

Tomorrow's leader emerge today

Twenty-four Academy students joined over 600 others from across the State at the EMERGE Conference on November 15 at the Hawai'i Convention Center.

Sponsored by McKinley High School and The Center For Tomorrow's Leaders (CTL), EMERGE was aimed at uniting and empowering young, high school leaders in Hawai'i who share a vision to make a difference and look "Beyond the Horizon," this year's theme.

Attendees were encouraged

to engage in "possibility thinking" by 20 visionary local leaders, including University of Hawai'i Women's Volleyball Coach Dave Shoji and former Gov. George Ariyoshi, who are actively building community using innovative thinking and a clear sense of direction.

The EMERGE Conference is part of CTL's efforts to engage, equip and empower the next generation of leaders in Hawai'i.

The Academy currently has nine students participating in the CTL program as "ambassadors," who work as part of a public-private school partnership with colleagues from *Kalani High School*.

Additional ambassadors can join the program during the spring semester, with meetings slated for 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. each Wednesday on campus. Students in grades nine to 11 who are interested should contact *Cleo Eubanks*, the Academy's director of Student Activities the CTL advisor, at 808.734.5058, ext. 261, or ceubanks@sacredhearts.org.



From the Head of School

INSPIRING LEADERSHIP AND DREAMS

Thank you to Student Activities Advisor Cleo Eubanks and Development Director Emily Torres for guiding our girls in the activities of The Center for Tomorrow's Leaders, probably the



most outstanding leadership program in Hawai'i for high school students. Our participants enjoy working in a cohort with students from Kalani High School.

On this note, yesterday, I noticed a Facebook posting from Laurel Oshiro, our Lower School librarian: "One of the kindergartners whispered to me today, 'Mrs. Oshiro, I wrote down that I want to be a doctor when I grow up because I didn't really know what else to put. But, I actually want to be a rock star.' Then she giggled to herself and pretended to play her air guitar."

Powerful conversation! Our students have so many experiences at home, in school and in the community that encourage them to reach for the stars. Their futures are so bright!

Our final Performing Arts program of the season is the Mele Kalikimaka Hula Concert with Kumu Jordan Asing's hula classes on December 10 at 3 p.m. in the Auditorium. I urge you to consider attending this festive event!

Note that exams for students in grades seven to 12 will begin on Wednesday, December 14, and the final e-parentline for the year, featuring our Christmas activities, is slated for Friday, December 16.

Betty White

Exchange fosters learning

The *Japanese III Honors class* participated in a cultural and language exchange with students from the *University of Hawai'i (UH)* on December 2.

The college students hail from Japan and are spending the semester studying English at UH.

Using the language skills developed this year, the Academy students interviewed the visitors about their hometowns in Japan and their experiences in Hawai'i.

After this question-and-answer session, the Academy students, including (below) *Tiffany Min* and *Monica Kenny*, gave their older counterparts a tour of campus and discussed aspects of the school's curriculum.



FINAL EXAMS FOR GRADES SEVEN TO 12
December 14 (Periods 1, 2 and 3) – 1:15 p.m. Dismissal

December 15 (Periods 4 and 5) – 11:15 a.m. Dismissal

December 16 (Periods 6 and 7) – 11:15 a.m. Dismissal

CHRISTMAS BREAK
December 19 to January 3

SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS
January 4

EPIPHANY COMMUNITY SERVICE
January 6 at 7:50 a.m.

Innovative artist inspires next generation of creatives

On December 7, 11 students in grades seven to 12 and *Visual Arts teachers Kaycie Baltunado and Spencer Freitas* had the unique opportunity to view "street art" in the making at *Saks Fifth Avenue* in Waikiki.



Sean Yoro, also known as the artist "*Hula*," was midway in the process of creating a wall mural with oil paints outside the store's third floor.

Yoro is renowned for his murals of larger-than-life women painted in waterways next to abandoned buildings, primarily in New York. To achieve these realistic works of art, Yoro, amazingly, paints from a paddleboard with his supplies carefully balanced just inches above the water.

While this innovative painting method is astonishing, so too is Yoro's story, which he shared with the students. Born and raised in Hawai'i, he had hopes of being a lifelong surfer before discovering his passion while taking a community college painting course.

Since that time, the artist shared, he has tried to find new ways to create art, even finding innovative ways to make oil paint murals on icebergs in Alaska!

Yoro also enjoyed lunch with the Academy group,



Jillian Simpson, Juliette Cramer, Sean Yoro, Marley Arecchi, Madeleine Thompson and Kaycie Baltunado and the mural in-progress outside of Saks Fifth Avenue

showed them a powerpoint presentation and demonstrated some of the techniques he uses during the creative process, including working on part of his current mural project.

The Academy students were inspired by Yoro's passion for his trade and are amazed at his largely self-taught art skills!

COMING MARCH 2017

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CASTING CALL

DECEMBER 12, 13 AND 14
5 TO 7 P.M. – MAMIYA THEATRE

Presented by the
Saint Louis Center
for the Performing Arts

Open to Academy singers,
dancers and actors in grades
nine to 12; auditioners should
prepare two contrasting,
one-minute songs to sing and
a joke to present.

Making sure cyber is secure

Four *Lancer cyber security* teams will be on “alert” on December 9 and 10, participating in “phase two” of the *CyberPatriot Competition*.

The students join 64 other teams throughout the State to tackle the three-pronged challenge – securing two Windows and one Linux-based computer system, performing digital forensics and demonstrating their networking knowledge through a Cisco quiz.

The Lancers, including (below) *Shailyn Wilson, Sydney Chock, Janelle Lauronal, Leeona Domingo* and *Christina Chen*, aim to finish in the top 30 percent and qualify for “Platinum” status in the third round of competition on the State level in January.



Here We Come A-Caroling!

For the fifth year, members of the Academy’s *Select Choir* helped active duty military members and their families ring in the Christmas season at Fort Shafter.

Led by *Alec Schumacker* and *Zachary Moore*, the singers serenaded party-goers at the residence of *Gen. Robert Brown*, the *Commanding General of the United States Army-Pacific*.

The 100-plus guests enjoyed a number of traditional Christmas carols in addition to several selections from the Choir’s Fall Concert.



Gaining perspective on life and sacrifice during service

On November 26, 25 students from senior *Theology classes* and others conducting service hours participated in the annual clean-up effort at *King Street Cemetery*.

The students, including (right) *Danielle Asuncion* and *Liahheydhine Setik*, focused their three-hour effort on raking, weeding and cleaning the gravestones of the first missionaries of the *Sacred Hearts Congregation*, including *Bishop Libert Boeynaems*.

The annual clean-up, which includes completing a reflection paper, is the culmination of the semester’s *Dying and Rising* curriculum.

