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New school year kicked off – welcome back to the ‘ohana!



Welcome back, Your dreams were your ticket out. Welcome back, To that same old place that you laughed about. Well the names have all changed since you hung around, But those dreams have remained and they're turned around. Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back!

- Welcome Back by John Sebastian

On August 7, the Academy's students were enthusiastically welcomed back to campus for what bodes to be an exciting and invigorating year of educational experiences!

The vast kaleidoscope of students in grades Pre-School to 12 hails from around the Islands and includes a number of "newbies" who have relocated from near and far, including Japan, Korea, China and the continental United States.

Joining the students along their educational journey this year, the Academy's 108th year of providing a quality educational experience for Hawai'i's girls,

are over 100 faculty and staff members. Each boasts a cornucopia of educational and life experiences and are committed to carrying out the school's "plan" to ensure each student succeeds – finding her "voice," discovering her unique talents and gifts, developing into a critical and confident "thinker" and contributing positively to the local and world community along the way.

This promises to be a truly exciting year, and the faculty and staff welcome all students, parents and grandparents to the 'ohana!

From the Head of School

SETTING GOALS FOR DEVELOPMENT

This past week, the Academy welcomed over 850 students back to school with traditional orientations and convocations.



As is the tradition, core values and expectations were reviewed.

It is often challenging to outline the goals we attempt to develop as the needs of girls and young women are evolving so quickly in our rapidly-changing world. However, these seem to be uppermost in our mind as we open the 2017 to 2018 school year. Our students will:

- Develop an ethical and spiritual framework to navigate complex moral dilemmas,
- Value utilizing creativity, collaboration, problem-solving, invention and innovation,
- Express herself with confidence and with a sense of purpose in written, oral and digital forms,
- Become proficient in more than one language,
- Develop a leadership style, advocacy skills and "voice,"
- Refine a cultural competency to impact and expand her global presence,
- Value artistic expression as an essential part of her contemporary life,
- Establish a plan for life-long wellness and fitness.

Betty White



Ever heard of Jitter Juice?

It's magic and it's yummy!
It makes the butterflies fly away,
right out of my tummy!
The bubbles in this silly juice
will help you not to worry,
So grab a cup and drink it up!
Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

The kindergartners in *Carrie Knebel's* class had a few jitters before starting school – but not to worry, their Jitter Juice took them right away in a hurry!



BETWEEN 7

AND 7:30 A.M. >

Parents should use Autoline on either Waialae Avenue or 5th Avenue to drop their daughters off on campus.

BEFORE 7:30 A.M. >

All parking in the front lot is reserved for faculty and staff.

AT NO TIME >

Even for short periods – is parking or loading and unloading allowed behind the Student Center.

School 'ohana shows spirit while supporting the home team!

The colors gold and white were prevalent on July 26 when almost 300 students and parents descended on campus and displayed their support and spirit for *Lancer* athletics.

In what has become a tradition, this *Athletic Kick-Off* set the tone for the year and included fun facets in addition to completing some "housekeeping" requirements which "cleared the way" for student-athlete participation.

This year's Kick-Off also included a panel presentation by four veteran past and present Lancer athletes who discussed many facets of being a student-athlete, such as the importance of efficient time management, how athletic participation enhances one's life and more.

Other highlights of the evening, setting the tone for the athletic programs this year included:

- Almost 100 coaches staffed stations for their respective *Lancer* and *Pac-Five* sport, answering questions, disseminating information and signing-up athletes.
- Sales of the latest in Lancer-themed apparel.
- Spirited routines performed by the *Lancer Cheerleading* squad before a light dinner.
- Lancer trainers discussed concussions in athletes and conducted baseline testing.

Mahalo to *Athletic Director Ryan Hogue* and his staff for coordinating this spirited kick-off to the year.



ABOVE: Past and present Lancer letterwinners conducting the panel presentation – Zoe Yamamoto, '16; Jessica Hanashiro, '16; LeGrand Pound, '17; and Dorothy Sanidad, '17.



LEFT: Senior volunteers, Mindy Thai, Catherine Palmer, Julia Oehlers and Kimberly Wong, assist at the Kick-Off.



Some of the school's basketball and volleyball coaches: Brian Yamamoto, Kalani Apao, Merle Sen, Wanda Pila, Rick Shibata and Richard Kasuya

WELCOME! TO NEW ACADEMY CREW

This year, six new teachers join the ranks of the Lower and High School – all are focused on inspiring students with a plan for them to flourish and to succeed!

▶ *KATHRYN Bickford* High School Social Studies



It seems only natural that *Kathryn Bickford* would become an educator after gaining inspiration from her mother, a fellow teacher. In guiding her students, she draws upon her experiences playing collegiate lacrosse for four years, including three appearances at the National Championships, and as a coach for five years.

The former Massachusetts resident earned her Bachelor's Degree in Historic Preservation from the University of Mary Washington and holds a Master's Degree in History from Salem State University.

Prior to joining the Academy, she logged six years of teaching stints in Massachusetts and California.

Bickford thoroughly enjoys reading a good book, engaging in lots of laughter and being outdoors, especially going hiking and to the beach. She also has set a goal to complete the Honolulu Marathon this December, her fifth such race!

▶ *LAURA Houseman* High School Science



While pursuing her undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame, *Laura Houseman*, had the unique opportunity to participate in programs to study Theology and the Arabic language and culture in Jerusalem, Israel and Oman.

She received her Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry and Arabic in 2016, and although not fluent in the language, she plans to continue her studies in this area.

While residing in Hawai'i, she will also call Oregon "home" for the next two years while working on her Master's Degree from the University of Portland.

Houseman enjoys dancing and watching dance performances and a wide array of outdoor activities, such as running, hiking and watching the sunset.

▶ *ALYSSA Okimoto* High School Librarian

Growing up without a television in her household, *Alyssa Okimoto* spent a great deal of time at the local library, which fostered her life-long love for books and literature.

Prior to joining the Academy, Okimoto served as a Librarian at Punahou School, where she is an alumna and also participated in track and field. Her work experience includes stints at the Hawai'i State and various other Public Libraries around the Island.

Okimoto holds an undergraduate degree in History from the University of British Columbia and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

An avid lover of being outdoors, she can often be found diving, fishing or surfing and even traveled to Indonesia to "catch waves."



▶ *DAVID Randall* *High School Visual Arts*



Many years devoted to studying, creating and making all forms of art make *David Randall* the ideal Visual Arts teacher. This art "guru" spends most of his free time engaged in activities involving being creative, building things and painting.

The longtime Hawai'i resident has traveled to over 20 countries around the world, including throughout Australia, Asia, South America and Europe – Africa and the Poles are the only continent locales not in his passport.

Randall earned his undergraduate degree in Fine Arts with a focus on Printmaking from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

His vast resume of experience includes as an instructor with various organizations. He also has shown his work at numerous local exhibitions and has participated in various collaborations with other artists.

Randall looks forward to sharing his knowledge and inspiring the Academy's aspiring artists.

▶ *CALEB Rinard* *High School Japanese and English As a Second Language*



Originally from Robinson, Illinois, *Caleb Rinard* shares that Japan, specifically the Tokyo area, feels "more like home now" after spending many years living and studying there.

Rinard earned his Bachelor's Degree in History from Charter Oak State College in Connecticut, and he studied Chemical Engineering and International Studies in Indiana before making his way to Japan.

While in Japan, Rinard immersed himself in the local culture and filled his resume with teaching experiences of both adults and young children. He also logged work as a translator.

Rinard, who can play five musical instruments, enjoys spending time with his wife, who is from Yokohama, Japan, and cooking, especially Indonesian, Mexican or Japanese cuisine.

▶ *CLARIE Thompson* *Grade Five*



Clarie Thompson's Academy roots run deep, with many of alumnae among her family members.

This year, in addition to teaching fifth grade Theology, Language Arts and Social Studies, she will serve as a "school mom," with three daughters on the Academy's class rosters. Her son is a seventh grader at Saint Louis School.

Prior to joining the Academy, Thompson taught at Saint Ann's Model School for 13 years and at Maryknoll School for four years.

She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Theater with a minor in Journalism from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Thompson also completed additional studies in teaching and instruction at Chaminade University.

Her resume includes auditioning for the role of "Nani" in the Disney' film "Lilo and Stitch" when she was younger.

