

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (12/22/2023)

## *Kalani High School*

### WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

#### IMPORTANT DATES...

#### *Merry Christmas*

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) Friday, January 5   | Teacher Workday : no students        |
| 2) Monday, January 8   | First day of Second Semester         |
| 3) Monday, January 15  | Holiday : Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| 4) Monday, February 19 | Holiday : Presidents' Day            |
| 5) Tuesday, March 26   | Holiday : Kuhio Day                  |
| 6) Friday, March 29    | Holiday : Good Friday                |
| 7) Sunday, May 19      | <b>Senior Prom : Date Confirmed</b>  |
| 8) Tuesday, May 21     | <b>Graduation : Date Confirmed</b>   |

Winter Break : December 22 – January 5

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=5MPVjyvDM>

#### **Kalani High School Track and Field Improvements Project**

Notice to Proceed for Construction Issued

**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**

#### **Congratulations**

**Maureen Dunn-Anzai – Appointed to the Principalship at Keolu Elementary**

**Please send your happy thoughts and well wishes to Ms. Dunn**

**We will miss her.**

## **Congratulations**

### **Oahu Band Directors' Association – Select Band**

Flute - Sky Voong      Clarinet – Junyu Blas, Jeannie Kim, Leanne So, Alicia Tangonan  
Saxophone – Leon Tsuboi, Leon Watarida  
Trumpet – Joel Lee      French Horn – Zhixian Lu, Caleb Tamargo  
Trombone – Andrew Li, Luke Watanabe      Tuba – Daniel Li

## **Congratulations**

Earlier this month, Kalani FFA students participated in the 2023 Oahu FFA District Conference.

Everyone performed incredibly well. Results below.

Agricultural Demonstration: Kohei Sears and Renjie Chen : 1<sup>st</sup> Place - "How to make mochi in the traditional way,"  
Parliamentary Procedure: Anthony Almeida, Cindy Chong, Priscilla Louie, Landon Nii, and Bobbie Sholtis : 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Prepared Public Speaking: Rony Bui : 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - speech on the need for Hawaii to raise & process its own cattle.

Vegetable Judging: The team of Bobbie Jo Sholtis and Ethan Hong placed second in this event.

These students qualified for the Hawaii FFA State Convention on Kauai on February 28 to March 1, 2024.

Other students who also competed on Saturday

- Extemporaneous Public Speaking: Landon Nii
  - Vegetable Judging: Ella Kimura, Daigo Tokunaga, Keira-Belle Young
- Thank you so much for your support! Go Falcons!

## **Congratulations**

This month, our AP Economics students participated in our annual Urban Plan Presentations, and they did not disappoint.

Over the past few weeks, they were given the task of redeveloping a five and a half block district in the fictional city of Yorktown. Through the process they had to create a proposal that met the specific financial, social, political, and environmental goals of the city, while balancing their own company's vision and profit margins. At the end of the project, they had to present their proposals to a "city council" made up of real developers, brokers, and architects from our community. Some of which have been in the industry longer than our students have been alive. I am pleased to share that our students rose to the challenge and produced some truly great proposals. Most impressive was their ability to work together and lean on each other's strengths through the process. After the presentation, the council decided on the proposal they believed best met the city's goals and awarded them the contract. This year's winners were Jacob Hatanaka, Phuong Duong, Kainoa Mackowiak, and Takehiro Yaguchi representing Jakput Construction. The council was so impressed with their proposal and ability to deliver it. One developer even expressed his willingness to hire some of them if he wasn't retired. All in all, it was a great year of Urban Plan and a great experience for our students.

Teachers - Mike Zane and Shaun Mitsuda

***Eric Wong***

Matched with the

***University of Chicago***

### **2,242 High School Seniors Are Awarded Full Scholarships to Top Colleges through QuestBridge**

QuestBridge is proud to announce the results of the 2023 QuestBridge National College Match, a program that connects high-achieving high school seniors with full four-year scholarships to 50 of the nation's best colleges. Out of over 20,800 applicants, QuestBridge selected 6,683 Finalists to be considered for the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship (Match Scholarship). This year, QuestBridge's 50 college partners matched with 2,242 Finalists, who are recognized as Match Scholarship Recipients. This is the highest number of Match Scholarship Recipients to date for QuestBridge. "We are thrilled to welcome this historic number of QuestBridge Scholars," said Ana Rowena Mallari, Co-Founder and CEO of QuestBridge. "These Scholars will bring a depth of thought and range of experiences to our college partner campuses that will surely enrich their new communities."

***Ronan Laciste***

**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Hawai'i (ALAH)**  
**Award of Youth Good Deed Award for the State of Hawai'i for 2023**  
**Awards Ceremony**

Ronan was recognized for his work with Breast Cancer Hawaii.

## **Congratulations**

### **LifeSmarts State Qualifiers**

LifeSmarts is a program where students learn to become smart consumers by learning about personal finance, consumer rights and responsibilities, technology, environment, and health and safety. As they learn, students are challenged through a series of six quizzes in which students with top scores qualify to become a member of a team to represent their school in the Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs LifeSmarts competition.

LifeSmart's also provides many national scholarships and intern opportunities only available to students completing the LifeSmarts program. Their opportunities are not open to the public so there are better chances of being awarded one of their highly rated opportunities.

This school year Kalani is fortunate to have two out of the four qualifying teams in the Hawaii State LifeSmarts Competition. The team members scored high enough to have qualified themselves to make their respective teams as well as giving their team a high enough team score to qualify their team in the state finals in February. The winning team out of the state finals will represent Hawaii in the National LifeSmarts competition in April.

Our top qualifying team, Kalani 4.2, is composed of second year competitors:

Brandon Tran      Andy Chen      Jiaorong He      Kyla Iglesia      Mason Vuong

Our second team, Kalani 5.0, qualifying in the third position is made up of new competitors:

Zhoulin Chen      Aileen Kang      Kouki Oda      Leala Florendo

### ***Hawaii Department of Education Press Release***

#### ***High School Teams to Compete in the 2024 Hawai'i LifeSmarts State Competition***

HONOLULU – The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) Business Registration Division and Insurance Division, and Hawai'i Credit Union League (HCUL) announce the top-scoring high school teams for the online portion of the annual Hawai'i LifeSmarts State Competition.

Teams from **Kalani, Maryknoll and Waipahu** high schools have earned their spot to compete at the in-person State Competition, which will be on Friday, February 2, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Campus Center Ballroom. The event will be open to the public.

Students will complete individual assessment tests prior to the State Competition, then they will test their team skills through a "speed smarts" activity and gameshow-style buzzer rounds at the in-person State Competition. The winner of the competition will represent Hawai'i at the National LifeSmarts Competition in San Diego, California from April 18 – 21, 2024.

"This is a big year for Hawai'i LifeSmarts," said Securities Commissioner Ty Nohara. "Hawai'i currently holds the national championship title as we proudly celebrate 20 years of sponsoring this program in the state. Thank you to all the coaches and students who participated in the online competition, and congratulations to the four teams moving on to the state competition!"

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.

## **Congratulations**

### **Team Magma (3008)**

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12 robotics students volunteered at the State First Lego League tournament in Waialua. Our students did an excellent job and contacted other schools to provide the necessary manpower to run this event.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Team Magma competed in a Drone competition at Ewa Makai Middle School.

Three teams qualified for regionals

Tournament champs Kalaheo High School ROTC

Ewa Makai Middle

**Kalani High School Excellence Award Winner.**

The Regional is May 30 to June 3 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

We will be hosting a tournament here at Kalani January 21<sup>st</sup>

Good students, good hearts, doing good things. Go Kalani !!

### **Congratulations**

OIA Eastern Division 1<sup>st</sup> Team Volleyball All-Stars

*Haylee Lyons      Ayre Takemoto*

OIA Eastern Division 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Volleyball All-Star

*Shyanne Yamada*

OIA Eastern Division Volleyball Honorable Mention

*Kiera Kanoa-Faalafua      Kailee-Lei McKee      Jaci Miyasaki*

### **Congratulations**

OIA Eastern Division 1<sup>st</sup> Team Air Riflery All-Stars

*Anna Seavey      Tiffany Subramaniam*

OIA Eastern Division 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Air Riflery All-Stars

Girls : *Kailee Gabris*      Boys : *Aidan Gia-Diep*

Congratulations also to Tiffany Subramaniam for her 11<sup>th</sup> place overall finish in the HHSAA Championship  
Her performance also earned her 3 EIC points towards the CMP Jr Distinguished Rifleman credential.

### **PARENTS/GUARDIANS of SENIORS:**

A requirement for all high school graduates, the Personal Transition Plan ([PTP](#)) (0.5 credit)  
is each student's plan of action to transition from high school to college and careers.

Please check with your (child) senior to see if he/she has completed the PTP. The PTP 0.5 credit will be awarded on the  
next report card (following Quarter 2/Semester 1), **and if it is not done, your child will be in danger of not graduating.**

Please email Mrs. Sumikawa ([kacy.sumikawa@k12.hi.us](mailto:kacy.sumikawa@k12.hi.us)) or Ms. Greeley ([kalei.greeley@k12.hi.us](mailto:kalei.greeley@k12.hi.us))  
if you have any questions. Thank you!

### **Kalani High School Blood Drive**

Congratulations to Beatrice Haak for organizing a very successful Blood Drive.

Kalani staff and students donated 56 pints. This generous donation will save many lives

Student organizer Beatrice Haak at [s119-beatrice.haak@k12.hi.us](mailto:s119-beatrice.haak@k12.hi.us)      Ms. Takayesu at [lyndsay.takayesu@k12.hi.us](mailto:lyndsay.takayesu@k12.hi.us).

### **Congratulations**

The **Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH)** and Japan's **Soshi Educational Group (SEG)** are partnering on an  
Educational and Cultural Exchange program to introduce Hawaii's high school students to educational opportunities in  
Japan after completing high school. The inaugural program includes all-expense-paid six-day trip to Hokkaido, where  
students will engage in cultural exchanges with local high school students at the Clark Memorial International High  
School, Kita-no-Daichi Genki-no-Izumi Campus; explore Hokkaido's capital city of Sapporo, and have chance to  
experience snowboarding. JASH selected 10 students enrolled in 10th or 11th grade for the 2023-2024 school year  
to experience Hokkaido and participate in this program scheduled.

*Donovan Morikone* was selected as one of the 10 participants!

### **Projects**

**Mahalo to Representative Mark Hashem and Senator Stanley Chang  
for their hard work on behalf of Kalani High School staff and students to secure the CIP funds**

**Rubberized Track and Field Turf ----- Tentative Start Date : End of November**

**Replace Gym Bleachers ----- Project completed**

**Re-roof and Termite Treat Locker Room ----- Project completed**

**ADA Improvements ----- Start Date : Ongoing**

### **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.

### 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	Hosting in January – Traveling TBD
Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School – Kyoto	Hosted in July – Traveled to Kyoto in Nov.
Busan Computer Science High School – Korea	Hosting in January – Traveling TBD
Chengdu Debate Competition	– Traveling in November

### Student Crime Stoppers

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

## STUDENT SECTION

### College and Career Center Updates

#### Save the Date - In Person FAFSA Completion Workshop

The federal government announced that the FAFSA will open no later than December 31, 2023.

We will be having an in person FAFSA completion workshop at Kalani,  
open to all Kalani seniors and their parents/families to attend on January 23, 2024 from 6pm.

We will be sending out more details and information on how to register for this in person completion workshop soon.

#### Reminders:

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>

**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.

## ATHLETICS

### Boys Basketball

Kalani 41 – Kalaheo 53		December 28	Kalani @ Kaimuki
December 30	Kalani vs. Kahuku	January 3	Kalani @ Kailua
January 5	Kalani vs. Roosevelt	January 9	Kalani @ Kaiser
January 17	Kalani vs. Farrington	January 19	Kalani vs. Castle
January 24	Kalani @ McKinley	January 27	Kalani @ Moanalua
February 1-7	OIA	February 12-18	HHSAA

### Girls Basketball

Kalani 21 – Kailua 44		Kalani 13 – Kahuku 76	
Kalani 28 – Roosevelt 41		December 27	Kalani @ Kaiser
December 29	Kalani vs. Moanalua	January 4	Kalani @ Farrington
January 6	Kalani @ Kaimuki	January 10	Kalani vs. McKinley
January 12	Kalani vs. Anuenue	January 16	Kalani @ Castle
January 18	Kalani @ Kalaheo		
January 25-29	OIA	February 5-9	HHSAA

### Boys Soccer

Kalani 10 – Kaimuki 0		Kalani 11 – Farrington 0	
Kalani 9 – McKinley 0		Kalani 0 – Castle 1	
Kalani 2 – Kalaheo 1		December 27	Kalani @ Moanalua
December 30	Kalani @ Kahuku	January 3	Kalani @ Roosevelt
January 6	Kalani @ Kailua	January 10	Kalani @ Kaiser
January 22-27	OIA	February 5-10	HHSAA



### Girls Soccer

Kalani 11 – Kaimuki 0  
Kalani 12 – McKinley 0  
Kalani 0 – Kalaheo 4

December 30      Kalani @ Kahuku  
January 6        Kalani @ Kailua  
January 15-20    OIA  
January 29-February 3   HHSAA

Kalani 8 – Farrington 0

Kalani 1 – Castle 3

December 27

January 3

January 10

Kalani @ Moanalua

Kalani @ Roosevelt

Kalani @ Kaiser

### Wrestling

December 27      Paani (Girls) @ Punahou  
December 28      Moanalua Dual @ Moanalua  
December 29      Waialua Battle of the Pacific  
January 6        Round Robin Tournament @ Waipahu  
January 13        OIA JV @ Radford  
January 20        Round Robin Tournament @ Farrington  
January 27        Dual Championships @ Mililani  
                     Round Robin @ Aiea  
February 3        Eastern @ Kailua  
February 9/10     OIA @ Leilehua  
February 23/24    HHSAA @ TBD

### Swimming

January 6	OIA Relays Diving	@Kaiser	10:00
January 6	OIA Relays	@Kalani	2:00
January 13	OIA JV Diving	@Kaiser	10:00
January 13	OIA JV	@Kalani	2:00
January 18	Eastern Diving	@Kaiser	4:00
January 20	Eastern Division	@VMAC	1:00
January 26	OIA Trials	@VMAC	3:15
January 27	OIA Diving	@VMAC	10:00
January 27	OIA Finals	@VMAC	2:00
	Bye Week	February 3	
February 9	HHSAA Trials	@Maui	
February 10	HHSAA Finals	@Maui	
February 10	HHSAA Diving 1	@Maui	

### Paddling

December 30  
January 6  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27  
February 10

OIA JV  
OIA  
Make-up Day  
HHSAA @ Hilo

### JV Baseball

Kalani win by forfeit over Castle  
Kalani win by forfeit over Farrington  
Kalani 1 – Roosevelt 2  
December 27      Kalani vs. Castle  
January 6        Kalani Vs. Farrington  
January 13        Kalani vs. Roosevelt

Kalani 5 – Moanalua 0

Kalani 4 – Kailua 5

Kalani 2 – Kaiser 12

December 30      Kalani vs. Moanalua

January 10        Kalani vs. Kailua

January 17        Kalani @ Kaiser

*JV Girls Tennis – East Champions*

### **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.

### **Do you need a physical (free)**

Completed sports physical packet (get from athletic trainer)

**January 25, 2024 Time: 2-5pm**

**First come, first served. Capped at 24 Students.**

**Call with any questions: M-F (7:30 AM-4 PM) (808) 291-3921 or (808) 305-0652**

**Pre-registration will close 24 hours before event**

### **SPORTS OFFERINGS 2023-24**

JV = junior varsity, V = Varsity, B = Boys, G = Girls

### **SPRING**

BASEBALL (V)

B/G GOLF (V)

B/G JUDO (JV/V)

G SOFTBALL (V)

B/G TENNIS (V)

Boys VOLLEYBALL (JV/V)

Girls WATER POLO (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 pay the \$60.00 ASET Fee**

### **Alumni News**

#### **Congratulations**

**Ryan Kaneko**

Kalani Class of 2022

**Cal Lutheran**

**NCAA DIII Women's Soccer : National Champions**

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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.