

THE KA'I PROGRAMS

Kūkulu Alaka'i 'Iolani



BY THE NUMBERS

96%

High School
Graduation Rate

80%

College
Enrollment Rate

400+

Students from Pre-K to
Postsecondary have
been served by
the KA'I Programs

The KA'I Programs are committed to the long-term empowerment and positive growth of Pālolo Valley youth.

Since 2010, KA'I has grown as a community partnership between 'Iolani School and Pālolo Valley to include the KA'I Keiki Program, the KA'I Elementary Program, the KA'I Middle & High School Program, and the KA'I Postsecondary program. Over the past 13 years, the KA'I programs have served nearly 400 students from preschool through postsecondary education.

Through a **single community focus** on Pālolo Valley, the KA'I programs have been able to build strong partnerships within the community, respond to needs as they arise, and have educational outcomes that far exceed state and national averages.

KA'I TIMELINE

2010

The Summer KA'I Program launches at 'Iolani School with 12 students

2015

The summer KA'I Keiki early childhood education program begins in Pālolo Valley

2015

KA'I expands to include postsecondary support for its graduates

2017

The School Year Tutoring Program begins at Jarrett Middle School and Kaimuki High School

2022

The KA'I Elementary Program begins to support students from 3rd-6th grade

The KA'I Programs at 'Iolani School
563 Kamoku Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96826

Allison Ishii Blankenship, *Director*
aishii@iolani.org | (808) 943-2300

www.iolani.org/kai



100%

of KA'I graduates in college receive full gap scholarships from the KA'I Program

\$221,500

in college scholarships awarded to our students for the 2022-23 school year



4 Components of the KA'I Program

1 KA'I KEIKI PROGRAM:

The **KA'I Keiki Program** is a partnership between 'Iolani School and the Pālolo 'Ohana Learning Center that provides early childhood education to preschool-aged children living in the Pālolo public housing. Programming focuses on developing social, emotional, and cognitive skills necessary for school readiness in a welcoming and joyful school environment. This program has served over 260 2-5-year-olds in the past 8 summers and also helps families apply their children for preschool programs during the school year. The KA'I Keiki Program fills a critical education gap in Pālolo Valley as it remains the early childhood program that serves the greatest number of preschool-aged children from the Pālolo public housing.



2 KA'I ELEMENTARY PROGRAM:

A partnership between 'Iolani School and Pālolo Elementary, the **KA'I Elementary Program** is the newest of the KA'I Programs and began in the summer of 2022 to close the achievement gap for underserved elementary-aged students. This program is a 4-summer program at 'Iolani School and included 2 meals per day, reading, writing, and math support as well as enrichment classes. To be eligible for this program, students commit to attending the summer program for 4 consecutive summers, beginning the summer after their 2nd-grade year and ending the summer before their 6th-grade year. At full capacity, this program will serve nearly 50 elementary students from Pālolo Elementary.



3 KA'I MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM:

The **KA'I Middle & High School Program** is a partnership between 'Iolani School and Jarrett Middle School that is designed to counteract the learning loss that underserved youth experience over the summer by engaging students in a 6-summer program at 'Iolani School during their middle and high school years. In its 13th summer, the KA'I Middle & High School Program supported 74 current 7-12th grade students. The summer program includes 2 meals a day, academic enrichment courses, DOE-credit courses for KA'I high school students, leadership classes, and college and career counseling. During the school year, students receive individualized after-school tutoring to improve grades and academic skills, thereby better preparing them for success in high school, postsecondary education, careers, and beyond.



4 KA'I POSTSECONDARY PROGRAM:

In 2015, KA'I expanded its reach to support its high school graduates through the critical next phase of their educational journey through the KA'I Postsecondary Program. The program's mission is to appropriately match students with a postsecondary option with minimal or no debt and to support them to and through their pathways to completion. KA'I meets 100% of the financial need for each graduate in postsecondary education, ensuring that its first-generation students are able to access and succeed through higher education. Compared to the Hawai'i state averages, KA'I has been significantly more successful in helping students graduate from high school and especially in supporting students in postsecondary matriculation.

