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## Junior High is a wrap for eighth graders!

*"See the line where the sky meets the sea...it calls me  
And no one knows how far it goes*

*If the wind in my sail on the sea stays behind me*

*One day I'll know...if I go, there's just no telling how far I'll go"*

–"How Far I'll Go" by Lin-Manual Miranda

On May 5, 64 Academy eighth graders celebrated the completion of their tenure in **Junior High** and expressed their exuberant aspirations to see "how far they'll go" during the **Rite of Passage** in the Chapel with proud parents and family members sharing in the festivities.

Held annually, this Rite also marks the transition of the eighth graders to the next phase in their educational and life journey – the movement into High School next school year.

In addition to "words of wisdom" shared by some of the students and **Advisor Kaycie Baltunado**, the eighth graders thrilled those gathered with performances of their class song, "How Far I'll Go," from the animated movie "Moana" and their hula from this year's May Day program.

**Counselor Anna Miyashiro** related, "This eighth grade class is a tremendously talented, spirited, high-energy group, and these traits should serve them well during their next steps in life."



## From the Head of School

### CELEBRATIONS CLOSE-OUT YEAR



*Today was our last day of classes. There was much sadness in bidding "aloha" to friends for the summer and much joy that the year's studying is completed!*

*The future graduates will return to campus next week to prepare for graduation at the Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall on Saturday, May 27.*

*Teachers will also be on campus all of next week, wrapping up the school year, preparing grade reports and planning for next school year.*

*The Seniors are not the only students in the midst of transition. Two other classes recently celebrated another phase of their formal education: the eighth graders had a beautiful Rite of Passage ceremony in the Chapel on May 5 with parents and Academy staff welcoming them into High School; then the sixth graders celebrated becoming Junior High students by enjoying a beautiful luncheon at Pomaikai Ballroom with their parents, teachers and administrators this past Wednesday.*

*Expect one more edition of e-Parentline next week before it goes on summer break.*

*Betty White*

## Resident cybersecurity experts take knowledge "on the road"

One of the goals of the Academy's **High School cybersecurity** students is to share their knowledge and assist others to make the world of technology a safer, more secure environment to surf and patronize.

Unbeknownst to many of the school's younger students, hidden dangers lurk in the cyberworld from unsafe surfing, insecure passwords and deficiencies in virus protection on personal computers and devices.

For two weeks in April and May, the Lancer cybersecurity students, under the guidance of **Deborah Kula**, set out to change some of this during visits with their younger counterparts in the Lower School.

The resident cyber-experts, including (below with the third graders) **Aiyana Arnobit**, put together presentations on potentially problem issues and dangers with computers and devices and presented a primer they developed about correcting these areas. They also engaged the young students in online, hands-on activities to further illustrate their points.



## Students honored for contributions to Lancer athletics

The Academy celebrated the past year's accomplishments of over 300 Lancer sports participants at the annual **Athletic Convocation** on May 18 in the Gymnasium.

These student-athletes were heralded not only for what they accomplished on the playing field, but also for their triumphs in the classroom and the community and their leadership and examples as role models.

Each received a special award token, based on their level and year of participation.

In addition to the athletes, **Athletic Director Ryan Hogue** also praised the school's dedicated and hard-working crew of coaches – many of whom were in attendance.

Hogue also highlighted some key accomplishments during the year (*at right*) and bestowed the Academy's top athletic honors.

The recipient of this year's **Young's Scholar-Athlete Award** is **Morgan Louis Soares**.

She was captain of the **canoe paddling** team that placed third in their division and earned first-team League All-Star honors. In the classroom, Soares maintains a 3.7 GPA and plans to attend Oregon State University in the fall.

The **Most Outstanding Senior Athlete Award** was given to **Kaycee Selga**, the captain of the Varsity soccer team.

As a senior, Selga qualified and participated in three State Championships – **riflery**, **soccer** and **track and field**. She also won two prestigious scholarships and will continue her studies in either Business or Biology at Saint Martin's in Oregon.



**LEFT:** Most Outstanding Senior Athlete Kaycee Selga and Track Head Coach Mari Kuroyama-Ton; **BELOW:** Jan Fraga and Canoe Paddling Head Coach Elizabeth Loo with this year's Young's Scholar-Athlete, Morgan Louis Soares.



### *Additional Notable Athletic Accomplishments in 2016 to 2017:*

■ The **Lancer cheer squads** won the **Interscholastic League of Honolulu ILH Intermediate** and **JV Championships**, and **Chanel Moke Puha** was named **League Cheer Coach of the Year**;

■ The **Varsity soccer squad** qualified for the **State Championships** and won its first game in title play;

■ The **Varsity sporter riflery team** scored a tie for the **ILH Championship**;

■ **Dorothy Sanidad** broke the long-standing League scoring record for **precision riflery** and was named **Shooter of the Year** in both **precision** and **sporter riflery**.

## Xchanging knowledge via media and videos

The Academy's group of aspiring videographers



has grown over the year, and four of these talented students won accolades in the prestigious, annual **Youth Xchange video competition**, sponsored by **'Olelo**. Their efforts and were recognized at a special awards banquet on April 27.

Junior **Jenelle Ho** won the **"Mini Documentary"** category for her video on "How local businesses recycle food waste."

And, in the **"News"** category, junior **Celine Arnobit** and (below with Ho) seniors **Ashley Lardizabal** and **Kailanianna Ablog** earned finalist honors for their story on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Congress.

The Youth Xchange is the State's largest student video competition with over 900 submissions from throughout the Islands.



## Kindergartners get hands-on ocean aquatic primer

On May 3, the **Kindergarten (JK)** students in **Carrie Knebel** and **Sandy Arnobit's** classes got a little "wet" learning about the creatures that dwell in the ocean depths around the Islands during a visit to the **Waikiki Aquarium**.

They explored the site's colorful, vibrant and informative exhibits and were especially mesmerized to observe the local sharks and graceful, luminescent jellyfish.

The kindergartners also were thrilled to "reach out and touch" – and get their hands wet – at the **"Edge of the Reef"** display. They enjoyed holding hermit crabs and starfish and gently feeling the texture of live coral, sea cucumbers and more!

