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Girls show they "Got GRIT" throughout year

In the rapidly changing landscape of business and technology, the Academy provides students with beneficial experiences to give them an "edge" when they go to college and pursue a profession.

One of these is the **Girls Got GRIT Mentorship Program** which connects professional women leaders on Oahu with Academy students in grades 10 to 12. Throughout the year, these leaders act as mentors, providing job and career guidance, helping build and refine business skills, developing leadership qualities and facilitating opportunities to network with other local leaders.

The Academy recognizes the gap between knowledge gained in classrooms and the practical skills sets needed to be competitive women in the workforce – this is the inspiration for the GGG Program.

GGG is producing girls with GRIT, "**Grace, Resilience, Initiative and Tenacity,**" who recognize their potential, thanks to the guidance, training and resources of a community of successful profession women led by Academy parent **Shelley Cramer.**

Girls Got GRIT

(GGG) Mentorship Program

Mahalo to these organizations which are finishing the first-round of GGG-sponsored internships this week:

Allison Izu Song Collections
Arcadia Family of Companies
Avalon Group
Democratic Party of Hawai'i
Dentons Hawai'i
First Hawaiian Bank
Go Lean Six Sigma
Hawai'i Pacific Health
Hawai'i State Bar Association
Hawai'i Symphony Opera
Hawai'i Women's Lawyers Association
The Howard Hughes Corporation
Councilwoman Ann Kobayashi
United Laundry Services
Wilson Care Group
YWCA



ABOVE RIGHT: Seniors Maria Moral and Hunter Quon tour the United States Federal Courthouse with Judge Leslie Kobayashi during a visit arranged by the Hawai'i Women's Lawyer Association where they are interning; **ABOVE LEFT:** Bobbie Lau, senior vice president of Development at The Howard Hughes Corporation, and Martha Nicholas

From the Head of School

FOCUSING ON GRIT AND FALL GOALS

It is a joy to recognize the efforts and success of the Academy's Girls Got Grit (GGG) Mentorship and Internship Program in this e-Parentline. Mahalo to the dynamic group of ladies from



our community involved in GGG led by Academy parent Shelley Cramer.

The trademark title of this program, GRIT, is highly indicative of achievement for our students throughout life. Educators believe that it is sustained passion and effort – not intelligence or income – that forms the cornerstone for future success for our students.

Noe Oliver, the GGG coordinator, says, "I define 'GRIT' as a combination of both perseverance and passion for long-term goals."

Applications for the next round of GGG students will be October 29. Encourage your daughters to check out this exciting program.

On another note, Fall Break has arrived! Since the first quarter is concluded as of today, your daughters should not have "tons" of homework. However, encourage them to use their time wisely and try to get ahead with some of their long term assignments.

It is a beautiful time for the students to read for pleasure. But most importantly, encourage your daughters to relax and enjoy their Fall Break. We are going to miss all of them and look forward to welcoming them back in a week.

Betty White

Young spikers celebrate successes going into post-season

Fifteen of the youngest **Lancer** spikers who participate in the **Catholic School League (CSL)** recently closed out their regular season, posting key victories over Damien and Saint Ann's Schools and a winning record at 4-3.

The team moves on to the **"Fellowship Tournament,"** the CSL's playoffs to determine the overall season champion in both the girls' and boys' divisions.

The Lancers' title bid begins on October 8 at 7:45 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

Under the guidance of **Coach Merle Sen**, the season began for these fourth to seventh graders in August with each athlete making the commitment to attend daily practices afterschool as well as their competitive matches.

The CSL focuses on providing Catholic Schools students with the opportunity to learn and develop fundamental athletic skills in an environment conducive to sharing a "Christ-like" attitude.

Lancers!



High School VEX Robotics hits "Turning Point"

The Academy's **High School VEX Robotics** program has hit a **"Turning Point,"** the theme of this year's challenge, and has started the season off with a host of highlights.

After a strong showing at the Academy-hosted **East Oahu VEX Competition** in mid-August, the Lancers carried this momentum into the **Island Pacific Academy (IPA) VEX Robotics Competition** on September 29.

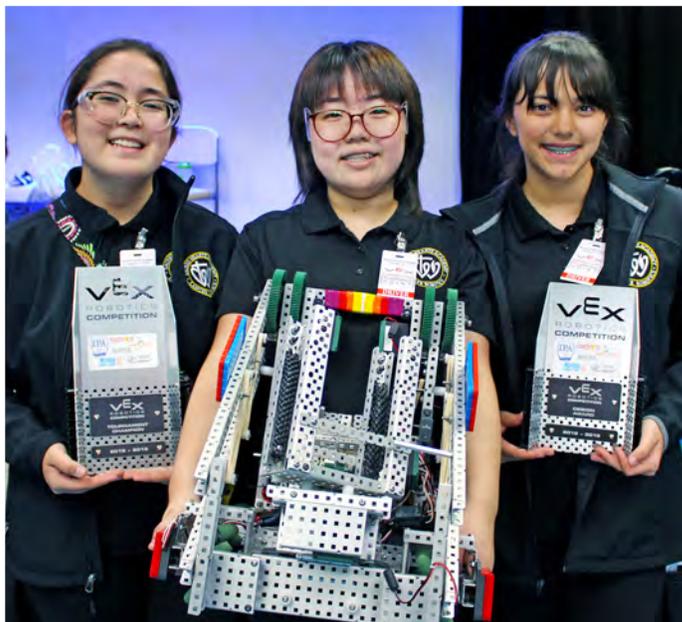
Here, the all-freshman team of (right) **Nanami Mehring, Ayla Hakikawa** and **Kammiee-Marie Ardo, Team 2437A**, picked the group from host IPA to join forces with, and this alliance proved formidable. The Academy-IPA group defeated the top-ranked alliance of two teams from Pearl City High School not once, but twice, in the final rounds!

With this performance, the alliance was the overall tournament champions.

Team 2437A also won the **Design Award** for their robotics efforts, which included one of the "best" *Engineering Notebooks* that **Robotics Advisor Peter Park** has had a Lancers team put together.

For their efforts at IPA, Ardo, Hakikawa and Mehring earned them a spot in the **Hawai'i State VEX Robotics Championship** slated for January 11 and 12.

Team 2437B of **Han Nguyen, Katie Rebugio** and **Sharyan Paronda** also performed well in this 27-team tournament and are looking to improve their robot in upcoming competitions to earn a State Championship berth.



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 TASTY FOOD BOOTHS
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 TREAT STREET
 MUCH MORE!

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Leos lay groundwork for year dedicated to service

In Academy's **Leo Club** kicked off the year at **Parent Night** on September 14. New Leos and their families were "welcomed" into the 'ohana, and 13 rookie members were formally inducted.

A highlight of the evening was the discussion with speaker **Brooke Mamiuzka**, '83, mother of (below right with Mamizuka) **Club President Logan Shiroma**, who encouraged the new families to "jump aboard" the group's mission of *Leadership, Experience and Opportunity (LEO)*.

Soon after Parent Night, the Leos embarked on developing one of their first outreach programs for the year, the **"Lil Leo" program**.

This program allows the High School members to extend their "LEO" legacy to students in the Lower School. The older students team with their "little" peers in grades four to six to discern ways they can "give back" to the school, the community and the world.

The Lil Leos meet every first and third Tuesday afterschool, and one of their first activities (above) was decorating the Lower School bathrooms with positive quotes to help inspire and promote positivity on campus.

The High and Lower School Leos have a host of other upcoming projects on this year's agenda.



Sixth grade friendship brings beautiful memories

Determining how each person is unique and special and appreciating others were the key areas the **sixth graders** developed during their **Class Retreat** on September 14 in the Auditorium.

This focus tied into the day's theme, **"Friendship Brings Beautiful Memories"** and activities, which were coordinated by eight members of the **High School Living In Faith Experience (LIFE)** team.

According **Sr. Katherine Francis Miller**, the highlights of the day included the "Compliment Circle," when the sixth graders shared something positive about 12 peers in the circle, and the caring and "sister" bonding developed between the senior group leaders and their younger "mentees."

