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Dear Parents,

**Happy Mother's Day!**

From the Book of Common Prayer:

*For those we Love**Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***Boys Tennis State Champions!**

The HHSA State Championships were held on the Big Island at the Mauna Lani Thursday through Saturday. Both boys and girls singles and doubles events were shared by two sites, the Mauna Lani Sports Club and the Fairmont Orchid Hotel. The weather was hot and the tennis was even hotter. The team championship on the boys side came down to the final day with 'Iolani leading Punahou 10 to 9 in team standings. Our top doubles team of Scott Yamamoto '21 and Robert Chang '20 played Punahou's top team of Lam and Fujitani in the final.





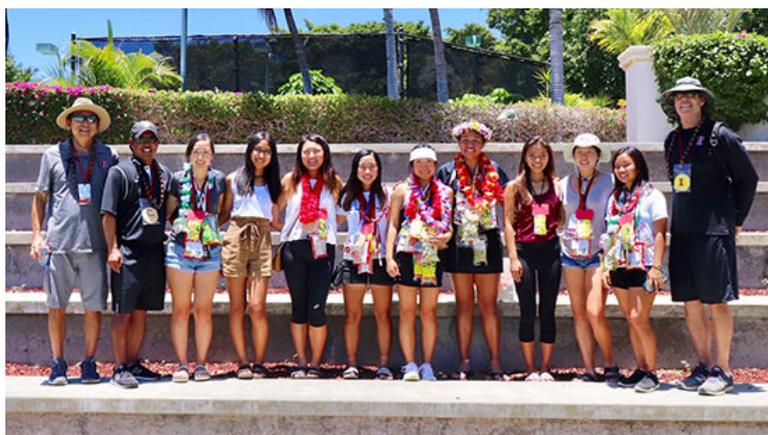


The match went back and forth with spectacular shot making, but in the end Scott and Robert proved to be the better team, winning 7-6, 6-4. With the victory the boys team pulled away to win the team championship with a final total of 18 team points.

Scott Yamamoto '21/Robert Chang '20 -- doubles champions  
Genki Kadomatsu '19/Andrew Somerville '21 -- 3rd-place doubles  
Gabriel Kwock '20/Riley Visaya '20 -- 4th-place doubles

#### Girls Tennis Places 5th

The girls represented 'Iolani well with Celeste Inouye '19 and Denby Nagata '22 getting to the quarterfinals of doubles and Gabriela Siaosi '19 and Mari Kwee '19 finishing 3rd with a well-deserved win over Mililani's Kylie Hull and Alena Wong.





The girls finished tied for 5th overall. The following are the place finishes for our Raiders.  
Gabriela Siao '19/Mari Kwee '19 -- 3rd-place doubles  
Celeste Inouye '19/Denby Nagata '22 -- doubles quarterfinals

**Congratulations Naia Lum '20 on a Pele Award**

Naia Lum '20 was recognized on Saturday at the 2019 High School Pele Awards as a Pele Gold and Judge's Award recipient for her design of the "We choose to go to the Moon" mural that spans 3-stories of the Sullivan Center stairwell. The Pele Awards recognize excellence in advertising and design in the State of Hawaii and the contest is one of fifteen National District Competitions for the American Advertising Awards which is the industry's largest. Though Naia is studying abroad in Spain this semester, and her advisor Mr. Taylor Wong was on Maui for track and field states, both were able to virtually attend the ceremony through FaceTime.





Inspired by John F. Kennedy's speech delivered in 1962 and the realization of that promise on July 20, 1969, the 'Iolani Hackers created the mural to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that small step that lead the way to giant leaps.

#### **Concerts at Hawaii Theater**

Presenting not one but TWO gargantuan concerts at Hawaii Theatre last weekend was nothing short of miraculous. Logistics aside, the students performed marvelously and presented some truly original repertoire showcasing European romanticism, world music from India, and Mexican soul (apart from the Cinco de Mayo block party outside!).

The 2 pm concert featured four of our five bands, from lower school first year players to the polished performance of the symphonic band. The lower school first year students took the stage first and featured its trombone players in Trombonanza.



Beginning Band's crowd favorite was Careless Clyde, which cleverly combined many familiar children's tunes. Jordan Shiu '20 and Wesley Yamada '20 lent their talents as narrators to tell the story.



Our own Dr. Steve Borick (chemistry department) was featured on banjo in Intermediate Band's rendition of "Go Big or Go Home."



And Symphonic Band closed the afternoon with Nightflight: Scenes of a City From Above, a work inspired by Miami's nightlife, which had the audience grooving to Cuban inspired rhythms.



At 6 pm our top three ensembles took the stage. The Wind Ensemble's eclectic program included Homage to Bharat, featuring guest artist Grirish Varma on Indian tabla, along with Eric Whitacre's touching work, October.



Orchestra 4 opened with three works demonstrating the lyric beauty of a string orchestra and featured advancing winds/percussion in Dvorak's lively Slavonic Dance No. 8.



Orchestra 5 presented the final movement of Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony, severe and jubilant, and Arturo Marquez' famous Danzon #2, which had the enthusiastic audience dancing along.





We concluded the day by honoring our 40 seniors for their many years of dedication and service, concluding with a touching performance of 'Friends', narrated by faculty member Dr. Carey Inouye.



Congratulations to our senior musicians, and to all who performed on Sunday. You may catch the bands (Intermediate + Wind Ensemble) and Orchestras 2 + 5, as they present their Side-by-Side Pops Concert, 'Pirates and Mermaids,' May 21 at 5:30 - 6:15 pm in Seto Hall, free admission.

### **Stage Band 3 At The Waipahu Jazz Festival**

The band performed for an enthusiastic crowd at this invitational event held on Saturday April 27, which featured five different high school jazz bands from across Oahu.



The festival was a great success, showcasing a wide variety of student talent while promoting a growing interest for jazz in the schools.

#### **Hökūloa Singers at St. Andrew's Cathedral**

The Chorus and Hökūloa Singers knocked it out of the park last Friday night at their annual spring concert at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Accompanied variously by organ, piano, cello, bass, gong, wind chimes, and pahu -- and sometimes singing a cappella, as well -- the singers took their audience on a musical journey around the world, performing songs in five languages.





The grand finale featured five members of the Hōkūloa Singers reprising a May Day hula choreographed and taught by 'Iolani's own kumu hula Lehua Carvalho, with accompaniment by students from our Band and Orchestra programs, as well as by Kings Kalohelani from 'Iolani's Audio-Visual Dept. and longtime pianist-accompanist, Joanne Watanabe. Many frequent attendees and fans of the Chorus and Hōkūloa Singers commented that the voices were particularly lovely this year, a testament to their hard work and quest for excellence.

#### **Science Bowl at Nationals**

'Iolani's Science Bowl Team attended the National Science Bowl tournament in Washington DC this past week. Fully sponsored by the US Department of Energy, student teams compete by answering questions in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math, Earth/Space Science, and Department of Energy Research topics. There were 64 high school teams at the National Science Bowl, each of which had won a regional tournament. The 'Iolani team of Jake Fleischer '19, Mika Ishii '20, Kanalu Monaco '20, and Joshua Park '21 experienced keen competition with the finest science students in the nation. They also had the opportunity to attend seminars with preeminent Department of Energy researchers, see monuments and museums in Washington DC, talk with Representative Ed Case, and meet Senator Brian Schatz.

Conferring during Competition



Touring Washington DC



Talking with Representative Ed Case



Meeting Senator Brian Schatz



### 'Iolani History Bowl & Bee

In addition to the competition, students got a tour of the Antietam Civil War battlefield and spent an afternoon at the African American Museum.





The highlight of the non-competition time was the tour of the Capitol by Rep. Case staffer and 'Iolani alumnus, Ben Chao '13. We got to go to parts of the Capitol the regular tours do not go. Nicole Lam '13 and Emily Natori '13 also came to talk to them about working on the Hill.

### **French National Contest**

All students taking French participate in the Grand Concours, an annual competition, that tests their proficiency in reading, listening, grammar and culture at all levels of French. This year we have three Platinum medals awarded for a perfect score, eight Gold medals, twenty-three Silver medals, seventeen Bronze medals and thirty-two Honorable Mentions.

Here are the winners by level of French:

#### French 1A (Level 01):

Silver: Tara Badawi '24

Honorable Mention: Skye Higashihara '24, Kiara Koike '24, Keegan Martyn '24, Alex Shaker '24, Teah Simon '24, Sofiane Smahi '24

#### French 1B and 1 (Level 1):

Platinum: Makena Monaco '23

Gold: Mayuri Natsu '23, Teija Suhas '22

Silver: Emma Adams '23, Hannah Fasi '23, Giulia Fasi '23, Michael Hicks '23, Yaein Lee '23, Casey Lyons '23, Kevin Phan '22, Marika Takai '23, Isabella Tello-Ballejos '21

Bronze: Ziqi Guo '22, Yuqiao Jiang '20, Kamuela Kamaka '22, Jean-Michel Lin-Hurtubise '23, Holden Schermer '23, Stephanie Seto '23, Bryce Wong '23, Yue Toh '21

Honorable Mention: Brigette McKnight-Sur '22, Carianne Takeuchi '22, Qianchun Wu '22

#### French 2 and 2 Honors (Level 2):

Platinum: Shulin Liu '20

Gold: Malia Monaco '21, Isabelle Tsuchitori '22

Silver: Finn Carpenter '21, Charles Duval '22, Alexandra Eduarte '21, Summer Royal '21

Bronze: Mira-Jane Higashihara '20, Mason Mizuta '22

Honorable Mention: Isaiah Adams '21, Sarah Boland '22, Darren Do '21, Sam Faumuina '21, Anuhea Hauanio-Lore '22, Joshua Hirokawa '22, Logan Lee '22, Kalae Millikan '22, Joe Taylor '20

**French 3 and 3 Honors (Level 3):**

Platinum: Emily Kohen '21

Gold: Dagny Brand '21, Mariko Storey-Matsutani '21, John Vierra '21, Jonah Yoshida '21

Silver: Carson Davis '21, Alia Hagi '21, Akira Hanrahan '21, Qiqing Li '19, Roger Louis-Charles '21, Lily Teho '21

Bronze: Makani Hiltner '19, Cameryn Nagaji '21

Honorable Mention: Tonga Ahokovi '21, Emma Alabanza '21, Joshua Bernhard '21, Sean Ceria '20, Cierra Duran '21, Erina Fields '20, Rain Tanabe '20, Shankara Varma '20, Paige Villanueva '21, Adam Zuckernick '21

**French 4, 4 Honors, AP French Language & Culture (Level 4):**

Silver: Tiana Conching '19, Chenyi Hu '19, Maximilien Schermer '20

Bronze: Taisamasama Fautanu '20, Olivia Medeiros-Sakimoto '20

Honorable Mention: Miles Daniels '19, Alexandra Hankins '20, Andy Nakamura '20

**French 5 Honors (Level 5):**

Bronze: Sarah Abdul-Ghani '19, Jasmine Kung '19, Taylor Venenciano '19

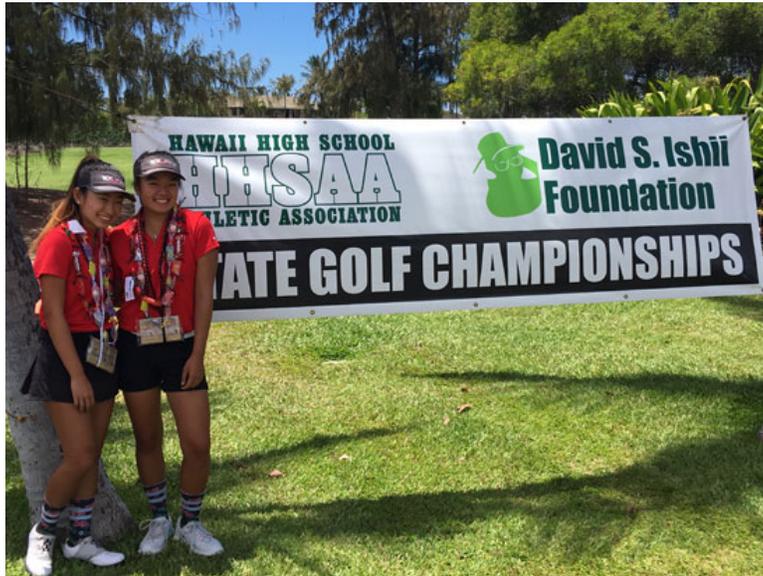
Honorable Mention: Shane Severino '19

**One Mile Project on Living 808**

Jenna Yoshimi '19 and Vanessa Mello '21 were recently featured on [KHON's Living 808](#) program for their One Mile Project class. The One Mile Project is an elective course for high school students that focuses on improving the lives of kupuna. The first quarter of study is learning about older adults in our community, where students have site visits, speak with experts, interact with kupuna, learn important terminology and issues, etc. During the second quarter, students design and implement real-world projects to enhance and assist of kupuna. Jenna and Vanessa wanted to focus their project on a local business and were fortunate enough to partner with Servco Pacific, Inc. to make their project a reality for Arcadia residents.

**Girls Golf at State Championships**

Iolani was well represented at the 2019 HHSAA State Girls Golf Championships, played at the Waikoloa Kings Golf Course in Kona, Hi.



Freshman Katrina Huang '22 finished in 5th place and was awarded a bronze medal. Sophomore Kellie Yamane '21 was 2 strokes off from medaling in the State Championships and finished in 23rd place.

**eSports in the State Championship**

'Iolani Raiders Team 1 will compete against Roosevelt High School for the HHSAA State Championship in League of Legends on Tuesday, May 14th at 4 PM. Both teams enter the championship match undefeated in the first-ever Hawai'i state esports season.

**Seniors Counting Down the Days**

With the school year quickly coming to a close, we would like to share this [short clip](#) celebrating our 9 days left of classes. We're excited to make the most of our 9 days left with all of you. Enjoy and have a great weekend!

**Summer Opportunity to Experience Boarding Life for Rising 6th – 9th Graders**

For summer 2019 we are excited to offer a unique residential life opportunity for current or entering 'Iolani students. Here is a photo of the room setup in our new dormitory.



Currently enrolled 'Iolani students entering grades 6-9 in the fall 2019 who are registered for summer programs and in good academic standing may apply to live in the dormitory from June 9-28 or June 30-July 19th – two 3-week sessions. After attending 3 summer classes during the day, students will participate in residential life events on evenings and weekends, all while gaining an understanding and appreciation for being a part of a residential community. This unique opportunity can extend their summer growth far beyond the classroom as they interact with students with diverse backgrounds and experiences. The fee for this program is \$1500, which covers meals and excursions over the course of the 3 weeks. Summer session courses are billed as per the normal summer program. The students will be supervised by our summer residential team, including 'Iolani faculty and alums, while living in our new dormitory facility. Space for each session is limited. For more information or details on the experience please contact [summerreslife@iolani.org](mailto:summerreslife@iolani.org)

All the best in health and happiness,  
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