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## Leaders share L.E.I. of ideas during Faces Forum

*Twenty-nine Academy students received a global perspective on Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Inspiration (LEI) during this year's University of Hawai'i East-West Center Changing Faces Women's Leadership Seminar, which celebrates*



*the efforts of successful women from around the world in business and social endeavors.*

On May 15, these female mentors – hailing from China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu Vietnam and the United States – visited campus and engaged a group of Academy students in large and small group activities based on this year's theme, "Women as Innovators and Entrepreneurs."

They shared their personal stories about forging positive initiatives in their communities and mentorship influences.

The Seminar also included the annual **#galswithLEI Forum** at

the University of Hawai'i on May 17.

Here, the students attended an insightful panel discussions featuring prominent "storytellers" based in the United States – **Lillian Cunningham**, a reporter for *The Washington Post*, **Negin Farsad**, comedian and podcast host of "Fake the Nation," and **Heather Guigni**, the producer of the local show "Family Ingredients."

These professionals shared their inspiring stories of struggle and triumph as they broke through barriers to forge successful media careers.

The Form also allowed the stu-



dents to interact with established female leaders, bold millennials and the international 2018 Changing Faces women in six smaller sessions focused on a myriad of important topics.

The information garnered during this annual event was purposeful, collaborative, dynamic and truly inspiring!

## From the Head of School

### LEADING AND MENTORING CHANGE

*Our last Mass for the year was held this morning, exams for grades*



*seven to 11 begin on Monday, and the last day for all students will be Wednesday. Those traveling in the Administration Building today were "swimmingly" traveling through an "ocean" of decorations with which the seniors treated us as we arrived at school this morning. So creatively done!*

*One of my most meaningful experiences this week was observing about 30 of our students participating the Changing Faces Leadership Seminar and the GalswithLEI as detailed on page one.*

*The Academy students from grades eight to 12 engaged with 18 mentors from around the world as well as many local business leaders, all women.*

*Student Council Advisor Cleo Eubanks, joins me in sharing how meaningful these two programs were to our students. They not only attended, but they fully participated, asking outstanding questions, and being leaders in their breakout groups.*

*One student, Dallas Martinez, was a panel participant.*

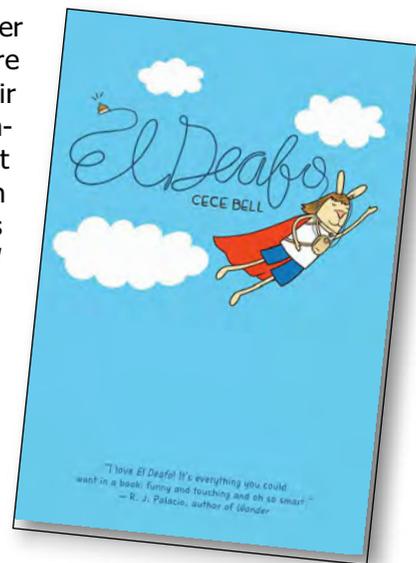
*The students were proud to be representing the Academy, and Mrs. Eubanks and I were even prouder of each of them!*

*Betty White*

## Readers recognized for efforts in Nene Award contests

A group of Lower School readers were recognized for their outstanding and winning efforts against statewide competition in this year's various **Nene Award Contest** activities!

These contest segments, geared towards generating excitement about the Award and reading literacy, are based on previous Nene Award-winning books and those on this year's list of nominees.



The Academy's students winning awards this year in the **Nene Creative Media Contest**, **Creative Writing Contest**, **Nene Jeopardy** or **Kahoots Game Challenge** include: fourth graders **Bailey Leong** and **Madeleine Villamil**; fifth graders **Gabrielle Abrew**, **Bailey Leong**, **Taylor Chatigny**, **Ellen Ha**, **Janela Tabios** and **Aureanna Vendiola**; and sixth graders **Abigail Aguirre**, **Keira Iwamoto**, **Madison Iwashita** and **Angelina Seo**.

The 2018 Nene Award winning book, **"El Deafo"** by **Cece Bell**, was announced at the Awards Ceremony in April.



## Young Lancers lauded at Athletic Convocation

The Academy's 57 youngest Lancers were recognized at the inaugural **Athletic Convocation** for only grades four to eight on May 9 in the Student Center.

These student-athletes hone their craft in the **Catholic School League (CSL)** and **Christian School Athletic League (CSAL)** before delving into High School level-competition.

Approximately 200 family and friend supporters joined **Athletic Director Ryan Hogue** and team coaches in honoring each hard-working and dedicated athlete, who was presented with a meritorious certificate.

The sports represented included **CSL volleyball, basketball** and **track and field** and **CSAL volleyball** and **basketball**.

**TOP LEFT:** Coach Shelly Spence and members of the Catholic School League (CSL) track and field team; **LEFT:** Kalani Apao, the basketball coordinator for CSL and Christian School Athletic League (CSAL), and his daughter, senior Ka'u'ialoha Apao, who helps coach the Lancers in these leagues



## Fifth graders showcase artistic talents in year-end event

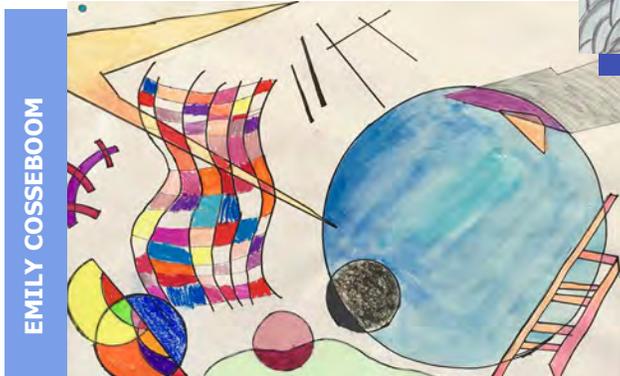
On May 15, about 150 patrons explored the special **Art Opening** in the Student Center which showcased various visual arts pieces created by the fifth graders.

The projects crafted by the aspiring artists that were on display included **"Mythological Creatures,"** comprised of two to three different animals meshed together into one and their unique habitat; **"Abstract Art,"** inspired by **Russian Artist Wassily Kandinsky;**

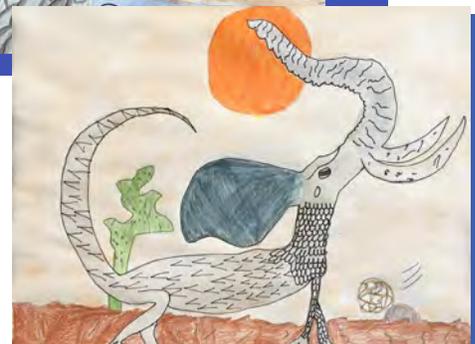
and pieces conjuring an **"Alien Sighting."** The Opening was coordinated by Lower School **Art teacher Malia Urie.**



GRACE KANAYAMA



EMILY COSSEBOOM



SKYLY KWOK

Lancers

## Freshman honored for outstanding efforts for Kidz

**Juliette Cramer** was recently recognized for her work with **Kidz for a Cause (KFAC)**, a student non-profit focused on helping kids in need, and she earned the **Outstanding Kid Award**.

This special honor is bestowed on the student who displays outstanding leadership while creating and managing their own Kidz events and being a positive role model throughout this campaign.

Cramer's efforts were two-fold – an **"Art Gallery"** at Saks Fifth Avenue in the fall which featured works by local artists, sold to benefit KFAC, and a painting session at the Bishop Museum on November 5. At the Museum event, attendees purchased a 8x10" canvas and other art supplies used during the session for \$10, with proceeds also benefiting KFAC.

Through her efforts, Cramer raised significant proceeds from the event, which was added to the \$30,000 KFAC benefiting the **Ronald McDonald House of Hawai'i**.



## Third graders explore Oahu's diverse cultural sites during tour

During a whirlwind, two-day overnight **"Tour,"** the Academy's third graders traveled to the far corners of Oahu, stopping to tour some of the Island's key cultural and environmentally-rich sites.

On May 10, the travelers departed campus early, and Tour highlights included:

- > Getting a behind-the-scenes view of rural life on a local farm, **Colton Farms**, which included a primer from the proprietor on the resident animals. The students even were able to apply the care and feeding tips they learned!
- > Learning the art and technique for proper *Lei Po'o* and *Haku* lei-making at **Senator Fong's Plantation and Gardens**.
- > Exploring the history and practices employed by the ancient Hawaiians to fish and propagate food resources at **Huilua Fishpond** in Kahana Bay.
- > Going on an iPad-aided scavenger hunt and enjoying the *"Menehune Mischief Character Dinner Buffet"* at **Aulani Disney Resort and Spa**, the group's lodging for overnight.
- > Obtaining "hands-on" – and "feet-on" – experience tending and caring for a taro patch at **Na Mea Kupono Lo'i Kalo** in Waiialua.
- > Cooling off at one of the North Shore's favorite treat stops, **Matsumoto's Shave Ice**, for – of course – shave ice with or without the extra "fixings."

