



## Lancers on path to meet world for IQ challenge

The **Lancer VEX IQ** team took the **Hawai'i State Championships** on January 13 and 14 "by storm" again this year!

Based on their showing throughout the season and world rankings, two groups of Academy **Junior**

**High** students and three **Lower School** teams (see right) qualified for the **VEX Robotics World Championships**, slated for April 29 to May 1 at the Kentucky Exposition Center.

Also, falling just short of earning a berth in this event, one Lower School team (see right) received an invite for the **CREATE U.S. Open Championships** from April 2 to 4 at the Mid-America Center in Iowa.

Kudos to **Advisor Peter Park** and all the Academy VEX IQ participants! And, a "resounding mahalo" to the remarkable parent mentors.



**TEAM 2437A** (World Championships – Middle School Division)

> **Kammiee-Marie Ardo, Ayla Hakikawa, Nanami Mehring** and **Kammi Nguyen**

**TEAM 2437B** (World Championships – Middle School Division)

> **Han Nguyen, Katie Lynn Rebugio, Abigayle Vendiola** and **Hyatt Yoshioka**

**TEAM 2436B** (World Championships – Elementary School Division)

> **Gabrielle Castro, Sara Inao, Madison Iwashita** and **Sadie Takaki**

**TEAM 2436D** (World Championships – Elementary School Division)

> **Lindsey Dimaya, Skyly Kwok, Kamryn Nguyen** and **Julia Wong**

**TEAM 2436E** (World Championships – Elementary School Division)

> **Mikena Gillis, Elia Hakikawa, Addison Kinoshita** and **Madeleine Villamil**

## From the Head of School

### LANCER ROBOTICS REVS UP

For a school the size of the Academy, the Lancer Robotics Program is absolutely commendable! In fact, it is sometimes challenging to keep up with all the competitions and activities operating on three levels!



■ For the FIRST LEGO LEAGUE (FLL), the Academy's "Iconic Alert Squad" of sixth graders will travel with Jennifer Arthur for the World Championships in Texas in April.

■ Second, the VEX teams have performed admirably this season, with five teams qualifying for the World Championships in Kentucky in April. Another team will represent the school and our State in the CREATE Championships in Iowa.

■ The third segment, the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC), involves our oldest students. Receiving its kit of parts in early January, the team is nearing the deadline for completion of this year's robot after a strict six-week build period. The FRC Lancer will debut at the Arizona North Regional Robotics Competition in early March. and later at the State Competition in April.

The growth and success of the Academy's Robotics Program certainly gives "bragging rights" to its overall director, Peter Park who says the credit should go to the enthusiastic and talented students. However, both Park and the students give accolades to the parents whose support and mentoring are phenomenal!

*Betty White*

## Robotics: Meeting IQ Challenges

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**TEAM 2436A** (Create Championships – Elementary School Division)

> **Abigail Aguirre, Lauren Kealoha, Reese Machida** and **Aureanna Vendiola**

Other Lancer teams performing admirably throughout the Hawai'i season:

**TEAM 2436C**

> **Alyssa Giang, Ellen Ha, Cocomi Mehring** and **Tehya Ordonez**

**TEAM 2437C**

> **Jacqueline Concepcion, Vanessa Laub, Mei Wai Lee, Aarin Mabe, Sharyn Paronda, Britney Pham** and **Arna Takegawa**



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Through March 20, please help the Academy earn scholarship monies for deserving seniors during the "**Shop for Higher Education**" program.

Participating is simple - when shopping at **Foodland, Sack N Save** or **Foodland Farms**, provide the Academy's code, #7587, and a **Maika'i Card** at check-out.

Through the program, 100 college scholarships for \$2,000 each are awarded to deserving high school seniors throughout the State.

## Aspiring journalists gets Insights on airwaves with pros

Junior **Rebecca Meyer** gained a bevy of "Insights" when she was featured on a **PBS Hawai'i** show at the end of December.

During the station's last installment of the station's series **Insights** for

2017, Meyer, shared her perspective as a student during a panel discussion with esteemed, veteran media professionals (*above left*) **Darryl Huff** and (*above second from right*) **Yunji De Nies** and (*above right*) **Spencer Oshita**, the editor-in-chief of the University of Hawai'i's student news-



paper.

The informative and intriguing dialogue focused on major investigative and inspiring news stories and outstanding examples of "truth to power" media pieces of 2017. Moderated by (*above middle*) **Beth-Ann Kozlovish**, the group also

offered suggestions for stories to watch for in 2018.

Meyer, who was selected because of her participation in the school's **Hiki No** effort, quickly tapped into her journalism training during the filming and represented the Academy well.

The experience allowed her to hone her journalism skills and get a first-hand, behind-the-scenes "look" at the many "moving parts" required to produce the hour-long segment, including the high-tech sets and equipment. And, she has new insight into staying informed of the news.

## Pressing issue with Disney star

**Ka Leo** reporters **Madeleine de Vos** and **Natalie Pagdilao** had the unique opportunity to hone their journalism skills during an exclusive media event in late January for **Disney's "Moana,"** which is being translated into Hawaiian.

The only student journalists invited to the press event, the duo reported alongside professionals from **Hawai'i News Now**, **KHON** and the **Star-Advertiser**.

The highlight of the experience was a one-on-one interview with **Auli'i Cravalho**, the star of the animated film. The student reporters posed questions about the film and a few, fun "would you rather" inquiries.

The invaluable event also allowed de Vos and Pagdilao to network and see industry professionals "in action."



## Counselors honored during special week

To highlight the impact counselors have in the lives of their students, the Academy joined the week-long celebrations for **National School Counseling Week 2018** from February 5 to 9.

For their roles as advocates, moderators, consultants and planners, the Academy's **Counselor** were recognized and honored by their appreciative students during morning flag this past Monday.



The Academy's Counseling "crew" and some of their grateful students: Melinda Rocha, Catherine Palmer, Fiona Hayashi, Keely Carey, Anna Miyashiro, Taylor McKenzie, Randy Fong, Julia Oehlers and Emily Truong

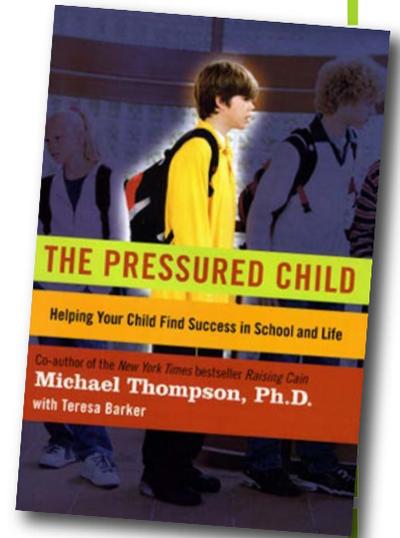
## Service pairs students with readers

On February 1, the **Junior Kindergarten (JK)** and first grade students excitedly welcomed a group of approximately 50 guest readers to their classrooms. These visitors, who hailed from just-up-the-road at **Saint Louis School (SLS)**, conducted the outreach as part of a service-learning project conducted in conjunction with **Catholic Schools Week**.

The experience allowed the Academy students to interact with individuals of a different age and gender group than is their normal routine. Together, the students reflected on each story's lessons, and the youngsters illustrated their favorite part with assistance from their "big brother"



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