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Dear Parents,

The 'Iolani Fair

During the week, the Cheerleaders helped to set up tents using their lifting skills. Awesome One Team work!



Barnyard Bash was a success, raising money to subsidize student travel throughout the school-year. New menu additions such as the Unicorn Puffs, pork belly sliders, Poi Malasada Ice Cream Sandwich and walking taco added to the impressive fair offerings.











We were visited by the Cooking Network show Carnival Eats! The segment featuring the 'Iolani Fair will possibly air around August. We will let everyone know in advance. Thank you to everyone who made the fair possible! In true One Team fashion, alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and community members all came together for this great cause and for that we are thankful.

Various Media Clips:

[Day 1 of the fair](#)

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Spring Chamber Music Recital

The Spring Chamber Music Recital, presented on Friday April 5, featured 8 string ensembles and 3 band ensembles.







Students were challenged to present this recital nearly a month earlier than usual, and navigated repertoire that had them playing beyond their years. Congratulations to our terrific coaches and our hard-working, committed student musicians!

Economics & Entrepreneurship and IHS

The Economics & Entrepreneurship classes learned about homelessness in Hawaii, and what various businesses are doing to help. As part of their studies they made 200 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for IHS. Each sandwich also included a note of encouragement.





The students also did this to honor former 'Iolani student Jana Wang who passed away in 2009 from cancer during her sophomore year. Jana was a bubbly, energetic, compassionate student who always thought of others. She and her 'Iolani tennis teammates would get together to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for IHS. The classes were fortunate enough to have Jana's mother join them in making the sandwiches.

French 5 Honors visits Second Grade

On April 03 and April 11, 'Iolani French students in grades 7-12 traveled to the Lower School to share their love of French language and culture with 2nd graders.



French 5 Honors students organized simple speaking activities and songs that were taught to the 2nd graders in small groups by more than 40 student volunteers. Vive le français!

State Science Fair



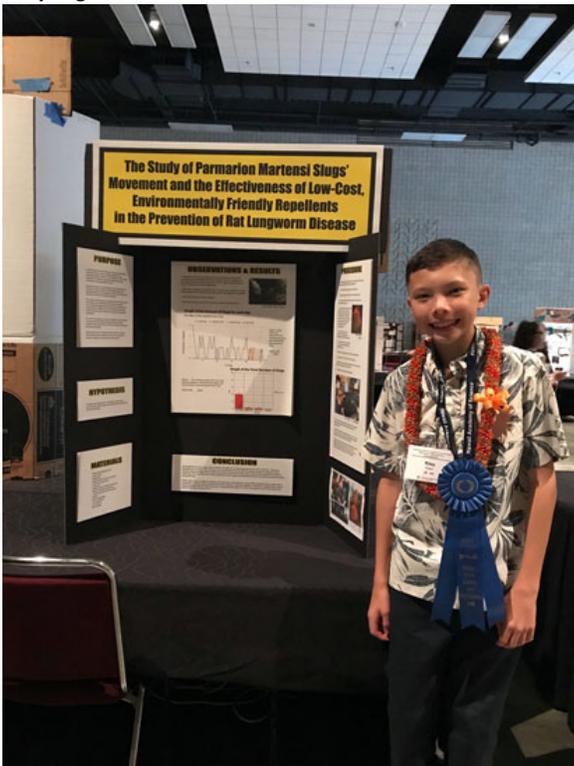
This past week, eight 'Iolani students participated in the 62nd Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair with almost 450 student projects from across the state competitively selected through school and district science fairs. Students prepared posters and research binders documenting their research work and then presented orally to panels of judges.

Congratulations to these young researchers and many thanks to their mentors as well as to the administration for their support of the Sullivan Center Research Lab where most of these students conducted their research. Seven of these students were also part of the Honors Scientific Research class taught by Dr. Yvonne Chan.

List of awards below:

Jr. Division:

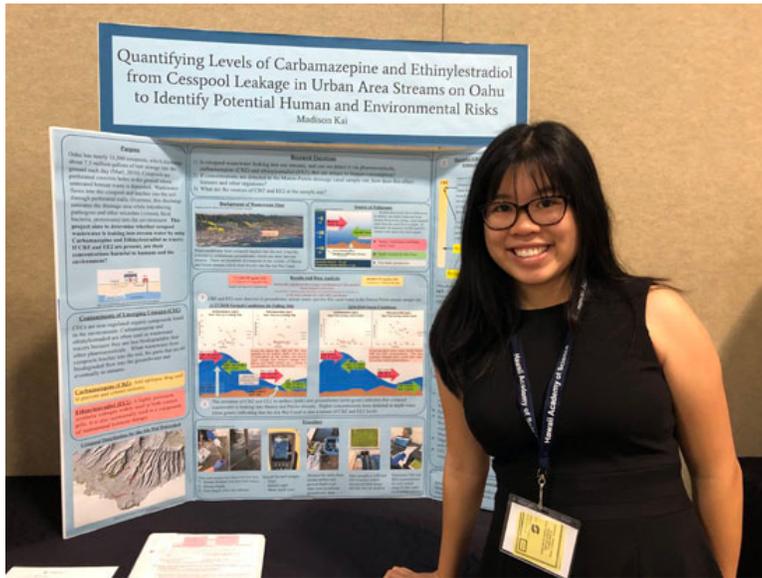
Riley Regan '23



The study of *Parmarion martensi* slug movement and the effectiveness of low-cost, environmentally friendly repellents in the prevention of rat lungworm disease - First place Animal Sciences Division, Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association Award, nomination to Broadcom MASTERS

Sr. Division:

Madison Kai '20



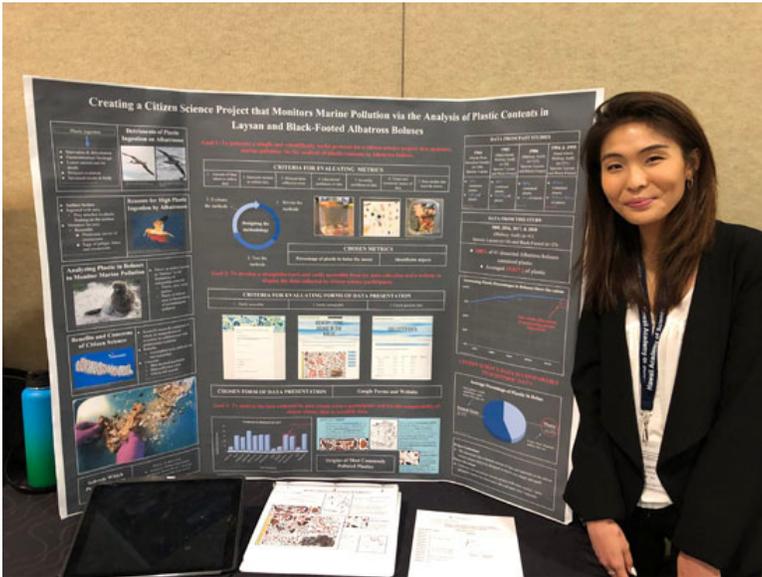
Quantifying levels of Carbamazepine and Ethinylestradiol from Cesspool Leakage in Urban Area Streams on Oahu to identify Potential Human and Environmental Risks - First Place Biochemistry Division, Queen's Health Systems Award

Izabella Sakoda '19



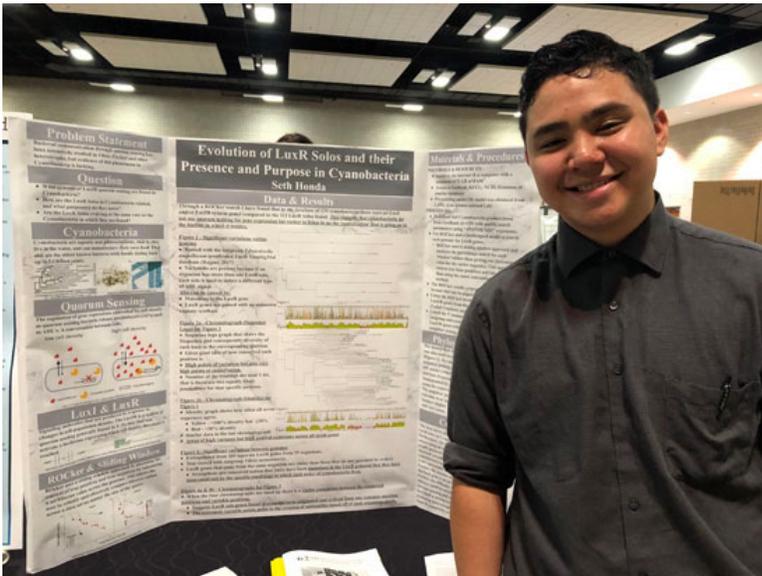
Our Minds Need a Break: The effect of mindfulness (via mobile app) on the mental wellbeing and sleep of adolescents - Third Place Behavioral and Social Sciences Division

Kyani Uchimura '19



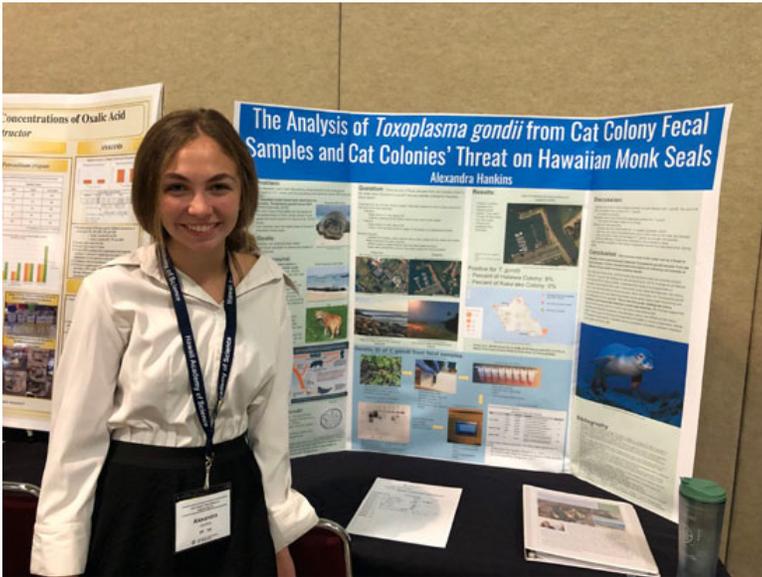
Creating a Citizen Science project that monitors marine pollution via the analysis of plastic contents in Albatross (*Phoebastria immutabilis* and *Phoebastria nigripes*) Boluses - Office of Naval Research - 2nd Place Animal Science Division, U.S. Navy and Marines Award

Seth Honda '20



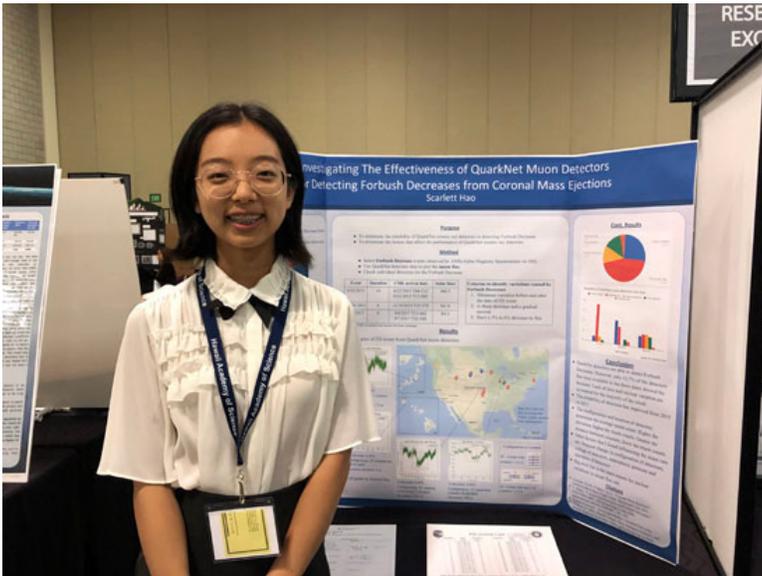
Evolution of LuxR Solos in Cyanobacteria - First Place Computational Biology and Bioinformatics

Alexandra Hankins '20



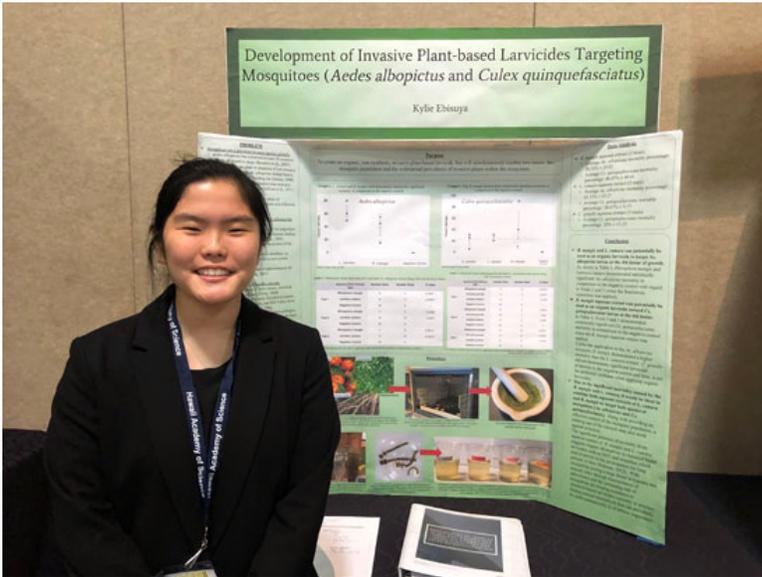
The Analysis of *Toxoplasma gondii* from Cat Colony Fecal Samples and Cat Colonies Threat on Hawaiian Monk Seals - Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association Award

Scarlett Hao '20



Investigating The Effectiveness of QuarkNet Muon Detectors - Associated Chinese University Women Award

Kylie Ebisuya '19



Development of Invasive Plant-based Larvicides Targeting Mosquitoes (*Aedes albopictus* and *Culex quinquefasciatus*) - Hawaiian Entomological Society Award

4th Grade Big Island Trip

It was still dark when the Class of 2027 boarded Hawaiian Airlines Flight 108 to Kona, embarking on the annual Fourth Grade Big Island Trip. The excitement in their faces and voices explained how much they had been looking forward to this experience since Kindergarten.



The three full days of adventures included visiting historical and cultural places that they had only just read about in the classroom. Now they were able to walk in the footsteps of Kamehameha the Great at his heiau (temple) at Pu'ukohola & Ahu'ena. They visited an ancient pu'u honua or place of refuge that long ago protected kapu breakers and losers of wars & battles.



They experienced what it was like to live at the turn of the century in Kona at the Uchida House & coffee plantation. They explored Kailua town, visiting places like the Moku'aikaua Church, the first Christian Church in Hawaii. They touched the stars and learned about the birth and growth of the Hawaiian Islands at the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center in Hilo. An unforgettable non-educational treat was enjoying a delicious breakfast at Roy's Restaurant in Waikoloa, generously sponsored by Roy Yamaguchi himself.



The best part of the trip was the camaraderie of the students, embracing old friends and making new ones. They learned to get along with each other and become more independent, especially for those students who had never been away from their parents before.

Many came back with a sense of empowerment and many fond memories that they will share with their classmates as they go through their years at 'Iolani and beyond.

'Iolani Speech and Debate

The 'Iolani Speech and Debate Team spent this past weekend competing in the Speech and Debate State Championship Tournament.



Matthew Sohn '19 placed first in Advanced Lincoln Douglas Debate and William Heyler '19 placed third in Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate. Maria Stevenson '19 and Samuel Rivers '19 placed first in Advanced Public Forum Debate. Madeline Heyler '21 and Emily Tom '21 placed second in Advanced Public Forum Debate. Kyle Ching '22 and Connor Arakaki '22 placed first in Beginning Public Forum Debate. Mike Tran '22 and Connor Lee '22 placed fourth in Beginning Public Forum Debate. Mariko Jurcsak '19 placed sixth in Dramatic Interpretation and Jordan Shiu '20 placed second in Humorous Interpretation. Dylan Dinio '21 placed fifth in Storytelling and Maria Stevenson '19 placed third in Impromptu Speaking. The team won the district debate sweepstakes award. Congratulations to all of our competitors!

2019 Japanese Language Achievement and Speech Award

Congratulations to Kari Tanji '19 who received the 2019 Japanese Language Achievement and Speech Award from the United Japanese Society of Hawaii.



She was 'Iolani's representative and recipient of this prestigious award given to outstanding Japanese language students across the state.

Lifesmarts in Orlando

The Lifesmarts team arrived in Orlando Friday evening for the national competition next week. Jetlag was strong due to the overnight flight, but the team members are ready to compete. Registration, welcome and first round of competition began on Saturday. The first round of competition concluded with a "sister team" activity. Pictured on the left are the students from Connecticut who joined our team members to complete a task involving mobile identity theft, one of the fastest growing areas of fraud nationwide. They were one of several groups to get a perfect score!



From Coach Rubasch yesterday: "The team woke up this morning to the good news that the overall scores had been posted after 6 rounds during the night. Our 'Iolani team currently sits in third place going into a final preliminary round this morning. I send you this great news because you never know how things are going to go during the competition, and there is a lot more ahead of them. I was quite proud of our team yesterday, in particular Jayson's ability to manage the team as their captain. He is clear minded during every phase of their challenge here and it is my pleasure to watch him and his teammates work."



From Coach Rubasch today: "Our team was upset late this morning by a solid all-senior led Wyoming team. It was a very exciting head-to-head match that went to the wire and was settled by a three-question tie-breaker after regulation was finished. The team members were very disappointed, but I shared with them the fact that 'Iolani was in that same seeded position (13th) when our team upset Pennsylvania in the 2015 tournament. It was a similar situation in that the Wyoming team then also upset Virginia to advance to tomorrow's semifinals. This year, the semifinals will have Wyoming, Illinois, New Hampshire, and two time defending champions Pennsylvania. I've got a feeling that New Hampshire is the strong favorite this year."

JV Track and Field Championships

On Saturday, the JV track and field team finished their season with the ILH championship meet held at Kamehameha. The boys team was led by Trevor Kan '20 who placed first in both the 110 and 300 hurdle events. Our boys 4x400 m. relay team also took first, helping to boost the boys team to a second place overall team score.





The girls team was led by strong individual performances by Alexandra Huntimer '21 and Angela Oasay '20 who respectively took first and second in the discus event Kayla Mukai '21 jumped second in the triple jump, and Kylie Calabrese-Kenny '22 ran an impressive 100 and 200 to take second in both events. The girls team finished with an overall team place of second.

All the best in health and happiness,
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