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Graduates bid adieu to Academy

The 96 members of the Academy's 2017 senior class began their countdown to graduation on May 25 with Baccalaureate Mass in the Chapel.

They are eagerly anticipating this year's Commencement Exercises on May 27 at the Blaisdell Concert Hall, and beginning the next chapter in their life's educational journey.

With 100 percent of the class being accepted to colleges and universities, they will pack their bags for destinations near and far, including Cornell University, Penn State, Boston College, Johns Hopkins University, Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo and the University of Hawai'i, but no matter where life leads them, they will always be "true children of the Sacred Hearts!"



From the Head of School

YEAR-END FESTIVITIES CLOSE OUT YEAR

As you read this final issue of e-Parentline for the 2016 to 2017 school year, we will be heading into the busiest weekend of the school year – graduation on May 27 at Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall and the Alumnae Reunion Lu'au on Sunday.



We join Advisor Kimberlee McCoy in bidding our fondest "aloha" to her Class of 2017, whose accomplishments in academics, athletics, leadership and spiritual development are substantial and make the Academy and their parents very proud.

The Academy has joined their parents in providing them with a structure that has prepared them well as they move swiftly into the next phase of their formal education.

It is traditional for the Academy to honor anniversary classes at graduation, and especially at the annual Alumnae Reunion Lu'au on May 28. Welcoming our graduates back to campus, not only around graduation, but also throughout the year, is a joy.

Summer Session begins on June 5, and the administrative offices will be open throughout the summer. Please do not hesitate to contact us if assistance is needed.

On behalf of the Sisters, the Board of Directors and the staff, I thank you for entrusting the education of your daughter to Sacred Hearts Academy. Your cooperation, support and service are very much appreciated. Best wishes for a summer with a different pace!

Betty White

Day devoted to bonding during catch-and-release

The Academy's fourth graders celebrated the completion of the school year with a novel activity – fishing at *Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens* in Kaneohe on May 18.

The students bonded and enjoyed cultivating fellowship with their classmates, as well as the many parents and family members in attendance, while "trying their hand" and "landing a catch."

Armed with bamboo poles, barbless hooks and bait of their choice, the fourth graders carefully prepped their lines before casting them in the Garden's water reservoir. Then, they patiently waited as the fish carefully appraised the meal options before deciding whether or not to "bite."

Many students were thrilled to catch one fish, and many proved to be skilled "fisherwomen" – some even landing 10 fish!

The fishing expedition is part of the Garden's conservation efforts, and the fish were carefully returned to the lake after pictures were taken documenting the trip!



Alyssa Giang and her father Thuan Giang

Veteran teachers inspire countless students throughout careers

With the close of the 2016 to 2017 school year, the Academy 'ohana is not just bidding "aloha" to the graduating seniors, but also to a pair of educators who have inspired scores of students during their lengthy and dedicated careers.

SUSAN PHILLIPS

With a resume boasting 45 years experience as an educator in Catholic Schools, *Susan Phillips* is retiring to take care of and spend quality time with her mother, including plans to take her traveling when possible.

A 1968 graduate of the Academy, Phillips enjoyed a "homecoming" when she joined the school's staff 12 years ago, serving as the *Language Arts, Social Studies* and *Theology* teacher for the *fifth grade*.

In addition to her teaching duties, Phillips was the highly-respected Speech coach for the Lower School. Her young students developed self-confidence while improving their speech delivery, en route to numerous awards and accolades throughout the years.

Before joining the Academy, Phillips also taught at Saint Patrick's and Saint Ann's Schools.



ELIZABETH SUTTER

During her 23 years at the Academy, *Elizabeth Sutter* has been one of the "resident experts," teaching almost all the disciplines available in the *High School Science Department*, including *Anatomy and Physiology* and *Physics*.

In addition to challenging her students in the classroom, Sutter also served

as one of the advisors of the school's *Club Med* and efficiently organized the Academy's annual *Bood Drive*.

Of her career, Sutter said she is "most proud of being liked by my students" – and even taught her twin daughters, *Kiera* and *Taryn*, who both graduated from the Academy in 2008.

With her new abundance of free time, Sutter plans to spend more quality time with her husband *Jeff*, travel and go canoe paddling more often.



Sixth graders close out Lower School tenure and “fly-up”

The Academy’s 54 sixth graders engaged in a number of special activities, celebrating the culmination of their tenure in the Lower School and their transition to Junior High.

On May 18, parents and family members joined the students for the class’ end-of-the-year luncheon at the Dole Pomaika’i Ballrooms.

The event, themed “SHAscar’s,” was patterned after the *Oscar* awards, complete with a “red carpet” and “paparazzi,” played by parents who eagerly took pictures of the sixth graders upon their arrival at the locale.

Like the iconic awards show, each student “took their bows” on-stage and received a commemorative pin amid cheers from the audience.

The students showcased

their unique personalities during a special talent show, during which every member of the class participated and was described as “*Oscar-nomination worthy.*”

The students also devoted time at the luncheon to thank their family, friends and teachers, *Shelly Spence, Jennifer Arthur* and *Kana*

Takahashi, for their guidance and support throughout the year.

The following day, May 19, the sixth graders joined their seventh grade counterparts for “*Fly-Up Day*,” with activities to help them transition, themed around the Disney animated film “*Moana.*”



Student Council-sponsored Carnival closes out school year

To celebrate another successful year and congratulate students on a "job well done," the *High School*

Student Council staged a special, fun-filled "Destination Carnival" on May 12.

permeated the campus.

The favorite activities of festival-goers ran the gamut from a bounce house to face tattoos, the momento photo booth to the ring toss game, food trucks to popcorn and even made-to-order cotton candy!



ABOVE: Seventh graders Mia McCartney and Britney Pham; RIGHT: Members of the High School Student Council



Efforts made to curb perils of plastic pollution

In *Social Studies* class, the seventh graders explored the pitfalls and perils of pollution caused by plastic. Using what they learned, the students were tasked with creating and developing an action plan to combat this issue and conserve the natural environment and its fragile resources.

The action solutions were creative and varied, and as part of her plan, seventh grader *Kammie Nguyen* even organized a beach clean-up on May 7 at Kailua Beach. She and six of her classmates and five parents carefully combed the beach area, removing bags of debris and caring for the 'āina!

