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**BELOW:** Outfitted with climbing gear, Alyssa Giang carefully sets out to transverse the rope course set high in the forest canopy.

**BELOW RIGHT:** During one of the many team-building activities during Camp, a determined group of fifth graders focus on working in unison to “travel by skis.”

## Fifth graders catch camp spirit at Mokule‘ia

The Academy's 40 exuberant fifth graders excitedly and thoroughly immersed themselves in all the adventures of **Camp Mokule‘ia**.

From March 7 to 9, the students worked in groups during the myriad of activities to solve a problem as a team.

During a number of environmental-themed sessions, which capitalized on the Camp's interesting locale at the edge of the ocean and the *Waianae Mountain Range*, the students gathered “*opala*,” or rubbish, to investigate the harmful effects these items pose to indigenous marine and bird life.

Like the ancient Hawaiians, the students also “dabbled” in celestial navigation and got a “primer” on navigating by the stars – which they excitedly discovered shine brighter in the absence of city lights!

Of course, no Academy Camp trip would be complete without provide opportunities for the students to explore new things and “step out of their comfort zone.” One of the highlights of this trip was taking on the challenge of the **High Ropes course**. The students bravely donned climbing gear, trekked up to the course suspended high in the trees and, with

support from those on the ground, carefully and determinedly made their way across the ropes to the other side.



## From the Head of School

### PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

*With Easter and Spring Break behind us, the school is in the final stages of closing out a school year and doing much preparation for the 2018 to 2019 year.*



*The counselors have completed registration for next school year and are now focusing, along with Lower School's Reme Tam and the High School's Brandy Sato, on handling the final steps for Summer School, beginning on June 11. Thank you for registering your daughters as expeditiously as possible!*

*Karen Muramoto in the Admissions Office is in the final stages of the Admissions season. A warm thank you to our current parents who have made her task lighter by re-registering all returning students. Deadlines are fast approaching for acceptances from our newly admitted students.*

*April can be a stressful month for the Academy's seniors because it is the time when most colleges and universities across the country finalize their admissions decisions, and our graduates receive the news for which they have waited anxiously.*

*College Counselor Randy Fong works extremely hard with the seniors and their families, and we look forward to hearing from him in the next few weeks.*

*This month, we ask teachers, parents, families and peers to celebrate each senior's success story – for the chapter of their lives they are about to close and the new one on which they are about to embark!*

*Betty White*

## Special month promotes power of women

From March 20 to 23, the **High School Student Council** and the **"Fem" Club** spearheaded the campus effort to celebrate **Women's History Month**.

Organizers staged special activities each day to celebrate the power of women and created fliers detailing some of stellar female historical figures.

Highlights of the activities included informative workshops by a curator from the **Honolulu Museum of Art**, a filmmaker and two agents serving with the **Federal Bureau of Investigation**, (below with **Zandrina Cambra**, **Leah Farias-Ornellas** and **Clara Ontal**) **Logan Johnston** and **Cindy Maglasang**.





**PARENT ORGANIZATION**

**ELECTIONS**

**VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY POSITIONS OPEN FOR FALL 2018 TO SPRING 2020 TERM**

Parent Board meets monthly, works with school personnel to conduct activities and provides other important support services.

**Interested?** Contact **Samantha Spain** by 5 p.m. on April 20 at [parentboardsha@gmail.com](mailto:parentboardsha@gmail.com)  
(Results to be announced at meeting on May 18)

## Lancers powered up among Hawai'i schools at Regional

The **Lancer FIRST Robotics team** and their robot performed solidly at the **FRC Hawai'i Regional** from March 21 to 24 at the University of Hawai'i's Stan Sheriff Center.

The Academy participants used their experience fulfilling the **"Power Up"** challenge at the **FRC Arizona Regional** in early March to refine their bot *"Holly,"* named because of her many holes.

They entered the Hawai'i event well prepared, and their efforts paid dividends as the Lancers finished ninth among the 37-team field – a group from Taipei and three from California scored four of the top eight spots.

Remarkably, the Academy ended the meet as the fifth-highest Hawai'i team, being outscored only by robotics powerhouses from *Waialua, Lahainaluna, Maui* and *McKinley High Schools!*

At the Hawai'i Regional, two Lancers garnered extra recognition –



Since this year's FRC challenge was based on being trapped in an older video game, Lancer Robotics Advisor Peter Park and his team, Christina Dang, Morgan Harrison, Katelyn Amoroso, Aiyana Arnobit, Lesna O'Donnell, Kiara Flores and Jenna Tanna and (not pictured) Jalen Tam dress in the spirit of characters from popular video games from the past.

**Captain Aiyana Arnobit** was named a semi-finalist for the **"Dean's List" Award** and **Safety Captain**

**Christina Dang** was **"Star of the Day."**

## Girls celebrated on cultural special day

On March 1, **Japanese II Honors** students conducted a number of activities with the **Junior Kindergarten** students in observance of **Girls' Day**.

This special day, traditionally celebrated on March 3 and also known as **"Doll's Festival,"** is an occasion marked by prayer for the health and happiness of young girls in Japan and by displaying a set of *"hina"* dolls.

The High School students, including (left) **Cienna Abara**, shared details about the event's cultural roots and taught the kindergartners how to write in Japanese characters. They also helped the youngers students in constructing a beautiful Girls' Day scroll.



# SPRING EVENTS

## April

**22 > HEAD OF SCHOOL RECEPTION**

2 p.m. - Auditorium

**23 > DANCE CONCERT**

7:30 p.m. - Mamiya Theatre

**24 > ALUMNAE INVESTITURE**

5 p.m. - Chapel

**27 > MAY DAY**

Time varies - Gymnasium

## May

**4 > MEMORIAL MASS**

7:50 a.m. - Gymnasium

**> RITE OF PASSAGE**

6 p.m. - Chapel

**7> BAND ALOHA CONCERT**

6 p.m. - Mamiya Theatre

**8> HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CONVOCATION**

5 p.m. - Gymnasium

**9> LOWER SCHOOL ATHLETIC CONVOCATION**

5 p.m. - Student Center

**11 > CHOIR CONCERT**

6 p.m. - Chapel

**14> HONORS CONVOCATION**

5:30 p.m. - Gymnasium

## Fabulous fish art imitates true life

Referring to a photograph, the sixth graders created life-like artwork of **koi fish** following a three-step method of drawing.

First, they created basic shapes, paying attention to how large and where to place the fish on the paper. Next, they compared their piece and revised and eliminated unwanted lines. Then, they added fine details, such as tiny fin bones, whiskers and scaled.

With watercolors, the artists painted the fish and background using the “wet paper” technique and complimentary colors to make their fish “stand out.”

ABEGAIL AGUIRRE



BLAIZ LEE-SAAVEDRA



## World diversity heralded

It was **International Day** on March 1 at the Academy, and students in grades seven to 12, including (left) **Agnes Brown** and **Shay Bonilla** – who prepped lumpia – marked the date by celebrating diversity!

The language, cultural practices and, of course, culinary delicacies of Hawai'i, Spain, Japan, China, Korea and the Philippines were on display and shared.

The afternoon of informative exchange activities was organized by the **High School Student Council** and **World Languages Department**.