

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (02/16/2024)

Kalani High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Monday, February 19 | Holiday : Presidents' Day |
| 2) Tuesday, February 27 | ACT / Pre-ACT |
| 3) Tuesday, February 27 | Seniors : Graduation Practice |
| 4) Tuesday, March 12 | ASVAB |
| 5) Tuesday, March 26 | Holiday : Kuhio Day |
| 6) Friday, March 29 | Holiday : Good Friday |
| 7) Sunday, May 19 | Senior Prom : Date Confirmed |
| 8) Tuesday, May 21 | Graduation : Date Confirmed |

Spring Break : March 18 – March 22

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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

Kindness 101 : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MPVjlv2yDM>

Congratulations

Kalani 4.2: LifeSmarts : Hawaii State Champion

Andy Chen: Highest Score in the 1st round assessment in Personal Finance

Jiaorong (Michelle) He: 2nd Highest Score in the 1st round assessment in Consumer Rights and Responsibility

Kyla Iglesia: Key role in Buzzer Rounds of the competition

Brandon Tran: 100% Online Assessment in Environment / Highest Score in the 1st round assessment in Environment

Mason Vuong: Highest Score in the 1st round assessment in Technology

Kalani had two of the four teams qualify for the 2024 LifeSmarts State Finals at UHManoa Ballroom. Our students did a great job representing Kalani High School. They brought home many individual awards but more importantly was the way they demonstrated sportsmanship and gratitude to the event organizers, judges, and sponsors.

Our younger team, Kalani 5.0, did a good job even though they went into the competition with, the required, four team members rather than having a fifth member to be able to utilize, placing a respectable Fourth Place.

Our second team, Kalani 4.2 began the competition as the top seeded team in the competition had a slow start but were able to make a comeback in the Final Buzzer round to win the State title, earning a trip to represent the State of Hawaii and Kalani High School at the National Championships in San Diego this April.

Our teams are 98% student run. They took the reins and scheduled the team meetings and practice sessions. They utilized the provided resources to learn the topical material of the competition and made sure they met the deadlines for the preliminary qualifying rounds.

Kalani 5.0; Fourth Place Overall

Zhoulin Chen: 100% Qualifying Online Assessment in Technology

Leala Florendo: Key role in Buzzer Rounds of the competition

Aileen Kang: 100%100% Qualifying Online Assessment in Consumer Rights and Responsibility

Kouki Oda: Highest Score of all contestants in the 1st round topical assessment in Health and Safety

Congratulations

Kalani's Science Olympiad team

They competed in the Medalist Division, Windward Regional at the Windward Community College.

They finished second out of eight teams and qualified for the state tournament on April 6th.

The following students earned medals:

1st place Chemistry Lab: Andy Chen & Zhoulin Chen

1st place Towers: Logan Smith & Alex Chan

2nd place Dynamic Planet: Eric Wong & Logan Smith

2nd place Experimental Design: Zhoulin Chen, Aileen Kang, & Donovan Morikone

2nd place Geologic Mapping: Logan Smith & Eric Wong

2nd place Wind Power: Geo Choi & Man Fung Zhuo

3rd place Flight: Xander Okata & Tomohiro Yamada

3rd place Robot Tour: Andy Chen & Zhoulin Chen

HHSA

Swimming and Diving

Results Forthcoming

OIA Champions

Swimming and Diving

Hailey Takai - Diving

Otoyu Homma - 200 Yard Freestyle

Kokona Watanabe - 50 Yard Freestyle

Kokona Watanabe - 100 Yard Freestyle (OIA Record)

Otoyu Homma - 500 Yard Freestyle

Nicholas Xu - Otoyu Homma - Marshall Bataluna - Jayden Tran : 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

Wrestling

Kalina Hotema

OIA Champions

Varsity Girls Soccer - Division II Champions

JV Girls Soccer - Division II Champions

East Champions

Varsity Girls Swimming and Diving Team

Varsity Girls Soccer

JV Girls Soccer

JV Boys Soccer

Wrestling Results

Boys : OIA Championship Results – 2nd Place

2nd Place : Koan Hotema Connor Lum Lennon Kohama

3rd Place : Isaiah Torres Luke Nakai

4th Place : Kason Cabrera Salvatore Virardi Johnny Alapai

6th Place : Evan Dominguez

8th Place : Keanu Cordova

Girls : OIA Championship Results – 9th Place

1st Place : Kalina Hotema

3rd Place : Piper Lee

5th Place : Ariel Young

Boys : East – 2nd Place

1st Place : Salvatore Virardi

2nd Place : Koan Hotema Connor Lum Isaiah Torres Kai Shafer

3rd Place : Alex Chounramany Evan Dominguez Luke Nakai

4th Place : Keanu Cordova Kason Cabrera Bodhi Mylett

5th Place : Johnny Alapai

Girls : East 3rd Place

2nd Place : Piper Lee Kalina Hotema

3rd Place : Cielle Charron Ariel Young

4th Place : Kirra Beckmann Sierra Nishiki

5th Place : Reece Fujitani

6th Place : Katie Kobayashi Geo Cho

Congratulations

Yuta Cole

KALANI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE HAWAII BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 26, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Yuta Cole of Kalani High School is the 2023-24 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Cross Country Player of the Year. Cole is the first Gatorade Hawaii Boys Cross Country Player of the Year to be chosen from Kalani High School. The award, which celebrates the nation’s top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Cole as Hawaii’s best high school boys cross country player.

The 5-foot-9, 135-pound senior won the state meet this past season with a time of 16:16.12, breaking the tape 15.3 seconds ahead of his next-closest competitor and leading the Falcons to an eighth-place finish as a team. Cole won six of the eight races he entered and was the top Hawaii finisher at the Nike Cross Northwest Regional Championships, crossing the line 54th in 15:57.4. Cole has volunteered locally at the Kalani Health Fair and he has donated his time as a middle school running coach. “Yuta is a complete runner who can race in all different ways and handle different tactics,” said

Jack Kuo, head coach of ‘Iolani School. “Yuta is a strong runner and had a great season.”

Cole has maintained a 3.89 GPA in the classroom. He remains undecided upon a collegiate destination. The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport. As part of Gatorade’s commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners’ grants have totaled more than \$4.9 million across more than 1,600 organizations.

ACT/PreACT

On February 27, 2024, all 9th and 10th graders will participate in the PreACT (practice ACT) and all 11th graders will take the ACT. These assessments are free of charge and all students are expected to attend. There will be no classes on this day and students will be released after testing. More information will be emailed in the coming weeks; if you have any questions, please contact Test Coordinator Jaime Edwards at jaime.edwards@k12.hi.us.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who are winners in the
61th annual Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Competition!

The Gold Key award winners will have their work exhibited at the Capitol Modern on February 24th - May 6th.

Awards ceremony will be held on February 24th on the museum grounds.

Regional Gold Key winning pieces will go to the national level to compete for Gold & Silver medal awards.

9 Gold Keys & 29 Silver Keys - the highest number of awards ever!

Congratulations also to Teacher James Mosher

Atona Chan (grade 10) - 1 Gold Key, 2 Silver Keys Cindy Chong (grade 9) - 2 Gold Keys, 1 Silver Key

Sarah Ing (grade 10) - 1 Gold Key Chiejzu Matsuo (grade 11) - 1 Gold Key, 2 Silver Keys

Jane Shelverton (grade 11) - 1 Gold Key, 3 Silver Keys Marin Shiba (grade 12) - 1 Gold Key

Leona Stremick (grade 12) - 1 Gold Key, 1 Silver Key Tiffany Subramaniam (grade 12) - 1 Gold Key, 2 Silver Keys

ZephyrLynne Bird (grade 11) - 1 Silver Key Bella Eberz (grade 10) - 1 Silver Key

Ashlee Gallardo (grade 11) - 2 Silver Keys Mia Garvin (grade 11) - 2 Silver Keys

Tyler Gilliberti-Ippel (grade 12) - 1 Silver Key Emily Hashimoto (grade 9) - 1 Silver Key

Kaiyana Peterson (grade 11) - 1 Silver Key Taylor Shimamura (grade 10) - 2 Silver Keys

Vinny Slobada (grade 10) - 1 Silver Key Russet Sounthala (grade 10) - 2 Silver Keys

Elizabeth Tom (grade 10) - 1 Silver Key Sarah Wang (grade 11) - 1 Silver Key

Jessica White (grade 12) - 1 Silver Key

Photography

Congratulations to the following students for winning silver keys and honorable mentions in the Scholastic Awards

Kaya Chang (2 Awards) Sarah Ing (5 awards) Ariel Young (4 Awards)

Natalia Tangonan (3 Awards) Ziyan Chen (3 Awards)

Congratulations

Drone Tournament

Twelve teams represented schools from Ewa Makai, Kalaheo and the leeward side.

Kalani's Team made of all freshmen and one 8th grader placed 2nd.

They also received the Excellence Award for outstanding performance in Autonomous Flight,

Piloting Skills, Teamwork, and Engineer's Notebook.

The Award qualifies them to compete at Nationals on May 31- June 2.

Thanks to Ms. Cayla Pang for being the tournament's Judge Advisor and
working with her team of volunteers from the Elks Lodge, and UH Engineering School.

Kalani High School Track and Field Improvements Project

The construction site is off-limits. Please do not enter the job site.

Mahalo to Rep. Mark Hashem, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi and Sen. Stanley Chang for securing the necessary funds

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School Quality Survey (SQS)

Parents/Guardians: We respectfully request a few moments of your time to complete the School Quality Survey (SQS) for Kalani High School. The SQS measures your perceptions of the safety and well-being of your child and your satisfaction and involvement/engagement with your child's school.

Your responses will be kept confidential. One survey per child.

Thank you for your time and feedback. Last day to complete the survey is March 15, 2024.

Survey may be completed by going to the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024SQSParent>

Federal Survey Cards

Students, if you haven't already done so, please have your parents complete the Federal Impact Aid Survey Form and return the form to your period 4 class as soon as possible. More forms are available at the main office.

Your survey = money for schools. All students and schools benefit from Impact Aid.

Student Crime Stoppers

Students can also use the Student CrimeStoppers number to report crimes anonymously

(808) 955-8300

English Class for Adults

Kalani High School is partnering with McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA)

REGISTRATION : Registration will be at MCSA campus which is located at:

634 Pensacola Street Room 216

Phone: 808 594-0540

Registration will be from February 26th - 29th (Monday through Thursday) 8 am to 6:00 pm

This registration period will be the only time students can register before class actually starts on **March 4, 2024.**

After the 29th, individuals can still register throughout the class term at MCSA. They are welcome to join at anytime during the session, but they will get the most out of the class by registering sooner rather than later.

As part of the registration process, an assessment will need to be taken to ensure that they are at the proper level for the course. Participants should plan for 90 minutes to 2 hours to complete the registration process (taking the assessment and completing paperwork). In order to take the course the individual would need to score at a upper beginner to lower intermediate level of English competency. If you would like the course to be for a different level, please let me know. For example at Waikiki ES their courses are for advanced English learners.

COURSE COST

\$20.00 cash only. No checks, apple pay, samsung pay, venmo, etc.

The \$20.00 fee is non refundable. For example, if a person takes the course and does not like it and decides to drop the class after one session there would not be any refund of the \$20.00 fee.

TEXTBOOK

There is a textbook and workbook associated with the class. The cost of the books is \$46.00 total, payable by cash only and like the course fee, the costs for the text is non refundable.

CLASS INFORMATION

Class Time: Tuesday and Thursday 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Start Date: March 4, 2024

End Date: May 30, 2024

*The class schedule will follow the DOE schedule. So whenever Kalani HS is out for a Federal or State holiday, or Spring Break, there will not be classes. The exception would be if you do not have school due to a PD day or other school event, we would still have school as planned, unless you do not want us to hold class on that day.

Sister School Partnerships – International Travel

Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima

Hosted in August – Traveling to Hiroshima in January

Obihiro Hakuyo High School – Hokkaido

Hosted in March – Traveled to Hokkaido in July

Iwakuni High School – Yamaguchi Prefecture

Hosted in January – Traveling in March

Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School – Kyoto

Hosted in July – Traveled to Kyoto in Nov.

Busan Computer Science High School – Korea

Hosted in January – Traveling to Korea in summer

Chengdu Debate Competition – Traveled to China in November

STUDENT SECTION

College and Career Center Updates

Upcoming college visits: Open to students only.

For details on the times of visits and to pick up an activity pass, stop by the College and Career Center in the library.

Check your emails : Don't miss out on scholarships, deadline reminders, missing documents from your school's admissions or financial aid offices, etc.

Check our website for more information – <https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/kalanicounselorscorner/college-and-career>

ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC NEWS:

Athletic Communication - Email Server Change Over

The DOE has switch email servers which impacts athletic email addresses. Any addresses ending in @kalanihs.org are no longer active nor monitored. All new emails will include @k12.hi.us. We have been updating our website to reflect the new email addresses. If you need to contact the athletic department, please use the following email contacts:

General Athletic Information: Athletic Director – Gregory.Van_Cantfort@k12.hi.us

General Athletic Information and Athletic Registration Questions: Assistant Athletic Director – Janeen.Waialae@k12.hi.us

Athletic Medical Information and forms:

Athletic Trainer – Ben.Kuenzli@k12.hi.us

Athletic Trainer – Marissa.Fukunaga@k12.hi.us

Head Coaches: Firstname.lastname@k12.hi.us

Senior-Athlete Signing Ceremony – May 5, 2024

Last year marked the inauguration of our Annual Senior Athlete Signing Ceremony, a celebration dedicated to honoring our senior students who have pledged to pursue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. This ceremony is a grand event, featuring light refreshments, live streaming, opportunities for photographs, signings by athletes alongside their parents, press releases, social media highlights, and the traditional lei presentation. The event welcomes members of the public to join in the festivities. Should your child have made a commitment to play sports in college at any level, we invite you to reach out to the Athletic Director, Gregory.Van_Cantfort@k12.hi.us, to express your interest in participating. Further details will be provided upon your inquiry.

Athletic Awards Ceremony – May 17, 2024 at the Ala Moana Hotel

The Athletic Awards Ceremony takes place annually at the close of the school year, serving to commend student-athletes and teams for their distinguished accomplishments in sports. During this event, coaches present their Most Valuable Player Awards, while the athletic department awards the titles of Athlete of the Year and Scholar-Athlete of the Year. It's an enjoyable occasion for everyone involved. Additional information will be provided soon.

Sports You App – Pilot for Spring Sports

To enhance communication between players, parents, and coaches, our Spring Sports program is introducing a pilot of a new communication platform called Sports You. This app, available at no cost to players and parents, will be utilized to send out essential updates directly to your phone. You will receive an invitation to join soon. Spring Coaches will exclusively use this app to disseminate information, ensuring alerts reach you promptly. We understand that sometimes messages from coaches don't always get relayed to parents effectively. With Sports You, we aim to provide timely updates on schedules, changes in game times, weather-related cancellations, important deadlines, and more. If we get a positive review from players, parents and coaches at the end of the Spring Season we may expand across all sports next school year.

Wrestling

February 23/24

HHSAA @ TBD

Season Completed

Boys Basketball

Girls Basketball

Boys Soccer

Swimming

Paddling

JV Baseball

JV Girls Tennis

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. 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) 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.

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
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
Toby Yamashiro, Title VII
Nicole Isa-Iijima, Title IX
Krysti Sukita, ADA/504

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.

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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