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May Day showcases power of girls and Hawai'i Island

The fragrant smell of flowers filled the air and smiles permeated campus as the Academy 'ohana gathered on April 27 to celebrate the spirit of aloha at this year's **May Day** festivities.

The exuberant **Lower School** students showcased the May Day dances they diligently prepared in homage to "**Mana Kaikamahine**" or "Girl Power," with songs focused on a Hawaiian queen or princess and the goddess Pele.

The **High School's** afternoon program focused on celebrating the special aspects of the Island of Hawai'i. The princesses, representing the Island's "moku" as well as Kawaihae and Kona, danced to "**Hilo Hanakahi**," and senior **Queen Jassirae Ordonez** performed to "**Hawai'i Moku O Keawe**."

Both celebrations were touching expressions of pride in Hawai'i's heritage, traditions and history.

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LEFT: The fourth graders honor Tutu Pele during their hula "No Luna."



ABOVE: Performing together, the freshmen and junior "sisters" perform a "Mahalo E Hilo Hanakahi," a mele giving thanks to Hilo, Chief Hanakahi and the lehua of Pana'ewa while honoring the people living in the area; **LEFT:** The second graders share aloha before taking the "stage."



From the Head of School

MAY DAY HONORS SPIRIT OF ISLANDS



Our May Day celebrations this past Thursday were filled with the festive spirit of Aloha.

Our staff that handles the live-streaming was amazed that the festivities were seen around the world!

In many more ways than we often realize, our islands were a dream and a vision to our forefathers before they became a precious pearl in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Sacred Hearts Academy was also a dream and a vision to the Congregation of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts before they arrived to the islands.

And, here we are over a hundred years later with our campus filled with young girls ready to make a difference in their communities and the world. Every day is a step forward with them fulfilling their goals of becoming accomplished students, compassionate Christians in the school's community of faith and knowledgeable and compassionate world citizens.

Indeed, this week's festivities were a celebration of God's magnificent creation, our land and its people, one-ness with God and our one-ness with each other.

Betty White

Young Lancers reach finish line

The **Academy's Varsity track and field** athletes vied for titles at the **Inter-scholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Championships** on April 26 and 28.

Thus far, several runners have already earned a spot in the **State Championships**, slated for May 12 and 13, including sophomore **Sade Mizusawa** in the 100- and

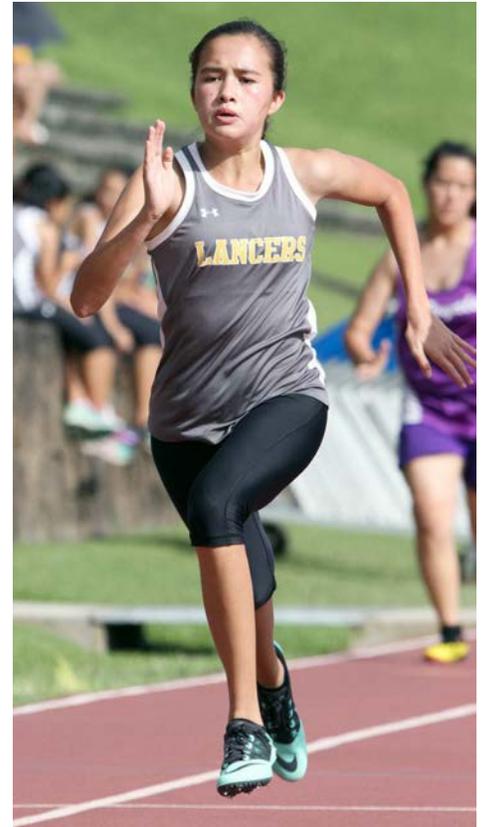
300-Meter Hurdles, junior **Pakalana Kam** in the 400-Meter Dash and the relay teams for both the 4x100 and 4x400-Meter event. The Varsity athletes have a final opportunity to earn a State berth when they close their season on May 5.

On the **Junior Varsity (JV)** level, the team of **Te'a Kekahuna, Tyson Noquez-Epil, Reina Santiago** and (above) **Chanel Yee** outraced Kamehameha by 0.09 seconds to win the 4x100-Meter Relay at the **ILH JV Championships** on April 13 and 15.

Santiago also sprinted to third place finishes in both the 100- and 200-Meter Dash; Kekahuna finished fifth in the 100-Meter event.

At the **Intermediate ILH Championships** on April 6 and 8, seventh grader **Mia Ming** tossed her way into the finals of two field events – finishing seventh in both the Discus Throw and Shot Put. And, in the running events, **Emma Premeaux**, also a seventh grader, finished just out of the top ten in the 400-Meter and 1500-Meter runs.

The Lancer track and field teams are led by **Head Coach Mari Kuroyama-Ton** and assistants **Connie Comiso-Fanelli, Rochelle Lindsey, Brittney Mopas** and **Nancy Vizcarra Gamboa**.



Lower School Speech Club recognized for superiority

The 22 fifth and six grade members of the **Lower School Speech Club** were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments this year at an end-of-the-year celebration on April 19 in the Conference Room.

The dedicated Club members devote many hours practicing each week – on campus and at home – in preparation for their four scored competitions held throughout the school year.

Their hard work paid off as the Club earned the award for "*Highest Number of Superiors*" at both the **Punahou** and **Academy Speech Tournaments!** They also earned the honor for the "*Highest Percentage of*



Superiors" at the Academy meet.

Coach Susan Phillips commented, "These girls know the commitment and hard work needed and expected of Club members. I will be there for them 100 percent, and I ask that they be just as committed.

"These girls persevered through the challenges of balancing school and speech commitments. They did extremely well because they put their heart and soul into their efforts – you are always a winner when you try your best!"

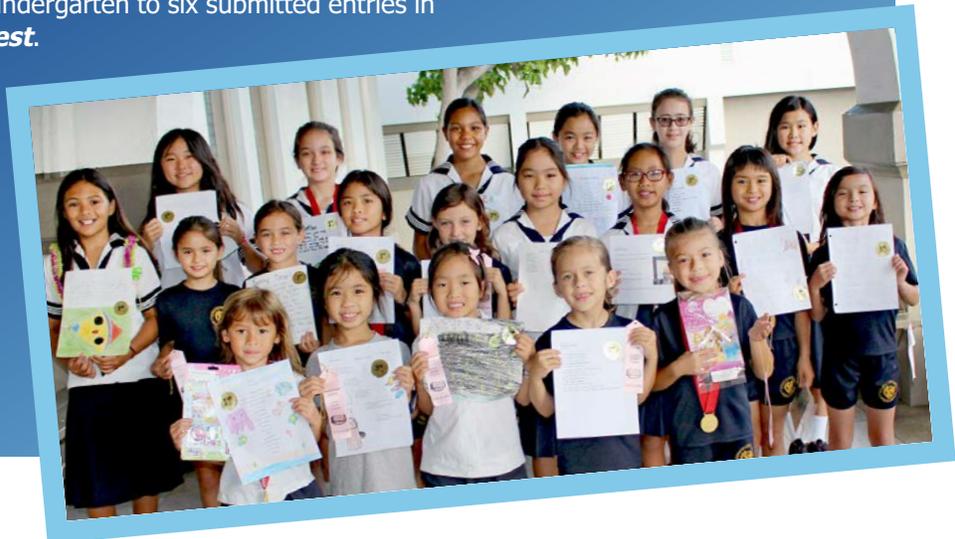
Aspiring poets abound in Lower School

Sixty-eight students in grades Senior Kindergarten to six submitted entries in this year's **Lower School's Poetry Contest**.

Many of the works by the aspiring poets included not just the prose, but colorful illustrations drawn by the students themselves.

The poems will be published in the **Lower School Library**, which sponsored the contest.

The top three poets in each class were honored for their efforts at a recent Morning Assembly with many proud parents in attendance.



MAY EVENTS

- 1 > SENIOR ATHLETIC BREAKFAST**
6 a.m. | Student Center
- 5 > RITE OF PASSAGE**
6 p.m. | Chapel
- 6 > SHARP APPRECIATION DINNER**
5:30 p.m. | Student Center
- 8 > BAND CONCERT**
6 p.m. - Mamiya Theatre
- 10 > SENIOR CHOREOGRAPHY SHOW**
6 p.m. | Auditorium
- 11 > KEIKI DAY NEWSPAPER SALE**
6:30 a.m. | Autoline
- ATHLETIC CONVOCATION**
5 p.m. | Gymnasium
- 12 > CHOIR CONCERT**
6 p.m. | Chapel
- 15 > HONORS CONVOCATION**
5:30 p.m. | Gymnasium
- 19 > LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
- 25 > BACCALAUREATE MASS**
6 p.m. | Chapel
- 26 > COMMENCEMENT**
3 p.m. | Blaisdell Concert Hall

Trio recognized for PAAC contributions

A trio of Academy students were recognized at the **Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC) Scholarship Dinner** on March 25 for their efforts on the State-level.



Juniors

Taylor McKenzie and **Julia Oehlers** were honored for their participation in the *PAAC Global Leadership Program*.

For her overall contributions to PAAC and achievements in the classroom and the greater community, senior **Megan Backus** (above with **Oehlers** and **McKenzie**) earned the *PAAC Academic Scholarship*, sponsored by Paul S. Honda, for \$1,000 towards her collegiate education.

The trio has served in the Academy's PAAC under the leadership of **Kinga Wojtas**, who commented, "I am very proud of my PAAC Club! All the members, including the trio recognized, have participated in numerous events, conferences and activities organized by PAAC Hawai'i and our own Club throughout the year in an effort to raise awareness and discuss key issues to create positive change."

TEACHING teach-

Lower School Vice Principal Reme Tam participated in the annual **Kia'i ka'ike Directors' Association Conference** on April 21 at the Hawai'i Prince Hotel.

Tam and other attendees delved into new thinking in working with children in an early school environment following the themes of **"How To Change"** and **"How To Talk Story."**



This year's Conference was moderated by Time 4 Change Hawai'i, an organization focused on successful results and changing lives through experiential learning.

May Day celebrations bring aloha to campus



LEFT: The seventh and eighth graders display their skills using puili during their rendition of "A Kona Hema 'O Ka Lani," which honors King Kalakaua and the Kona and Kohala districts;

BELOW LEFT: Princess Kaiulani is recognized for her contributions during "He Inoa No Kaiulani" by the kindergartners; **BELOW:** The sophomore and senior classes exemplify the beauty of Puna during their hula "Puna Ku'u Aloha."



BELOW: Attired in "cowgirl" motif, the fifth graders sing and dance to numbers honoring the accomplishments of Queen Emma.

