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Lancer spirit on display at VEX IQ Worlds

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The spirit of the Academy and Hawai'i was clearly on display at this year's **VEX IQ Worlds** competition at the Kentucky Exposition Center from April 23 to 25 – four of the 22 participating teams from the State wore **Lancer** gold!

The spirited efforts of this year's group built on the momentum set last school year when Academy teams earned a spot at Worlds for the first time ever.

The Lancers did not disappoint, showcasing the skills and robots they developed through hours of hard work and many "re-builds" in tackling this year's challenge, "Crossover."

The *Elementary School Division* featured 272 teams from around the world, and highlights by the Lancers included:

- **Team 2436A** of **Aureanna Vendiola** and **Abigayle Vendiola** made history, earning the *Science Division Amaze Award*, the first VEX IQ Worlds accolade won by a Lancer! This award is bestowed for solid robot design and programming and the team's performance during interviews with the judging panel.

- **Team 2436D** of **Gabriel Castro**, **Sara Inao** and **Sadie Takaki** finished in the top 50 in the Skills Challenge.

- **Team 2436C** of **Lauren Kealoha**, **Reese Machida** and **Sophia Ramos** scored 27th in the Technology Division out of 68 teams.

In the *Middle School Division*, **Team 2437A** of **Kammie Ardo**, **Ayla Hakikawa** and **Nanami Mehring** took on 307 other teams, advancing to the Technology Championship and finishing seventh in this area.

All of the VEX IQ members and **Advisor Peter Park** are extremely grateful to the contingent of parents who serve as team mentors and coaches throughout the year.

From the Head of School

APPRECIATING DEDICATED TEACHERS



The end of the school year is coming to a quick close, and in the midst of multiple functions and activities, I pause to focus on the gratitude we feel for our outstanding faculty and staff. On a daily basis, our teachers are helping our students realize their true potential, and we were honored to recognize their hard work and success during this past Teacher Appreciation Week.

This year's theme was "Teachers Deliver," and indeed, they do – inspiration, motivation, patience, expertise.

Next week is not too late to encourage your daughters to extend a special "thank you" to the men and women who have chosen to work at Sacred Hearts and daily lend their passion and skills to educating your daughters.

On a slightly different note, the weekend is filled with activities, especially the Rite of Passage for the eighth graders on Friday evening; the Band and Parent Organization Socials are on Saturday evening. The last couple of weeks of school are quite hectic, but ever so joyful!

Betty White

Girls go on the run

On April 22, the Academy's inaugural "Girls On the Run" team and their parent "running buddies" participated in their first race ever!

The 11 young runners in grades three to five successfully completed a **5k Fun Run** at Wet 'n Wild with over 500 participants from around Oahu.

In addition to the run, the students eagerly took advantage of free admission to the park to cool off after the race!

During the 10 weeks leading up to the event, the students participated in physical training with **Coaches Carrie Knebel, Fiona Hayashi** and **Riki Wong**, as well as lessons focused on independent-thinking, problem-solving and healthy decision-making.

Girls On the Run is an international, non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.



Ka Leo staff lauded for online journalism efforts

Advisor Alyssa Myers and the 11 staff members of the **Ka Leo**, the Academy's student newspaper, were heralded for various facets of their work at the 2017 **High School Journalism Awards** on April 19 at the Pagoda Hotel.

Judged overall and in the private school division, the Ka Leo was named the third best online student newspaper in the State.

The work of the Ka Leo staffers was deemed the "best" among all school newspaper and those in the private school category for:



■ **Blog** – "Diving into real-word journalism with the IUCN Congress" by **Kailanianna Ablog**,

■ **Feature** – "Blurring the liens with gender-neutral fashion" by **Rebecca Meyer**,

■ **Profile Feature** – "Changing local fashion scene with unique boutique" by **Zoierae Hill**,

■ **Video** – "IUCN World Congress 2017" by **Ablog, Ashley Lardizabal** and **Celine Arnobit**.

In addition, the students took second place for **Photo Essay** and **Website** and third place for **Editorial Cartoon**, **Infographic**, **Multimedia** and **Portrait Photo** among private school newspapers.

Completely student-produced, the Ka Leo staffers update the publication regularly throughout the year – follow their work at kaleo.sacredhearts.org.

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Lancers sail into sunset

On April 26, the 15 members of the **Lancer sailing team** docked for the final time after a re-building season filled with valuable learning experiences on the water.

With only two returnees from last year's squad, the young Lancers hoisted their sails in four **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH)** regattas before competing for the league title.

The **Varsity 2** crew or **Kodeelyn Himura, Madeleine de Vos** and **Cole Oxé**, a student at **University Laboratory School**, scored a second place finish in the Tom Holden Bowl in the quest for the ILH title.

The **Varsity 3** crew had less smooth sailing, but finished admirably in the Charley Dole Bowl for the Championships.

With all of the team slated to return next year, **Head Coach Ailana Warren** and **Assistants Lee Libby, James Bell** and Academy alumna **Amanda Ng** anticipate the Lancers will have a future bolstered by the wind at their backs.



Veteran judoka looks to score at State meet

In her fourth year of competing as a **Lancer**, senior **Lainey Sanborn** looks to close out her high school **judo** experience on a strong note at the **Hawai'i High School Athletic Association Judo State Championships** on May 6 at the Stan Sheriff Center.

A veteran who has qualified for State Championship competition numerous times, she faces a tough foe from Moanalua High School in her first match.

Sanborn, who holds a blue belt in judo, earned her spot to vie for a State title after finishing second in her weight class at the **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Varsity Championships** on April 28.

In addition to judo, Sanborn is a four-year letterwinner in wrestling.

