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Dear Parents,

Cool head for a 17-year old

[As reported on KHON2](#), hats off to 17-year old William Heyler who showed he had more acumen than adults in the State administration to respond to Saturday's debacle correctly and with speed.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Hokuloa Singers and our Halau performed beautifully at a groundbreaking ceremony this past Tuesday for the Residential Hall.





It was an exciting and historic day as we gathered together to celebrate this step towards our Campus Expansion.





We are grateful for the support of so many! Here is the text from a story that was published in the Honolulu Star Advertiser on January 17:

“Iolani School held a traditional Hawaiian groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday for its new on-campus residence hall that will mark the next milestone in reinstating the school’s boarding program. The five-story dormitory will house up to 112 students in grades 9-12 and host neighbor island, domestic and international students beginning in the fall school year.

“An education that includes cross-cultural experiences is beneficial for all ‘Iolani students as we prepare them to be successful leaders in the competitive global marketplace,” said ‘Iolani Head of School Timothy Cottrell. “The ability to communicate with — and appreciate the perspectives of — people who come from a wide range of different backgrounds not only creates meaningful global relationships, but also build students’ desire to improve the world around them.”

The residence hall will be built on campus where the current head of school residence was located. G70 is the lead architecture firm on the project and Nordic Construction serves as the general contractor.

‘Iolani was originally founded by King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma as a boarding school and housed students from around the world from 1862 through 1959. The school’s most famous alumnus, Sun Yat-sen, the first president of the Republic of China, was a boarding student who graduated in 1882. Currently, more than 50 international students attend ‘Iolani.

The re-establishment of the school’s residential program is part of the campus expansion outlined in its multiyear strategic plan that included direction from the school’s Board of Governors, faculty and administration. ‘Iolani’s campus expansion also includes the development of new classrooms, studios and labs for the Lower (elementary) School.

“Hawaii offers students from around the world an outstanding education experience, and ‘Iolani School’s boarding program marks a significant step in establishing this reputation around the world,” said Hawaii first lady Dawn Amano-Ige, who spoke at the ceremony.”

Math Team keeps rolling



From faculty member and team coach Michael Park: “Led by perfect scorers Jason Cho '18, Haeri Kim '20, Ian Oga '18 and Roy Song '19, the varsity Raiders amassed 261 points to place first at meet 4 held at Roosevelt this past Saturday. Punahou, Kamehameha and McKinley rounded out the top 4 with 244, 190 and 184 points, respectively. Our other team members were Seobeen Chang '20, Tyson DeCastro '20, Chenyi Hu '19, Phuong Huynh '18, Norton Kishi '18 and Jonah Yoshida '21.

The team of Darren Do '21, Jeein Hong '21, Dylan Kaneshiro '21, Brandon Lai '20 (perfect score) and Sonny Nguyen '21 scored 109 points to win the JV division. Punahou, Kamehameha and McKinley rounded out the top 4 with 107, 85 and 73 points, respectively. Also participating were Dagny Brand '21, Kunwoo Kim '21, Gabriel Kwock '20, Joshua Park '21 and Jake Song '21.

Meet 5 will be held on February 17 at Pearl City High. A big thank you to coaches David Masunaga, Lance Takeuchi, Ryan Sasaki and Jessi Saylor!

Pacific Symposium for Science and Sustainability

This past weekend, the Hawaii Academy of Sciences hosted the Pacific Symposium for Science and Sustainability (P3S).

Davey Huang '18 was one of the 12 semifinalists selected for the competition with his research “A Morphokinetic and Machine Learning Model for Aneuploidy Screening of Human Preimplantation Embryos.” Prior to the event, Davey’s research paper was critically reviewed by experts in the field. He then had the opportunity to orally present his research twice before a panel of expert judges, fellow students, and teachers. His first presentation was as a semifinalist on Saturday with his second presentation as a finalist on Sunday. Davey was a bit nervous about the quality of his presentation—but he articulately discussed his methodology, results, and significance of his findings. In questions afterwards, he demonstrated a breadth of knowledge about biology, statistics, machine learning, and experimental design.

Among the many excellent research projects at P3P, Davey won first place and a \$2,000 scholarship. He also received an all-expense paid trip to the 56th Annual National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) to be held in Maryland from May 2-5. Davey will again have the opportunity to present his work orally at JSHS.

Many at 'Iolani have supported Davey in his work, in particular Yvonne Chan in the 'Iolani Wet Lab.

Honolulu Spelling Bee

The Honolulu District Spelling Bee began with 26 participants Saturday morning, and fortunately "apocalypse" was not one of the words anyone had to spell...

Our two outstanding representatives, Katelyn Shu '23 and Alyssa Kimura '22, were amazing, conquering words like "hominy," "rupee," "isobar" and "oolong" on their way to the final rounds of the competition!



Katelyn tied for 4th place after getting tripped up by "toboggan" in Round 8. With three spellers remaining and only two slots available in the State Bee, Alyssa correctly spelled "shrapnel" in Round 9. In the next round, the first speller got her word right. Alyssa was up next, and although she knew the word "plausible," she accidentally added an extra "i" before the "s". If the third speller got his word right, Alyssa would be knocked out; if he spelled incorrectly, Alyssa would still have a chance. He got the word "junco" (How many of you know that this is "a North American songbird related to the buntings, with mainly gray and brown plumage?") and missed it.

The girl from Sacred Hearts correctly spelled her Championship Word, which left Alyssa and the third contestant to spell-off for the second spot. She got "illuminati," "teriyaki," and "amarillo," before her opponent stumbled on "kabuki." The 'Iolani cheering section felt bad for the young man, but we were ecstatic for Alyssa!! She will compete in the State Spelling Bee on March 9!

2018 Kama'aina Kids Hawaii State Spelling Bee

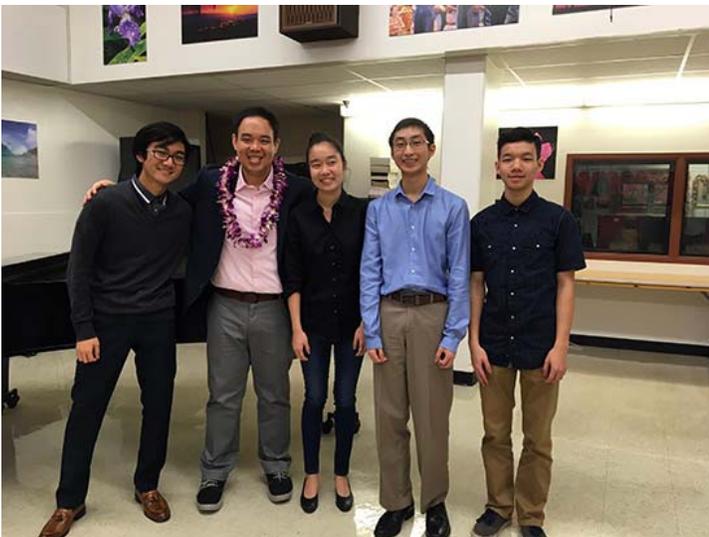
Location: The New Hope Oahu auditorium at [290 Sand Island Access Road](#)

Date & Time: 03-09-2018 6:00 p.m.

Congratulations girls!

Visiting artist Jinjoo Cho

For the past week, 'Iolani School has proudly hosted renowned violinist and educator, Jinjoo Cho. Ms. Cho has been on campus as part of a residency co-sponsored by 'Iolani School, the Hawai'i Chapter of the American String Teachers Association and the Suzuki Association of Hawai'i. Ms. Cho led teacher workshops last Saturday and Sunday followed by a full day of masterclasses on the Monday MLK holiday, where she and her associate, violist Eric Wong, worked with eight violin and viola soloists and all of 'Iolani's quartets.





On Friday evening, the residency culminated with Ms. Cho and ENCORE Chamber Music presenting an evening of incredible string quartet repertoire to an enthusiastic audience in Seto Hall. The program included the Beethoven String Quartet in F Major, Op. 18, No. 1, Phillip Glass' String Quartet No. 3 "Mishima", and Smetana's "From My Life".

We are both blessed and honored to have the opportunity to bring artists of Ms. Cho's caliber to work with our student musicians.

MA'O and Kahumana Farms Field Trip for 7th Grade

The seventh grade class visited two organic farms in Wai'anae this week, MA'O and Kahumana Farms. Through World Geography, and in support of the English 7 text, Omnivore's Dilemma, students explored local, sustainable agriculture by learning about the farms and participating in farm activities including harvesting, mulching, planting and pulling weeds.





Students were treated to tastings of delicious, farm-fresh greens, oranges, turnips and beans and learned about how the farms operate to package and deliver fresh produce to island markets and restaurants.

Lunch with a Friend in the Lower School

In the Lower School, the first week of the second semester was highlighted by Friday's Lunch with a Friend, which featured a fun scavenger hunt after everyone was finished eating.







Students volunteer with Anne Frank Exhibit

On Wednesday night, January 17th, three of our nine 'Iolani School docents were special guests of The Anne Frank House and the Kingdom of the Netherlands at the public reception of the Anne Frank Exhibit at the East-West Center on the campus of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. There were over two hundred people in attendance, many of which were from the Jewish community. Our students, along with other representatives from both Mid-Pacific Institute and Punahou School, were recognized and thanked for their service as the exhibit traveled to each of the three schools. After hearing from dignitaries, Tamzen Lim '23, Ryan Tsuruda '22 and Elise Danko '22 served as guides for those interested in hearing Anne's story.







Maya Soetoro-Ng (SparkM. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution), who first tasked that the exhibit come to Hawai'i, said it best, "If [through this exhibit and Anne's life] we can figure out Anne Frank's place in the world, we can figure out our own place as well." Thanks also to 'Iolani students Zoe Hirashima '23, Kahaukahunua Fasi '23, Kevin Watanabe '22, Kyle Ching '22, Tyler Matsuzaki '22, Ellie Asada '22, and Coordinator Cate Waidyatilleka for an excellent job.

Girls varsity basketball

On Thursday night, our girls varsity basketball team beat Kamehameha, 56-43, in a crucial tie-breaker playoff to determine second-place in the ILH first round. The victory assists in the battle to earn one of the league's two state tournament berths. The win also means that our Raiders will host an ILH Tournament semifinal game on Monday night.





Tipoff in the Lower Gym is set for 6 pm. Go Raiders!

Girls varsity soccer

Our girls varsity soccer team battled Kamehameha in a playoff game for the ILH first-round championship on Friday. After the game remained scoreless through 80 minutes of regulation time, a pair of 10-minute overtimes failed to produce a golden goal, so the tie was broken by a penalty-kick shootout. The Warriors prevailed, 4-2, but our Raiders are still very much in the hunt for the league title and a return trip to the HHSAA Tournament to defend their state championship.





Their next game will be an ILH Tournament semifinal game versus Punahou on Eddie Hamada Field at 3:45 pm. Go Raiders!

Boys varsity soccer

Winners of the last seven games, our boys soccer team is on fire and in the fight for the ILH title and/or a state berth. On Saturday, they pulled into a second-place tie with Saint Louis by dominating the Crusaders, 5-0.

All the best in health and happiness and GO EAGLES!,
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