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Board member honored for stalwart service efforts

Board member Shanlyn Park was honored as the Academy's "Volunteer in Philanthropy" at a luncheon at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on National Philanthropy Day, November 17.

Park (middle with Academy Board of Directors Helen Chang and Anna Mei-Lyn Hu) was selected for the award, sponsored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, based on the tremendous service contributions she provides which beneficially impacts the school.

A 1987 graduate of the Academy, Park is an attorney and has worked at the Hawai'i Federal Public Defender's Office since 1997. She joined the Academy's Board of Directors in 2011.



STEM-ing students have lift-off!

This past week, some of the Academy's freshmen and sophomores applied their knowledge of *Physics* with a hands-on challenge of building bottle rockets!

In pairs, the students researched aerodynamics and basics of flight before making a design schematic and constructing their rocket using a two-liter plastic bottle.

The teams also added optional items – such as fins and parachutes – deemed critical for reaching the goal of having their rocket stay up in the air the longest among the others in the class.

Finally, the day to test their design was here! The teams filled their rocket designs with water and pumped air into the rocket to pressurize the gas to achieve lift-off!

Based on their first day results, the teams refined their designs to improve their rocket's flight time.

There definitely was excitement "STEM-ing" on campus this past week!

Hailey Otani assesses the flight of her rocket as it takes off.



From the Head of School

PERFORMING ARTS TAKES STAGE

This weekend, the campus will be abuzz with its regular sports and service activities, but holiday events will compound the energy level further.



Starting late this afternoon, the Junior class will be selling Christmas trees, poinsettias and wreaths. Mahalo to many of our parents who will be putting in long and exhausting hours to raise funds for Project Graduations parties.

Family time is precious during the holiday season, but consider taking a break and enjoying the dance students rendition of "The Nutcracker," this evening or Saturday, both starting at 7 p.m. at Mamiya Theater. Our students, under the direction of Micki Kolberg, will make you forget about the tree that is not decorated and the Christmas shopping list which is not completed.

Next week, the band, with Director Keith Higaki, and the hula students, with Kumu Jordan Asing, will further launch us into the holiday spirit.

These performing arts programs are very important in the Academy's curricular programs in which your daughters are enrolled.

However, the Academy tries to schedule them as early as possible so students can focus on the exams that begin the week of December 14.

It is very likely that I will see many of you this weekend!

Betty White

Efforts benefit Wounded Warriors

This fall, the Academy's students conducted various activities with proceeds benefiting the



Honolulu Navy League-Wounded Warriors, which assists injured service members and provides programs and services to meet their needs.

The High School hosted the *TasteTea* truck on campus for two days and raised \$1,127, while Lower School students were allowed to "Dress Down" for a day for a small donation and collected \$1,198.

On November 24, members of the *High School* and *Lower School Student Councils* presented a check to (above) Gunnery Sgt. Brian Koehn and Chaplain Steven Jensen and of the Wounded Warriors organization during a service in the Chapel.

Intermediate team kicks ahead

On December 1, the *Lancer Intermediate soccer team* defeated Pac-Five Brown, 4-2, despite only have 10 players suited up!



The team is led by (above) Shari Ho, Arianna Kamaka-Perez, Athena Edwards and Jessica Jorgensen.

Students share blessings with less fortunate during Thanksgiving

The Academy community staged its annual canned food drive to “*Share Our Blessings*” with less fortunate families from November 9 to 19, with students in both the Lower and High Schools collecting canned and packaged food donations.

During special prayer services, the students reflected on their own blessings and added their gifts of food items to the Thanksgiving “baskets,” which numbered 55 in total!

Distribution of these included:

- > 23 baskets went to *Loliana Hale*, the Academy’s “adopted” transitional shelter;
- > 10 were given to *Saint Pius X Church* for families in Kaimuki and Palolo;
- > 14 went to *Saint George Parish* for Waimanalo families;
- > Eight benefited needy members of the school community.



ABOVE: Sister Katherine Francis Miller, Sarah Cheng, Rebecca Kaleleiki, Ivy Yeoh and Lauren Chung load Thanksgiving baskets bound for outreach.

LEFT: Student Council member Kylee Kamauoha-Phillips collects canned donations for less fortunate families during a prayer service for the Lower School.

Trio networks about global issues

On November 20, (right) Carlee Matsunaga, Neicy-Mae Fujiwara and Krista Thom joined students from around the State at a kick-off event for the *Global Issues Network (GIN)* at Iolani School.

This network, which includes over 80,000 students from over 500 schools from regions across the world, is dedicated to empowering young people to collaborate locally, regionally and globally to create sustainable solutions for global issues.

At the State kick-off event, the Academy students discussed world and local issues important to them and networked with other students with similar interests and concerns.



Digital Media Club observes inner workings at 'Olelo

Members of the Academy's *Lower School Digital Media Club (DMC)* enjoyed an exciting learning trip to the *'Olelo Television Studio* at Kaimuki High School on November 24.

During the trip, the members learned about 'Olelo's mission; the process of producing a professional film; the use of green screens and animation techniques; and college, career and volunteer opportunities available in the broadcast fields.

Club members also considered how to use their skills to make Hawai'i a better place and what types of videos would positively aid the community.

While the students were enthralled with everything they learned, the biggest highlight was discovering how to publish their videos on 'Olelo Television for free!



Saturday spent in cemetery

On November 30, approximately 30 seniors conducted a clean-up at *King Street Cemetery* as part of their culminating activity in their *Theology* class.

At the Cemetery, the students, including (*below*) *Phoebe Kirk, Kahea Ah Sam* and *Rachel McDaniel*, spent about three hours clearing weeds, raking, wiping down headstones and placing flowers at graves.

According to *Sister Katherine Francis Miller*, while working, the students developed a unique perspective on the process of living and dying for a mission, as Jesus did.

Founding members of the *Sacred Hearts Congregation* who died before 1925 are buried at the Cemetery, including *Bishop Libert Boeynaems* and the Academy's founder, *Rev. Mother Judith Brassier*.



Gettings facts stat

After a semester studying the intricacies and applications of statistics, 18 students in *Deborah Kula's Statistics* class have delved into their hands-on, final project.



Rachel McDaniel and Zoe Yamamoto administer their survey to Margaret Phillip querying who goes to Saint Louis football games to discover if there is a correlation between if the attendees play sports.

Working in teams, the students developed comprehensive questionnaires on topics of interest to them, and armed with clipboards, the teams embarked across campus and the community administering their surveys to willing participants.

Their findings will be presented to their class.