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## FEBRUARY 12 a DAY of SERVICE

Azure-Lynne Parker and Alana Stroede collect algae from Maunalua Bay

For the first time, the Academy's students in grades seven to 12 embarked on a **"Day of Service"** on February 12, and focused on their division's service theme for the year.

Not only did the students learn more about the needs of the community and help to make it a bit better, but the students bonded with each other during the process.

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### Service Themes

**GRADE 12**  
*Elderly and Kupuna Care*

**GRADE 11**  
*Environmental Efforts*

**GRADE 10**  
*Children in Education*

**GRADE NINE**  
*Health and Social Services*

**GRADES SEVEN AND EIGHT**  
*School Community*

## From the Head of School

### CELEBRATING STEM AND STUDENTS

Often we look to Friday and think of some reprieve from daily routines, but the weekends are usually busy with loads of activities, and this weekend is no different.



Many parents, students and staff will spend the morning tomorrow assisting with one of the school's biggest functions. The Science Symposium for Girls is expected to bring over 500 parents and their daughters to campus to build interest in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. The Academy is appreciative of the assistance of over 20 community mentors who are presenting workshops.

Students will love the Symposium's featured speaker, Dr. Naoka Neilson, a Ph.D. educator from Drexel University – she is young and very enthusiastic about science.

On Sunday, many students will assist at the Open House. Our parents have always been our best ambassadors for passing the good word about what their daughters are experiencing here, and we are appreciative for their help in recruiting efforts.

Keep the Junior Division in your prayers. They had a delightful week, ending with their Retreat today. On Thursday evening, the Chapel was filled as junior class rings or pins were blessed and presented. The Juniors were reminded of the spiritual respect symbolized in the Sacred Hearts, and that the Academy looks to each one of them as a young woman of faith, integrity and scholarship.

*Betty White*

## Seniors celebrate 'ohana

The Academy's seniors were joined by about 150 of their family members and friends during the annual **Senior 'Ohana Luncheon** on February 7 at the Manoa Grand Ballroom.



This event is held each year for the seniors to show their appreciation for the love and support extended by their families and is the beginning of the celebration of the culmination of their High School days.

This year, the luncheon was characterized by all things related to "Kung Hee Fat Choy," since *Chinese New Year* was the following day.

Entertainment was provided by members of the class,

some who were joined on-stage by family members.



**TOP:** Michaela Graves and her parents, Michael Graves and Sedra Graves

**BOTTOM:** Rache Sapla and her parents Robin Sapla and Randy Sapla

## Middle schoolers make mark while speaking

On January 23, the Academy hosted a **Middle School Speech Tournament** for students in grades five to eight.

Talented competitors from 10 schools showcased their best efforts in the categories of *Programmed Reading*, *Storytelling*, *Duo Interpretation*, *Original Oratory* and *Impromptu Speaking*.

After two tough rounds of competition, the Academy team, comprised of seven fifth graders, 11 sixth graders, a seventh grader and an eighth grader, took top honors with the *Highest*



*Percentage of Superiors* and tied with Iolani School for the *Highest Number of Superiors*.

The students are coached by **Susan Phillips** and **Jill Sprott**.

## LIFE spent walking

The Academy's **Living in Faith Experience (LIFE)** team staged a week of activities from February 1 to 4 focused on their social justice theme for the year of human trafficking.

Activities early in the week included a kick-off assembly and a visit by the Tastea Truck, with proceeds benefiting the construction of a home for victims of trafficking.

On February 4, students in grades seven to 12, including (left with **Alex Adkins**) **Jasmine Matsumoto**, **Olivia Bruce** and **Ashley Zeidler**, participated in the celebratory Mass for LIFE before embarking on the annual Walk to Palolo District Park for games and fun activities.



## Midsummer Night spent in song

On February 10, members of the **After School Choir** dressed in their "Sunday best" for an evening at the Hawai'i Opera Theatre's performance of **William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream"** at the Blaisdell Concert Hall.

Before the opening curtain, the students in grades four to six took a backstage tour of the set and met some of those who make the production possible.

Then, along with **Deborah Okada**, their director, enjoyed their front-row seats, where they could even see the orchestra playing!



## Run was great!

Over 100 members of the Academy's community laced up their athletic shoes and participated in this year's **Great Aloha Run** festivities.

Lower School students were joined by their friends and family members at the 1.5-mile **Keiki Aloha Run** on February 13 starting at the Neal Blaisdell Center.

On President's Day, February 15, Junior High and High School students took to the 8.14-mile course, either volunteering along the way from Aloha Tower to the finish line at Aloha Stadium or walking and running the course.

Mahalo to **Dwight Otani** and **Trese Otani** of **D. Otani Produce** for sponsoring entry fees for the Academy's Run participants.



## Day of Service

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**LEFT:** Brook Silva and Phoebe Kirk paint the nails of a resident of Leahi Hospital.

**BELOW:** Ashley Lardizabal, Kimber Brown and Justine Sison pull invasive algae from Mauanlua Bay.



**LEFT:** Nicole Pagdilao gives a prize to a Leahi Hospital resident.

