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Bank of Hawai'i and the Queen's Medical Center partner with the Academy in presenting:

STEM symposium

4 GIRLS

FEBRUARY 16, 2019
7:30 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

- > An innovative outreach for **GIRLS IN GRADES NINE TO 12** who aspire to be inventors and innovators in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).
- > Unique format will allow participants to attend three different sessions with employees from several world-renowned, innovative technology organizations.
- > Presenters participating from prominent STEM leaders include: Boeing, Genentech, Intuitive Surgical, the John A. Burns School of Medicine, Lockheed Martin and Waimanalo Health Center.
- > Includes networking session and luncheon with these professionals and other public and private-school students.



SCIENCE



TECHNOLOGY



ENGINEERING



MATHEMATICS

TO INSPIRE GIRLS TO EMBRACE THE STEM FIELDS

SCIENCE symposium

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FEBRUARY 23, 2019
7:45 TO 11:40 A.M.

- > FREE, fun, hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities for **GIRLS IN GRADES FIVE TO EIGHT**.
- > Students participate in two exciting workshops of their choosing conducted by renowned professionals with expertise in the STEM fields.
- > Attendees will also gain unique insight into the status and future of during a keynote address by Dr. Lee Ellen Buenconsejo-Lum of the John A. Burns School of Medicine.
- > Parents also participate in an informative presentation about STEM education by field experts while students are in hands-on sessions.

From the Head of School

STIMULATING STEM INTEREST EARLY

Our second semester is well under way, and we extend a warm welcome to about ten new families. We send our best wishes to your families for a New Year filled with joy and good health.



Regarding the details about the two Symposiums on February 16 and 23 detailed on the first page, please encourage your daughters to register for the age-appropriate one. These are two of the Academy's most extensive outreach program to girls in Hawai'i, with top priority given to Academy students so they can become inspired, motivated and enlightened by these experiences.

The Academy is extremely appreciative of the approximately 40 local mentors who make the Science Symposium possible for our younger students. From veterinarians to engineers, from scientists to technology experts, these mentors do an outstanding job of engaging the students.

The STEM Symposium is for high school students, and through the hard work of parent Shelley Cramer, representatives from some of the most renowned STEM companies and a smaller sampling of local presenters will be featured.

The Academy believes that the STEM careers hold the key for a successful future for many of your daughters, and the school tries to generate this excitement and interest as early as possible.

Please consider registering soon, and for the Science Symposium, we hope you will also join your daughters and will enjoy the parent sessions immensely.

Betty White

Alumnae share collegiate wisdom

A record-number of alumnae, 33, returned to campus to participate in this year's **Alumnae Forum** on January 8. They interacted with students in grades seven to 12 to share insights about their collegiate experiences.

The graduates represented 18 colleges and universities from across the mainland and Hawai'i, including **Boston University**, **Creighton University**, **Fordham University**, **George Mason University** and the **University of Hawai'i**.

As part of this year's Forum, guest speaker **Roxanne Solidum Bruhn**, '73, (right with senior **Maria Moral**) spoke to the juniors and seniors about her background at the Academy.

The graduates, including (above middle with juniors **Chanah Tanioka** and **Jozette Barios**) **Catherine Palmer**, '18, and (above bottom with senior **Kira Stone**) **Shelly Aquino**, '17, also "staffed" a mini-college fair, which provided a venue for students in grades nine to 12 to ask one-on-one questions and held small group discussions for the Junior High students.



Paddlers stroking efficiently to reach race finish

The **Lancer paddlers** have found their stroke and have stayed on-pace with their competition since the season began in October.

With five of six races on the books, the **Varsity** crew sits only seven points behind top-ranked Punahou in **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH)** competition!

They are looking to secure a berth in the **State Championships** on February 2 and even a League title after the final race of the season, a five-plus mile trek slated for January 19 at Magic Island.

This season's success of the Varsity team of **Maria Domingo, Lucy Gentry, Angela Lowell, Rebecca Meyer, Maria Moral, Eliza Otenbriet** and **Abby Sanchez** is due in large part to their hard work and determination – clearly evident when they battled Punahou, stroke-for-stroke, to win the fourth ILH race



by a mere one second!

They also notched three second-place finishes, all behind the Buff and Blue.

The **Lancer Junior Varsity (JV) 2** crew also has tasted success under **Coaches Elizabeth Loo, Margaret**

Mary Ku'umea Gora, '80, and **Jordan Nelson, '11,** this season and currently hold the third ILH ranking.

They also have one competitive win this season and is also looking to finish the ILH season on a high note on January 19.

Dynamic duo honored for philanthropic efforts for schools

For their tireless efforts to enhance the educational experience of students at the Academy and Saint Louis School (SLS), (*second from left*) **Trese Kano Otani, '73,** and (*left*) her husband **Dwight Otani, SLS '73,** were honored as the schools' 2018 **Volunteers in Philanthropy (VIP).**

The time, talent and passion the Otanis "gift" to both schools was formally recognized at this year's **National Philanthropy Day,** sponsored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Aloha Chapter, on November 15 at the Alohilani Resort.



The projects spearheaded by the Otanis include the Academy's **"Uncorked"** event founded in 2017, and SLS's **Grape Escape,** an eagerly anticipated night which was first held in 2008. Both highly successful fundraising efforts benefit each schools' financial aid funds, ensuring more students can benefit from an Academy or SLS education.

First graders share spirit of holidays and MLK's "I Have a Dream"

The Academy's first graders "caught" the spirit of giving and that of **Martin Luther King** during their recent activities.

On December 20, the students spent the morning sharing and spreading holiday cheer among the residents at **Waikiki Assisted Living**, including (right), **Barbara Chang**, '46.

They performed Christmas songs and even had the residents join in for a few numbers before activities to develop relationships with their new friends.

Since beginning the spring semester, the first graders have learned about his fight for equal rights and caught the spirit of Dr. King.

In honor of his famous and inspiring **"I Have a Dream"** speech, the students honored Dr. King by reflecting on their own dreams.

They thought about their three top dreams and incorporated these into a colorful dream catcher. Some of the students' dreams included "friendship," "kindness," "peace" and "freedom."



Spreading giving spirit and ringing bells

Members of the Academy's dedicated **Soroptimist Club**, also known as the **"S" Club**, again supported The **Salvation Army-Hawaiian and Pacific Islands'** annual Christmas outreach to raise funds for programs benefitting the less fortunate.

Club members, including (right) **Jozette Barrios** and **Camille Arnaiz**, rang bells and collected funds from donors patronizing **Walmart Honolulu** during their shift during the Army's **"Red Kettle Drive."** In the process, they spread seasonal cheer and an infectious spirit of giving!

The Club, advised by **Randy Fong**, boasts a full calendar of service events throughout the year.

