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Graduates return and reflect

Forty-two recent graduates returned to campus on January 6 for the annual *Alumnae Forum*, a useful resource for the Academy's future college-bound students, who begin prepping for the college process in Junior High.



In small groups, they met with each High School division in a panel setting, answering questions, sharing about their collegiate experiences and offering "words of wisdom" about transitioning to the university education realm.

According to *College Counselor Randy Fong*, the most important take-aways the graduates shared included:

- ▶ Research college choices before senior year and apply early;
- ▶ Start now "waking up early, doing homework and developing relationships with teachers;"
- ▶ Finish senior year on a strong note since colleges review final transcripts;
- ▶ Learn to live with dorm roommates by respecting one another and understanding individual differences and living styles;
- ▶ Often, financial aid dictates which college students attend, so research and complete the financial aid application process early.

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 EXPERIENCE THE ALOHA!

KEIKI GREAT ALOHA RUN
 FEBRUARY 13, 2016

> Two-mile course around the Neal Blaisdell Center and McKinley High School is open to Lower School students and their parents

> Fee for completed entries submitted by January 19 is \$20 (\$25 from January 20 to 28)

> More information and entry forms to be sent home on January 11

GREAT ALOHA RUN
 FEBRUARY 15, 2016

> Students in grades nine to 12 and their parents can pick-up a registration form from *Toni Normand* in Room A226 before January 12

> Entry fee is free for registrations forms returned by January 15, courtesy of *D. Otani Produce*

From the Head of School

CLOSING OUT THE FIRST SEMESTER

The holidays are behind us, and a new semester has begun! Report Cards for students in grades seven to 12 were recently mailed, and those in Junior Kindergarten to grade six will be sent home with students in early January.



As the marking period concludes, thoughts turn to the single, most useful tool to assess how well students are doing their job. The school knows exactly where to look for the best advice for improving their students' learning – we look to the “experts,” our students.

At the end of each semester, students in grades seven to 12 evaluate their classes through on-line, anonymous surveys.

Students are surveyed on the effectiveness of teaching methods, work load, pace of class, relevancy of content, clarity and comfort with the teacher as well as an open-ended request for any advice. Our students respond constructively and with zest.

Not exactly in the same vein, but a short survey will be sent to parents of students in grades Junior Kindergarten to six in the next two weeks – however, these are to be completed by the parent, not the student. It is useful for all to take a few minutes to see how we can possibly serve our students and families better. Thank you for participating in the process.

Our very best wishes to your family as we enter a new semester and a New Year!

Betty White

SACRED HEARTS ACADEMY

OPEN HOUSE



PRESCHOOL

(For girls ages three to five)
January 10, 2016
2:30 p.m.

PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 12

February 21, 2016
2:30 p.m.



Where Girls Soar!

NETWORKING social

(Ages 21 and over)

02.11.2016

M Nightclub
(500 Ala Moana Blvd)

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Hosted by Saint Louis School and Sacred Hearts Academy

\$25 per person* (\$35 at the door)

TO REGISTER:

www.sacredhearts.org/new-year-networking-event

Sophomore qualifies for Junior Olympics

Sophomore *Dorothy Sanidad* has hit the target, winning the *Junior Olympic Small-bore Match* on December 20 at Saint Louis School.



In winning this match, which featured both boys and girls, Sanidad qualified for Smallbore competition in the *Junior Olympics* in April in Colorado.

She also competed in the Air Rifery section, finishing third, and will learn if her scores earned her a spot at the Olympics later this spring.

Other Academy shooters participating in the Smallbore Match included *Aimee Pak*, *Angelique Mara*, *Janelle Inao* and *Mabel Cheng*.

Helping young athletes feel extra special

While the *Leo Club* worked at the *Honolulu Marathon*, members of the *Soroptimist*



Club, or the "*S*" *Club*, took on the Leos' regular monthly service opportunity with the *Young Athletes' Program (YAP)* on December 12 at Kaiser High School.

Ten "*S*" *Club* members, including (above) *Maria Moral* and *Ashley Ung*, worked with the special needs participants during a variety of activities to cultivate healthy habits, such as a basketball throw and tossing games.

The YAP is sponsored by *Special Olympics Hawai'i*.

Hoopsters making shots

The members of the *Lancer Varsity basketball* team are earning notoriety for their efforts and maintaining spots in the top ten in statewide polls maintained by *scoringlive* and the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*.

The team opened league play in early December, dropping tight games to Kamehameha and Punahou Schools before taking a three-game trip to Hawai'i Island during Christmas break for an event hosted by Hilo High School.

The Lancers, led by senior *Jessica Hanashiro*, who earned *Prep Athlete of the Week* honors in early December, take a 10-5 record into their next games versus Punahou School on January 9 at 5 p.m. and Maryknoll on January 13 at 6 p.m. Both contests will be in the Academy's Gymnasium.

The team is coached by *Ryan Hogue*, *Brad McDaniel*, *Preston Pires* and *Eric Martinez*.



CyberLancers combat hackers during challenge

On December 4, the Academy's two *CyberLancers* teams completed the second round of the *Cyber-Patriot competition*, which challenges students to demonstrate their cybersecurity knowledge.

During this round, each team had six hours to tighten security and remove malware, viruses and areas for hackers to exploit on three different computer systems – a Windows Vista workstation, a Windows 2008 server and an Ubuntu 14 workstation.

Before the 10 p.m. deadline, the teams also had to complete a Cisco networking challenge quiz.

Based on the results, the CyberLancers may move on to the next phase of competition early this



year.

Participating students included freshmen *Aiyana Arnobit* and *Stella Supall*, juniors *Christina Chen*, *Leona Domingo*, *Kaitlin Pang* and *Shailyn Wilson* and seniors *Weiyi Huang*, *Janelle Inao*

and *Asenita Tuiafitu*.

The CyberLancers are guided by mentor *Sturhonda James* of the National Security Administration and *Mathematics Department Chair Deborah Kula*.

Fourth graders find facts about fishpond's features

On December 15, the fourth graders went to *He'eia Fishpond* in *He'eia Uli* on the Windward side of Oahu to explore its history and the unique and advanced forms of aquaculture it employs.

Built by the ancient Hawaiians 800 years ago, the students discovered how adult fish are herded or trapped in the Pond, while allowing baby fish, or pua, to mature.

The students also worked together to fill buckets with coral and rock to fill the puka, or hole, in the 1.3-mile wall surrounding the fishpond.

In all, the students, including (right) *Amber Wolfe*, *Diana Lee* and *Reece Machida*, added 200 buckets to the restoration effort!

