

Girl power prevails at Academy

Sacred Hearts Academy is a leader among Hawaii's single-gender schools with a strong and proven century of history.

The Academy has developed and implemented a values driven approach to

teaching girls the skills they must have to live a successful and spiritually rewarding life. The Academy's success is seen in its strong college preparatory regimen populated with talented, ambitious and happy girls.

The foundation for continuing the Academy's leadership as a single-gender school for young women is secured by the strong efforts and vibrant energy of a talented administrative team and faculty, a dedicated parent force and students who seek a strong academic and spiritual foundation.

Single-gender schools do what co-educational environments often fail to do; they acknowledge gender and provide a platform, as with Sacred Hearts,



Kelly Thieu, Brianna Choy and Emma Kauhane

that celebrates and emphasizes success for young women. Girls' schools report higher levels of academic achievement and confidence compared to their co-ed peers.

Girls in girls' schools become self-reliant, learning to depend on their own character and resourcefulness. They learn to participate actively and as an equal to male counterparts in an adult co-ed world.

The goal at Sacred Hearts Academy is to continue to educate and nurture young women, awakening in them the special gifts each has to serve their families, their communities and God.

Sixth graders' retreat

The *sixth grade retreat* on September 27 was a great chance for bonding.

The retreat, facilitated by the Academy *LIFE Leadership Team*, was themed "*Discovering Our Identities*" and allowed students to identify with a safari animal to discover what makes them unique.

Other activities focused on the importance of trust and support for one another, and there also was an talent show, featuring singers, dancers, pianists and a ukulele star. The day ended with reflection time in the Chapel.

The students, including (*below*) *Taylee Kanani Wong* and *Pakalana Kam*, returned to campus more united and feeling empowered.



From the Head of School

I have received numerous inquiries about the Academy's present posture and future plans in light of Damien Memorial School announcing last Friday that they will be accepting girls in grades six to nine for the 2012 to 2013 school year with plans to complete the coed structure in grades six to 12 by 2014.



My answer to these inquiries is very simple: Sacred Hearts will continue doing what the Academy has done very well for over a century—provide the best quality education possible for Hawaii's young women.

Our thousands of alumnae and our students are a credit to the tradition of an all-girls academic institution and education. We believe that this tradition, especially in light of current research and the articulated needs of young women for the 21st century, will continue to be valued and utilized by the entire community.

Sacred Hearts takes pride in the outstanding Catholic education being provided annually for over 1,000 girls, and we look to the future with optimism and renewed commitment to maintain this special avenue of quality for an all girls' education for Hawaii's families.

Betty White

Let's hear it for the girls!

▶▶▶ HELPING WITH THE FOUNDATION

In September, six Academy students attended a benefactor reception for the *Augustine Educational Foundation (AEF)*, an organization formed by the *Most Rev. Joseph Ferrario* to help Hawai'i Catholic Schools assist parents who want to provide a quality education for their children.

In addition to assisting with event functions, *Emma Bufalini* spoke on behalf of all students in the Islands, including (below with Bishop Larry Silva) *Melissa Rutkowski-Arocan, Makayla Yanos, Shayla Daoang, Bufalini, Megan Rutkowski-Arocan* and *Kaitlen Daoang*, who receive scholarships from AEF to defray costs of their tuition.



▶▶▶ FAR FROM SUMMER SUNNING

This summer, senior *Megan Stevenson* attended the five-week *Summer Scholars Program* at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. During the Program, she took two classes – problem-solving based *Biology* and *Bio Medical Ethics*, receiving "A" marks in both.

She left with college credits, new-found independence and friends from all over the world.

Stevenson plans to major in Biomedical Engineering and is applying to Washington University, Georgia Tech, the University of Pennsylvania and Vanderbilt.



It was Wet 'n Wild

October 2 was *Sacred Hearts Academy Day at Wet 'n Wild* in Kapolei.

Over 400 students and family members slid down the "Tornado", competed at "Island Racers", and rode the waves at "Hurricane Bay" at the *Parent Organization*-sponsored event.

Head of School Betty White, commented, "We had a perfect day of sun, fun and relaxation. I am amazed with the popularity of this event, but then I ask "Why not?" because it is a beautiful and wholesome way to spend time with the family".



Lower School students and their family members soak up the sun at Wet 'n Wild.

Love is everywhere

Students in *Japanese II* had just started to learn *Kanji*, Chinese characters. However, on annual

Grandparents' Day, they learned history and the rules of calligraphy and, most important, Kanji "Love."



For many of the students, it was their first time to use a brush and Indian ink, and they found it much harder to write characters with a brush than using regular pencils or pens.

The students, including (left) *Seyeranne Lat*, *Callee Goya* and *Erika Kang*, pictured with Lat's grandmother, loved delivering their "Love" to those who could not be with them at the event.

Leading the School Charge

Dr. Michael M. Rockers, a former diocesan superintendent and principal is the new superintendent of Hawai'i Catholic Schools. He started September 1.



Rockers has been a Catholic educator for 34 years in Minnesota, Arkansas and South Carolina.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's in Community Counseling, both from Winona State University; his doctorate in educational leadership is from the University of Arkansas.

THE SACRED HEARTS ACADEMY PARENT ORGANIZATION PRESENTS

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Friday
October 28
5:30 to 8 p.m.

Looking for volunteers for the Haunted House & food, game & face-painting areas.
Contact Rodney Chang at 255-5292 or rodney.chang@eastoahu.com

Registration information to be distributed the week off October 10