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Lancers athletes on track for memorable seasons

► Soccer claims League DII crown

The **Varsity Lancers** capped their **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Division II (DII) soccer** season with a 7-0 victory over Damien High School on January 25 to win the **League Title!**

Going into this game, the team had already earned their second-consecutive berth in the **State Championships**, slated for February 5 to 10 at the Waipio Soccer Complex. The DII seedings and match-ups will be determined after the League Championships this week.

The Academy soccer team boasts many veterans from last year's squad, which also competed for the **DII Soccer State Title**.

A trio of seniors set the tone for the team – **Kekaimalie Woods** leads the ILH in scoring with 13 goals; **Kiley Pazcoguin** is a defensive force who is the leading candidate to earn **DII Defensive Player of the Year** honors; **Leinani Lacio** provides outstanding leadership, not just this season but throughout her long tenure on the team.

Also this season, junior **Alexis Schmidt**, a first team **League All-Star** who anchored the team at goalie last year, is having another stellar year.



► Junior hits target precisely

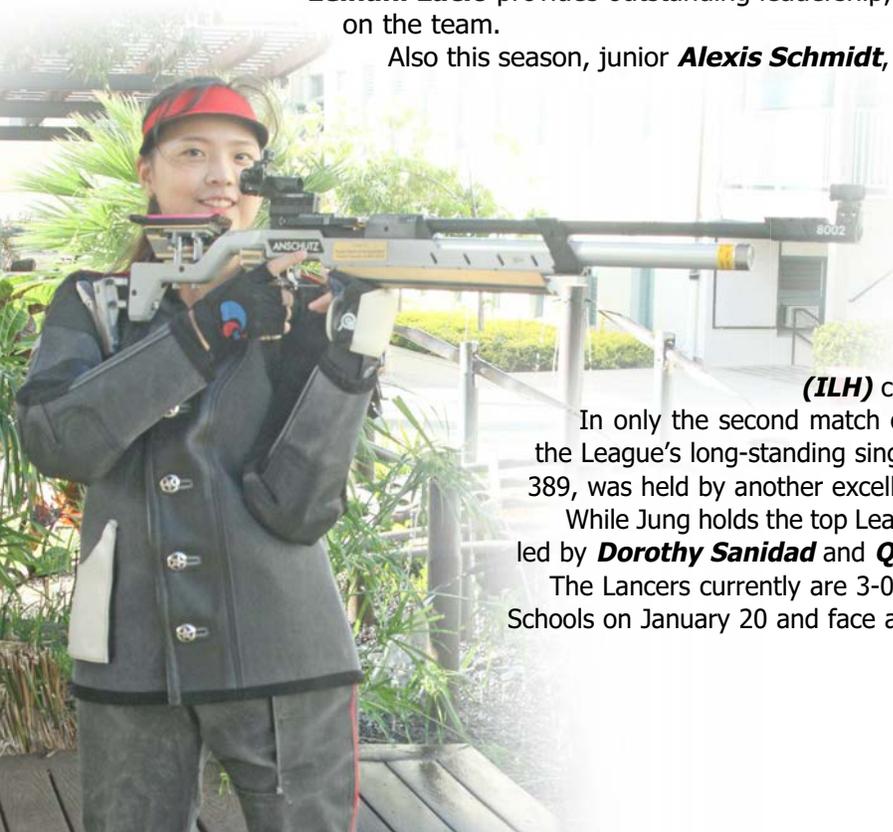
Junior **Dahee Jung** (left) and her **Precision Air Riflery** teammates are on-target and off to a hot start in **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH)** competition!

In only the second match of the season, versus Mid-Pacific Institute, Jung broke the League's long-standing single match record, shooting a 391. The previous record, 389, was held by another excellent shooter, Lancer alumnae **Sara Tashima**.

While Jung holds the top League ranking, her teammates are also hitting their mark, led by **Dorothy Sanidad** and **Quinn Lum**, ranked second and ninth, respectively.

The Lancers currently are 3-0 after scoring an impressive victory over Kamehameha Schools on January 20 and face a tough squad from Punahou this weekend.

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Lancers

From the Head of School

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Next week, the Academy will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with thousands of schools here in Hawai'i and across the nation. The celebration will conclude with a "free day" for students on Friday to enable teachers and administrators to gather for a Mass and professional development, held here at the Academy.



The formal "marking period" concluded in early January, and our thoughts turn to the single, most useful tool to assess how well students are learning and how successful teachers are in doing their important job. The school knows exactly where to look for the best advice for improving students' learning – the "experts," our students.

At the end of each semester, students in grades seven to 12 evaluate their classes through on-line, anonymous surveys.

They are surveyed on effectiveness of teaching methods, work load and pace of class, with a request for any related feedback. The students respond constructively and with "zest" and give teachers invaluable information in their ongoing quest to improve.

Also, the many complimentary and sometimes humorous, comments are very much appreciated by our teachers. Here are a few:

- Thank goodness, the teacher makes this difficult subject bearable!
- This teacher actually loves teaching! I can see her passion, and it's really inspiring.

Have a joyful weekend.

Betty White



MORE ATHLETICS

► Cagers bounce back this season

The **Lancer basketball** teams made great strides this year during re-building seasons. On each level, the teams notched victories in the **League Championship Tournament** before coming up just short to play for the Title in their Division.

The **Varsity** squad notched one of their best finishes in the **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Division I (DI)** play, finishing in fourth place.

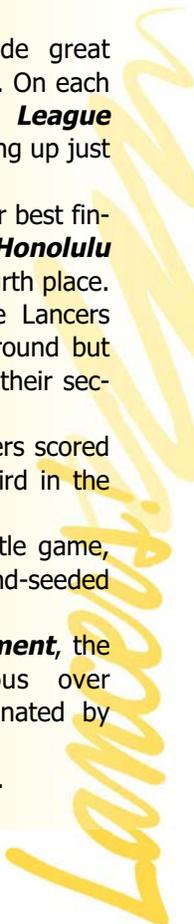
At the **League Championships**, the Lancers outlasted Mid-Pacific Institute in the first-round but were defeated by top-seeded Maryknoll in their second game.

The (above) **Junior Varsity (JV)** cagers scored an outstanding 7-2 record and finished third in the **League**.

These athletes won their first-round title game, beating Iolani by 10 points, but fell to second-seeded Punahou in their next contest.

At their **League Division II Tournament**, the **Intermediate** Lancers were victorious over University Lab School before being eliminated by Saint Andrew's.

They finished 5-3 overall in the League.



► **Lancers:** Varsity cheerleaders head to national title competition

After “spiriting” away the **S t a t e Championship** in the medium-division on November 4, the **Lancer cheerleaders** “punched their ticket” to participate in the **N a t i o n a l Championships** from February 8 to 14 in Orlando, Florida.

At the State meet, the **Varsity** Lancers, who also hold the **Interscholastic League of Honolulu Title**, tallied a final score of 503.50 – the highest mark in either Championship division.

Set to exhibit their exuberant and precision routines on the national stage are: **Cayla Cabanban, Giana Costa, Alissa De Smet, Lexy Freitas, Tiana-Lynn Manabat, Kayla Oka, Melina O'Reilly** and **Megan Valente**.



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FEBRUARY 18

COUNTRY Fair

FEBRUARY 18 - RUNS FROM 1 TO 5 PM

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- ★ **Play** FUN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
- ★ **Shop** THE CRAFT AND FARMER'S MARKET
- ★ **Buy** HULI HULI CHICKEN (FRESH OFF THE FIRE!)
- ★ **Support** THE LANCERS' APPAREL SHOP
- ★ **Enjoy** LIVE MUSIC – HOKU ZUTTERMEISTER (1 PM), PUAMANA (2 PM), ROYAL HAWAIIAN BAND (4 PM) AND MORE!

Lancers!



It is virtually a big world out there!

The **Lower School Library** began “opening” the world to students in a new way this past week – **virtual reality readers** are now available for the fourth to sixth graders to use and borrow!

This technology can easily be integrated into student’s existing toolbox, simply by downloading the YouTube App or any App with 360 videos onto phones.

The faculty are also excited about the new readers and are borrowing them to enrich and integrate into their curriculum studies!

This integration is spearheaded by **Laurel Oshiro**.

Alumnae share insights in return

Over 20 graduates from recent years, representing 17 varied colleges returned to campus to participate in the annual **Alumnae Forum** on January 9.

The alumnae returned to share their experiences and “words of wisdom” about their collegiate years with students in grades seven to 12.

The visit, arranged by **College Counselor Randall Fong**, aims to assist current students with making informed choices about their educational experiences after the Academy and ease this transition to the collegiate level.

The sharing was done in a group panel setting, with students able to ask questions, which the alumnae answered earnestly and in-detail.

The diverse colleges and universities represented span the world, including from the *University of Hawai‘i* and *Chaminade* to *Cornell*, *Boston University*, the *University of San Francisco* and even the *University of Utrecht* in the Netherlands!



BE COMMUNITY HELPER – CLOTHING DRIVE

(Sponsored by the Lower School Student Council in honor of Catholic Schools Week)

JANUARY 28 TO FEBRUARY 2

- ▶ Items should be clean and in good condition without needing repair
- ▶ Desired items: all types and sizes of clothing, footwear and bags
- ▶ Drop-offs accepted in **Room M104** or in the **High School Office**
- ▶ Items to be given to **Helping Hands Hawai‘i**

