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Students find the evidence to PROVE their case

Fourteen aspiring crime fighters spent part of the spring immersed in investigating crimes as part of the *Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Adopt-a-School Program Practical Observation and Vocational Experience (PROVE) Project*.

This was an extra-curricular activity with interested students volunteering to participate.

Under the guidance of seasoned FBI agents, including *Dr. Arnold Laanui*, the students spent six weeks learning the basics of forensics and law enforcement investigations, such as the components of a crime scene and proper protocols to collect, catalogue and analyze evidence to solve the case.

The student investigators were tested on evidence collection and were "sworn in" before tackling their first "case" which involved a kidnapping of an Academy "student" named "Hayley" and her "boyfriend" and a stolen vehicle.

On April 6 and 7, the students used their training to confer with PROVE peers from *Waipahu High School*, build a case and solve the crime. Their field investigation included stops at Saint Patrick's School, where the stolen vehicle was located, and the University of Hawai'i West Oahu.

Following investigation protocols, the PROVE students interviewed three "witnesses" and searched for the sites involved in the crime. They carefully mapped out and sketched the crime scenes and catalogued and collected the evidence left behind. After returning to their "office," they analyzed the data, created a timeline, developed theories and wrote affidavits to be used at trial.



ABOVE: Lauren Chun, Eden Arthur, Amber Abara and Angelina Gomes take photos and catalogue evidence from a vehicle at the crime scene;
BELOW: Investigators carefully unearth evidence at the University of Hawai'i West Oahu campus.



From the Head of School

EXEMPLIFYING HONOR IDEAL



This morning, 17 students from grades 10 to 12 were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS) before an audience of parents, staff and students.

The NHS qualifying characteristics of "Scholarship, Character, Service and Leadership" received much attention. However, the student body was reminded that the inductees do not have a monopoly on these characteristics; these ideals are held as beacons for all our students. They were reminded, from the staff's perspective, how each of them is showing growth and success.

Several recent examples were shared with the student body as a whole:

- Susan Phillips' speech students, mostly from grades 5 and 6, who scored the most superiors in several competitions this year;
- The volunteer students who participated in admirable fashion with the PROVE project;
- Over 62 of Felicia Cazares' dance students who performed with grace and confidence on Thursday at Mamiya Theater;
- Students who are enthusiastically preparing for May Day for their loved ones;
- The journalism students who garnered important Hawai'i High School Journalism Awards this past Wednesday.

Students were reminded that scholarship, commendable service, outstanding leadership and strong character are goals the Academy has for each of them, not just for NHS members.

Betty White

Senior to become Bearcat in fall

On April 12, Lauren Ka'aiali'i joined other student-athletes throughout the State at *National Letter of Intent Signing Day* for the Class of 2017 at the Elk's Club.

Ka'aiali'i penned her official commitment to attend Oregon's *Willamette University* in the fall. A multiple volleyball letterwinner, she will play for the Bearcats, headed by veteran *Coach Tom Shoji*.

Ka'aiali'i has a 3.433 GPA and plans to major in Business with a focus on Sports Marketing.



PARENT ORGANIZATION

ELECTIONS

PRESIDENT AND
TREASURER POSITIONS
OPEN FOR
FALL 2017 TO SPRING 2019 TERM

Mahalo to *President Levin Matsukawa* and *Treasurer Danielle Taketa* who have dedicated their time and efforts to the Parent Board for four and five years, respectively.

Elections to be held on May 6 – to vote or run for an office, contact *Rodney Chang* at rchang@sacredhearts.org or 734-5058, ext. 232.

Scouting the future for women in the world

Senior Raelynn Chu was chosen by the Girl Scouts of Hawai'i to serve as a delegate at the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).



From March 10 to 17, Chu (second from left with three other delegates from Hawai'i at the New York Stock Exchange) joined students from around the world at the prestigious United Nations' (UN) CSW, the largest gathering of global leaders, UN partners and activists and non-government organizations, held at UN Headquarters in New York.

The student delegates attended forums, panel discussions and various sessions focused on this year's theme, "Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work," and related issues relevant to women.

Chu, who has been a Girl Scout for 10 years, collaborated with colleagues on the "Writing Team," which was tasked with drafting a statement on behalf of girls regarding current areas of concern, such as sex trafficking and gender equality.

Students discover life can be a zoo!

On April 12, the Academy's Junior Kindergartners explored the various exhibits at the Honolulu Zoo, such as the African Savannah. By far, their favorite part of the morning was visiting the Petting Zoo, where they made new friends with the goats and other two- and four-legged residents!



MAY DAY

**APRIL 27, 2017
GYMNASIUM**

LOWER SCHOOL

8:30 A.M.

(For Grades JK to Two Families)

10:30 A.M.

(For Grades Three to Six Families)

**JUNIOR HIGH AND
HIGH SCHOOL**

1:15 P.M.

PARKING

Available in the front lot; additional parking at Saint Patrick's School from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

FLOWERS AND GREENERY NEEDED

Donations of monstera leaves, plumeria, lauae, ti leaves (on stalk), gingers and heliconia are needed for decorations!

Donations can be dropped off on April 24 and 25 in the Gymnasium or in Autoline

Aspiring artists fight hunger and fill empty bowls

Over 200 ceramic bowls were carefully crafted this spring by the artists in *Kaycie Baltunado's Ceramics II, III and IV* classes and donated to the *Empty Bowl 2017* effort.

This unique effort to end hunger, presented by *Hawai'i Potters Guild* and held biannually, benefits *Aloha Harvest*.

Patrons purchased and selected a one-of-a-kind bowl, crafted by students from throughout the Island and several renowned artists. These bowls were then filled with soup made by chefs from several well-known restaurants on March 31.



Innovative experience inspires artists

On April 5, *Junior High and High School Visual Arts* students visited the main location of this year's *Honolulu Biennial 2017* art festival at "The Hub." Here, they viewed and experienced some of the best contemporary art from the Pacific Region.

Artists from Hawai'i, Japan, Taiwan and other Pacific Rim nations showcased work in a variety of media and explored topics from local environmental issues to international social and cultural affairs.

The students immersed themselves in the gallery through interactive, interdisciplinary exhibits and installations. For many, this was their first exposure to modern conceptual art, and the experience was truly engaging.

This unique opportunity was provided by the *Taiji and Naoko Terasaki Family Foundation*, and the Academy was appreciative that its students were able to enjoy such a high-level artistic experience.



DATES TO NOTE

- > GLEE CLUB SHOWCASE - April 24
- > SENIOR ATHLETIC BREAKFAST - May 1
- > ALUMNAE INVESTITURE - April 25
- > MAY CROWNING AND MEMORIAL MASS – May 5
- > DIGITAL MEDIA RED CARPET EVENT - April 28
- > EIGHTH GRADE RITE OF PASSAGE - May 5