered a few questions from a panel. They made the pitch in February to a school panel and was selected from the three Kalani teams. They then made the pitch to another panel and the team was selected top two from teams from various schools across the state. Then in front of over 150 adult leaders in the community, they made the pitch one more time and beat Waiakea HS to win it all. Congratulations to the team and their advisor, Scott Iwanaga.



Congratulations

Riko Yamaki

Accepted to and will be attending Parsons School of Design in NYC
She is currently in NYC visiting the school.
She will be majoring in Integrated Design

Cash for College FAFSA Challenge for the academic school year of 2022-2023.

This year's FAFSA goal encouraged schools to get back to pre-pandemic FAFSA completion numbers, rewarding and acknowledging the schools who are closest to reaching their Class of 2019 FAFSA completion rates by the March 15.

For 2022-2023, there were fifteen (15) Hawaii public high schools that met the official goal of reaching their Class of 2019 FAFSA completion rate. Each school will receive an \$800 award for exclusive use for the Class of 2023.

Congratulations : Kalani High School

Additional cash prizes of \$1,000 and \$500 are awarded to the top two (2) schools in each tier group that have the highest percentage of school-wide FAFSA completion. Mahalo Class of 2023 parents!

Kalani High School, \$1,000

Student Crimestoppers

Students can also use the Student CrimeStoppers number to report crimes anonymously (808) 955-8300

https://www.kitv.com/news/honolulu-police-encourage-students-to-help-report-bullying-and-crime-on-campus/article_5fdb1c32-4f74-11ed-901f-3f7978109106.html

Projects this summer

Rubberized Track and Field Turf – more information forthcoming

Replace Gym Bleachers

Capital Improvement Project (CIP):

Name: Kalani High School, Replace Gym Bleachers

Mahalo to Representative Mark Hashem and Senator Stanley Chang

for their hard work on behalf of the Kalani High School staff and students to secure these funds.

STUDENT SECTION

College and Career Center Updates

College and Career Center

Scholarship resources: <https://bit.ly/KalaniScholarships>

****a Kalanihs.org account must be used to view the scholarship document****



Scholarships

Reminders:

- Check your emails
 - Don't miss out on scholarships, deadline reminders, missing documents from your school's admissions or financial aid offices, etc.
- Transcripts
 - Stop by our office to request your mid-year transcript
 - Final transcript requests will be in May via Google Form
- Check our website for more information - <https://bit.ly/KalaniCollegeandCareer>
- FAFSA support, please go to this link for more information - <https://www.pacfaa.org/page-1841145>

Dual Credit

The Summer/Fall 23 presentation is posted on the Dual Credit website - <https://bit.ly/KalaniDualCredit>

Please see Mr. Zane in the library for more information regarding Dual Credit (Running Start / Early College) classes.

Center for Tomorrow's Leaders

CTL class dates: April : 4/26

May : 5/2 5/10

ATHLETICS

SPORTS INFORMATION NIGHT

Attention all parents and athletes! We are excited to announce our upcoming High School Sports Information Night

Sports Information Night
May 1, 2023 @ 6:00pm
Kalani High School Cafeteria
(sign in 5:30 - 6:00)

The event is a must-attend for anyone interested in learning more about our high school sports programs and the opportunities available for student-athletes. Our coaches and athletic department staff will be on hand to provide valuable information about our sports teams, tryouts, practice schedules and more.

During the Sports Information Night, you will have the chance to:

- Meet our experienced coaching staff and learn about their coaching philosophies and expectations.
- Gain insights into the various sports offered at our school.
- Learn about the eligibility requirements, safety protocols, and code of conduct for student-athletes.
- Discover the benefits of participating in high school sports, including skills development, character building, and college opportunities.
- Ask questions and get answers directly from our athletic department staff.

Whether your child is an aspiring athlete or simply interested in getting involved in school sports, this event is a great opportunity to get all the information you need to make informed decisions. Don't miss out on this important event! We look forward to seeing you there and supporting our student-athletes in their pursuit of athletic excellence! Please Join Us

Congratulations
Iris Stremick

Kalani Varsity Softball Coach KSSK / OIA Coach of the Week
March 13-18, 2023

Senior Signing Ceremony

As Kalani's school year comes to a close, we are excited to announce the seniors who will be participating in our 4th Annual Senior Signing Ceremony. This commitment represents a significant milestone in the lives of these young students. On April 30th, with eager smiles and proud families looking on, these seniors will put their pen to paper, solidifying their commitment to the next chapter of their lives.

One of the most exciting aspects of the signing day is the opportunity for student-athletes to announce their commitment to play sports at the collegiate level. From football to volleyball to soccer and baseball, these young athletes have poured their hearts and souls into their chosen sports, honing their skills and pushing their limits. The letters of intent they sign represent the realization of their dreams and the next step in their athletic careers. The signing ceremony is a moment of immense pride for the entire school community.

April 30th at 1:00pm

Kalani High Schools Earl C. Homer Gym

Rorie Frias	Volleyball	Pacific University	Oregon
Jase Fujikawa	Baseball	Western Oregon University	Oregon
Noa Dane Fujitani	Baseball	North Park University	Illinois
Logan Ouchi	Baseball	Southwestern Oregon	Oregon
Ethan Senter	Soccer	UC Santa Barbara	California
Shane Fuse	Soccer	George Fox University	Oregon
Chase Kaetsu	Soccer	George Fox University	Oregon
Chris Holt	Football	TBD	Washington or Oregon
Ryder Iwata	Football	Linfield College	Oregon
Mikala Nishimoto	Football	Pacific Lutheran University	Washington

Those that already signed their letters but are not available to participate in this ceremony

Kara Kaneshiro	Golf	Colorado State University	Colorado
Teal Matsueda	Golf	Boise State University	Idaho
Madixx Muramoto	Softball	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Hawaii

Baseball

Kalani 7 – Roosevelt 8
Kalani 1 – Moanalua 8
Kalani 3 – Kaiser 2
Kalani 2 – Roosevelt 5
Kalani 2 – Moanalua 1
Kalani 1 – Kaiser 8

Kalani 3 – Kailua 10
Kalani 4 – Farrington 9
Kalani 2 – Castle 0
Kalani 2 – Kailua 1
Kalani 4 – Farrington 9
04/22 Castle

Golf

Girls	03/06	03/13	03/15	03/20	03/27	04/03	East	OIA
Kara Kaneshiro	72	---	68	67	70	---	74	69+72 (-3) OIA Champion
Teal Matsueda	71	---	74	72	---	---	71	75+67 (-2) 2 nd Place
Kailee McKee	75	---	76	74	81	---	72	---
Rylee Shimabuku	90	85	89	85	80	92	88	88+89 (+33)
Alexis Yorimoto	---	96	---	---	89	108	102	93+102 (+51)
Ashlyn Yorimoto	101	98	87	89	84	95	---	90+91 (+37)
Zaedis Yoshizawa	86	91	77	75	80	81	79	75+77 (+8) 4 th Place
Parker Smith	87	---	83	---	---	91	85	81+86 (+23)
Bryson Nakata	88	88	---	83	83	---	92	90+86 (+32)
Zachary Tam	95	102	84	83	94	93	90	83+89 (+28)
Logan Smith	108	88	89	---	89	90	98	---
Virgil Tan	120	94	87	85	86	106	91	95+95 (+46)

Judo

Eastern Division Results

No results reported

April 22	OIA @ Leleihua	10:30
April 29	HHSAA @ Stan Sheriff	10:30

Softball

OIA Playoffs

Kalani 4 – Mililani 8

Tennis

OIA Post-season

April 21/22	OIA Individual Championships	@ Iwase Tennis Complex
May 4/-6	HHSAA TOURNAMENT	@ Iwase Tennis Complex

Track / Field

April 20/22	OIA Varsity Championship
May 5	HHSAA Trials
May 6	HHSAA Finals

Volleyball

OIA Playoffs

Kalani 1 – Waipahu 3

ASET FEE \$60.00

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 \$60.00 Athletic Supply Equipment & Transportation (ASET) fee. This fee is charged once per school year regardless of the number of teams your child gets selected for. A \$3.00 convenience fee is applied to online payments.

Please visit www.kalaniathletics.com for more information

Congratulations Dr. Michael Ida

State Finalist for Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching 2023

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