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## Lancers score clean sweep in State and League Riflery

The Academy's **Riflery** program closed out its 2017 to 2018 campaign with the **Varsity** earning a "clean sweep" – claiming the two top shooting titles in the State!

In the fall, the **Lancers** won the **State Championship** in **Sporter Air Riflery**, and on February 24, the team earned **Precision Air Riflery Title** at the **League Championships**.

The Varsity also closed the **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH)** Precision season undefeated at 7-0.

This was a memorable and record-breaking year for the program, with their efforts culminating at the final League Title meet.

In the quest for the Precision Championship, (*above left*) junior **Dahee Jung** outdueled senior **Dorothy Sanidad** for the Varsity's top spot and set the League scoring mark of 487.9.

**Lauren Matsukawa** and **Xun**



**He** also competed in the final championship match, finishing fourth and seventh, respectively.

Not to be outdone, the **Junior Varsity (JV)** shooters hit the target as well, with sophomore

**Morgan Harrison** taking the ILH Title in that division.

And, after two outstanding performances, **Elena Amando** earned third place, and **Therese Velez** moved up the ranking for fifth place.

Under second-year **Head Coach Carlton Lum**, other notable Riflery highlights from the year include:

- Sanidad closing her career as the only shooter from Hawai'i to qualify for four **Junior Olympics**;

- Jung also qualifying for the Junior Olympics;

- Lum earning **ILH Sporter Air Riflery Coach of the Year** honors, and Sanidad named a first-team **League All-Star**,

- Jung setting the League's long-standing Precision single match record with a 391.

Lum, his assistants and the Lancer shooters also attribute part of their success to tremendous support of outstanding parents who contributed much to this year's program.

Lancers

## From the Head of School

### LENTEN PERIOD FOR REFLECTION

*The students and staff started the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday service for the entire school, and this special season of spiritual growth is being marked by our students and staff with many events to remind them that prayer and sharing with others are important ways of following Jesus onto the Cross.*



*During this 40 days of Lent, your daughters are being encouraged to spend more time in prayer and be more attentive to the spirit and needs of other people – whether it be the homeless or the victims in the recent Florida massacre.*

*On a more business note, the school is in the final stages of the Admissions season with Director Karen Muramoto leading the charge. This Saturday is the school's last formal admissions meeting for new students.*

*Also, Business Manager Randy Iwashita shared with me his appreciation for parents being responsible to re-register their daughters for the 2018 to 2019 school year. "Thank you" to all the parents who have made his work lighter by re-registering your daughters before the deadline.*

*The weekend will feature the kick-off of the Saint Louis drama production, Footloose, with a talented cast that includes about 20 Academy students.*

*Enjoy this weekend's different pace with your family.*

*Betty White*

## Tower tempts with tasty treats

The first graders' **Tower Garden** is up and running with some tasty treats resulting from its early harvest yield!

The Tower is a unique aeroponics growing system which produces edible plants by providing nutrients delivered through water utilized in the process.

To ensure the steps for growth are successful, the students need to provide the tower and their crops with daily and weekly "attention" and maintenance, including:

- **Making** daily plant observations, including the color of the leaves, the rate of leaf growth and how the seeds have developed into plant form;
- **Checking** the water level and ensuring the pump is operating and the timer is properly set;
- **Monitoring** for leaks and pest infestations (*right*);
- **Recording** the PH level of the water (*top*) and adjusting if necessary;
- **Adding** water nutrients, if needed.

The first graders are thrilled with this unique learning experience, and they were even able to "enjoy the fruits of their labor" after the first harvest of kale and swiss chard on February 23. Some of these vegetables were mixed with pineapple, coconut water and honey to make tasty smoothies which (*bottom right*) the amateur farmers thoroughly enjoyed!



## Staying in-tune with STEM focus of Symposium

To promote their importance and expose students to some of the exciting trends and careers encompassing not just **Technology** but also interwoven with **Science, Engineering** and **Mathematics**, the Academy staged the inaugural **STEM Symposium 4 Girls** in grades seven to 12.

This ground-breaking event featured sessions with experts in the STEM fields who conduct ground-level work for some of the top companies.

These individuals, who shared not just about their job duties but some of

key reasons why their organizations are some of the most successful businesses in the world, included:

▶ **Colette De La Barre**, who provides engineering and product management duties for **Boeing**;

▶ **Nancy Zhang**, a scientist with **CARBON 3D** (below), which utilizes 3D printing technology to create and manufacture products;

▶ **Susan Kwok**, who works on new product development and launches for **Facebook**;

▶ **Jason Gruenhagen** and **Gigi Davis** of **Genentech**, which conducts Biotechnology work using

technology and other STEM tools to develop medicine;

▶ **Joya Pramanik**, who manages supply processes and tool development for **Google**.

According to **Director of Development Emily Torres**, the participants left the sessions with deepened motivation to pursue STEM-related careers not just because of the intriguing subject matter, but also because many could “see themselves” in the relatable presenters.

There were 265 students participants from 22 public and 18 private schools around the Island in attendance.

The Academy is appreciative of the leadership of **Board of Directors Member Shelley Cramer** and the cadre of numerous parent volunteers who assisted with the event’s success.



## Participants venture down to country during Fair

The Academy's **Athletic Department** hosted a **Country Fair** on February 18 which created much excitement among the school community.

Campus was filled with a copious amount of "country" fun during the afternoon, which featured an assortment of games and activities, great shopping at the "Lancer Apparel Shop," "onolicious" food and live entertainment by some of the Island's renowned musicians, including *Hoku Zuttermeister*, *Puamana* and the *Royal Hawaiian Band*.

Along with popular poke bowls, of course huli huli chicken was on the menu, prepped and carefully cooked by a crew of hard-working volunteers.

While the event raised revenue for projects to build the



Athletic program, **Director Ryan Hogue** also heralded the event because "all school programs have different needs and when we work together, we help each other create a better community!"

## Lei from school 'ohana filled with Aloha!

Students in grades seven to 12 joined countless others across the nation sending prayers and positive thoughts to the community of Parkland, Florida, site of the recent school tragedy.

The Academy's outreach, spearheaded by **Kaycie Baltunado** and **Whitney Miyahira**, included adding to the State-wide "**Lei of Aloha**" campaign.

The faculty and students, including (right) **Bryan Passi-Cannon**, picked and gathered donations of green ti, deboned the stem, froze the leaves and wove the pieces into 1,320 feet of lei in just three days!

This effort began in homerooms and was continued into lunch and recess sessions, with those familiar with the proper lei-weaving technique teaching it to classmates.

The Academy contribution was added to the total Lei of Aloha haul, which measured over 1,000 pounds and three-miles long!

The complete lei was flown to Florida, where half was presented to the **Marjorie Stoneman Douglas School** community and the remainder was placed throughout the memorial set up nearby for the tragedy's victims.

