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Robotics teams display IQ on Hawai'i Island

Traveling off-island to compete proved to be great motivation for four of the Academy's robotics teams, with each performing admirably in the **Big Island East VEX IQ Challenge** on November 19 at Waiakea Elementary School.

The **Junior High VEX IQ Team 2437A**,

comprised of **Kammiee Ardo**, **Ayla Hakikawa** and **Nanami Mehring**, scored second in both *Programming* and *Driver Skills* and won three of the nine overall awards, earning the **Design Award**, the **Teamwork Champion Award** and the **STEM Research Project Award**.

Their **Lower School** counterparts on **Team 2436A**, (right) **Aureanna Vendiola** and **Abigayle Vendiola**, earned the **Elementary School Excellence Award** after making modifications to their robot.

With their performances, both teams nabbed spots in the **VEX IQ State Championships** on February 20, 2017.

After the final scoring, the Lancer teams all earned top three **Finalist Rankings** – Junior High Team 2437A finished first; Team 2436A and **Team 2437B** of **Clarissa Ishii Babauta**, **Han Nguyen** and **Katie Lynn Rebugio** were second; and **Team 2436C** of **Lauren Kealoha**, **Reese Machida** and **Sophia Ramos** fell just behind in third.

The Lancer robotics program, under the guidance of **Peter Park**, has seven teams composed of Junior High and Lower School students competing in this year's VEX IQ challenge.

Next up in their quest for the State Championships, are the **Aloha VEX IQ Qualifier** this weekend and the **Valley Isle VEX IQ Tournament** on December 10.



From the Head of School

SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS AND STUDIES

The Advent season is a glorious and beautiful time of the year on our campus. The students have multiple opportunities to share their talents with hundreds of people as the semester draws to a close, simultaneously with the arrival of the holidays.



During the holiday season, it is a challenge to make sure that the girls are attentive to their daily affairs as students. Robotics, soccer, basketball and air riflery are in season, each carrying a huge commitment of time.

For students in grades seven to 12, exams are scheduled for December 14 to 16.

Regardless of the various demands on your daughter's time, parents are encouraged to make sure that ample hours are set aside for them to review and study. Study Guides are posted on Edline, and seriously attacking them early should give your daughters an edge.

Hope many of you were able to attend the Kaimuki Business Christmas Parade this past Thursday evening. The Academy Band did an outstanding job as everyone braved the chilly weather and wind to pick up a bit of holiday cheer!

Another highlight was observing the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program from Saint Louis School. The unit, including 13 girls from Sacred Hearts, was in great form.

Betty White

Students are precise

Eight Academy athletes were on target at the **United States Army Precision Riflery Match** on November 26 at Saint Francis School.

The Lancers competed in this standing match against other high school students from across the Islands, and (below third from left) junior **Dorothy Sanidad** finished first in the State, scoring 570 out of 600 possible points.

All of the Lancers ranked in the top 20, with (below second from right) **Angelica Castro** taking seventh (below right) and **Kiana Helgren** rounding out the top ten.

Sanidad, Castro, Helgren and (below) **Lauren Matsukawa, Ashley Zeidler, Maile Fox, Lindsey Young**

and (not pictured) **Clarissa De Smet**, take aim again on December 3 in the **Junior Olympic Riflery Championship Qualifier**.



Bumping along on The Bus

The Academy's **Junior Kindergarten (JK)** classes visited the **Kalihi Bus Terminal** and learned all about bus safety and how to use public transportation.

The students only paid one penny for their fare to ride all the way to Honolulu Airport!

They also were thrilled to ride **The Bus** through its enormous Bus Wash!

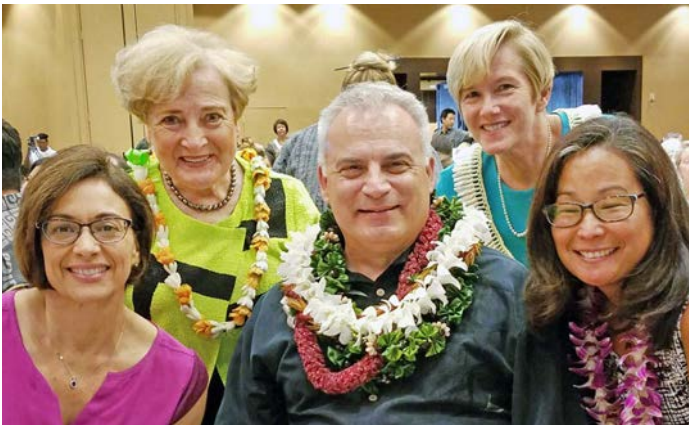


Volunteer in Philanthropy honored

On November 16, **Scott Schroeder, Ph.D.**, was recognized as this year's "**Volunteer in Philanthropy**" from the Academy at the **National Philanthropy Day Luncheon and Conference** at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.

Schroeder (*below with Board of Directors Chair Shanlyn Park, Head of School Betty White, Diane Peters-Nguyen and Koreen Nakahodo*) has faithfully served as chair of the Academic Affairs Committee for the Academy's Board of Directors.

He currently works at Chaminade University and is the longest-serving Business Dean in the school's history.



Senior becomes Blue Demon

Senior **Shayla-Ann Santos** joined over 50 Hawai'i High School students committing to play collegiate athletics during **Fall Signing Day** on November 9.

Santos will become a "Blue Demon" at DePaul University in Chicago next academic year and will play volleyball for the school.

DePaul competes on the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I level in the Big East Conference, which includes prominent schools such as Creighton, Georgetown, Villanova and Marquette Universities.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

December 3 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Central Middle School, Kapolei KMART,
Kalaheo High School and
Koko Head, Mililani and Waimalu
Elementary Schools

POINSETTIA PICK-UP

December 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Academy Front Parking Lot

CHRISTMAS DANCE CONCERT

December 3 at 6 p.m.
Auditorium

BAND WINTER CONCERT

December 5 at 6 p.m.
Mamiya Theatre

LOWER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHARING

December 9 - Auditorium
8:30 a.m. (*Junior and Senior Kindergarten*)

10:30 a.m. (*Grades One to Three*)

12:30 p.m. (*Grades Four to Six*)

MELE KALIKIMAKA HULA CONCERT

December 10 at 3 p.m.
Auditorium

It was “quiet on set” of Hawai‘i Five-0

Alyssa Myers and the members of her **Video Production and News Broadcast class** toured the set of “**Hawai‘i Five-0**,” the only regular television series that is locally-filmed on November 21.

Shot partially at the Hawai‘i Film Studios by Diamond Head, the students explored the various site “locations,” the large wardrobe area and the construction mill, where items for the show are made.

Because of the students’ interests in possibly pursuing a video production career, the stage managers gave the Academy group a “ramped up” look behind-the-scenes. They answered questions and provided additional insight into producing a television show, discussed some of the different methods and “tricks” utilized to simulate real-life action and explained about the opportunities available for students in Hawai‘i’s local film industry.



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