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## Spirit of Aloha permeates Mass and May Day festivities

The Academy 'ohana gathered in the Gymnasium on April 27 for a special celebration of the spirit of aloha at this year's *May Day* festivities.

This year, both the Lower and High School program were uniquely focused on a "*Hapa Haole*" theme, and they were dedicated in memory of *Andrea Cummings Hamilton*, '68, a longtime Academy educator who epitomized the aloha spirit of the Islands.

During both the school celebrations, the student body gracefully embodied the May Day spirit with festive hula numbers ranging from (below) the kindergartners rendition of "*I Don't Like Shoes Upon My Feet*" to "*Hula Blues*" by the sophomores and seniors.

In addition to beautiful numbers by the Lei Day princesses and a "*Hoku Medley*" by (left) *Queen Kimi Tokunaga*, the programs included a special hula tribute of "*Waikiki*," the iconic hapa haole song penned by Hamilton's father, *Andy Cummings* in the 1940's.

(See pages four and five for additional May Day photos)



# MAY DAY 2018

## From the Head of School

### MAY FILLED WITH CELEBRATORY DATES

Thank you to the parents, grandparents and family members for joining the Academy's May Day celebrations, all filled with the festive spirit of Aloha!



The next couple of weeks are packed with year-end activities and traditions. The crowning of Mary was a highlight of the Memorial Mass this morning, and this beautiful service was followed immediately with a visit from Bishop Larry Silva, who comes to campus annually to address the graduates.

Then, also scheduled this evening is the traditional Rite of Passage, a "graduation" of sorts, for the Academy's eighth graders as they prepare to move into High School. The focus is not so much on the graduate as it is on the family.

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- 5 > Band Social
- 7 > Band Concert
- 8 > High School Athletics Convocation
- 9 > Lower School Athletics Convocation
- 10 and 11 > Third Grade Oahu Tour
- 11 > Choir Concert
- 13 > Fifth Grade Art Show
- 14 > High School Honors Convocation
- 18 > Lower School Red Carpet Event
- 22 > Sixth Grade Luncheon
- 21 to 23 > Exams (Grades Seven to 12)
- 24 > Baccalaureate Mass
- 26 > Commencement

*Betty White*



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*Features the Academy's winning creativity contest entries – focused on "Together" – (above second from right) Art Winner Kiara Flores and Essay Winners Mary Burke, Ciara Ontai, Cynthia Nguyen and Alyse Glaser.*

*A benefit for Parents and Children Together (PACT)*

## Thirty-three inductees join school's Honor Society



On April 19, 33 juniors and sophomores were inducted into the Academy's *National Honor Society (NHS)* during a special ceremony in the Chapel. Over 50 proud parents and family members joined in the celebration.

The honorees were welcomed into the Society by the current NHS Council and its 35 serving members.

During the ceremony, the new

members vowed to uphold the Society's "*Four Pillars*" – *character, service, leadership and academic excellence* – facets for which they regularly display, earning them this prestigious membership.

To fulfill the standards of the Society, NHS members regularly volunteer at school events, assist fellow students needing academic assistance by providing weekly tutoring

sessions and coordinate special discussions and events with community leaders focused on the Four Pillars.

In addition to completing 40 hours of tutoring and other types of service, members must "remain in good standing," maintaining stellar character and academic status.

The Academy's NHS unit is advised by *Roslyn Cambe* with assistance from *Joseph Lyons*.

## Senior receives special scholarship recognition

For her outstanding efforts in Pacific and International Studies, senior *Taylor McKenzie* was awarded this year's *Honda Academic Scholarship* at a *Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC)* special reception on April 21.

This scholarship, established to promote Asian and International Studies in higher education by *Paul S. Honda*, a distinguished member of *PAAC's Senior Advisory Council*, was presented by (right with *McKenzie*) *Rep. Sam Kong* and *PAAC Board Member Jill Canfield*.



## More memories from Lower School May Day...



*LEFT:* The second graders welcome parents, family and friends to the festivities by singing, "Eia Makou," "We are the children of Hawai'i."

*MIDDLE:* First grade shows off their "Sophisticated Hula."

*BELOW LEFT:* The third graders enjoy themselves "Out on the Beach at Waikiki."

*BELOW RIGHT:* Adorned in special flowers, the fifth graders exalt the beauty of "My Yellow Ginger Lei."



## More memories from High School May Day...

*RIGHT:* The Junior High students in Kumu Jordan Asing's Hula class proclaim a spirited "Good 'Oi Ho'omalimali."

*BELOW LEFT:* The graceful freshman and juniors perform "Little Brown Gal."



The sophomores and seniors are anything but "blue" during their colorful and cheerful rendition of "Hula Blues."

