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## Winter athletes get hot during momentous seasons

### ▶ Paddling earns spot to vie for State Championships

Thus far, the **Lancer Varsity I canoe paddlers** have forged one of the strongest seasons in recent history!

Their consistent showing throughout the season – which included winning their race on January 5 and finishing no lower than third in the other Regattas – landed them securely in second place, only 10 points behind top-ranked Punahou in the final League standings.

And, for their dedicated hard work throughout this season, the Varsity I crew earned one of two League slots to vie for the **State Championships** on February 2 at Keehi Lagoon. This is the program's first State berth since 2007.

The crew of (right) **Maria Domingo, Abbylyn Sanchez, Rebecca Meyer, Eliza Otenbriet, Angela Lowell** and **Lucy Gentry** and (not pictured) **Maria Moral** continue to hone their stroke under the guidance of **Head Coach Elizabeth Loo** and are looking to continue the success etched this season.



### ▶ Soccer falls short in League Title bid but carries fierce determination into States

The **Varsity Lancers** looked to repeat as **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Division II (DII) Champions** in **soccer**, but came up just short of their Title bid on January 19, falling just short to nemesis Pac-Five, 0-2.

The final game was a battle, with the Lancers and Wolfpack evenly matched, having split their previous games during the regular season. The Academy athletes earned their spot to challenge for the Title after blanking Damien Memorial School, 4-0, in the ILH single-elimination tournament.

With their strong showing during the ILH season, the 5-5 Lancers earned a berth in the **State Championship Tournament** for the third consecutive year. These Championships are slated for January 30 to February 2 at Waipio Peninsula Soccer Complex, and the DII seedings and match-ups will be determined after the remainder of the League Tournaments.

Leading the charge defensively and contributing to their opponents' repeated inability to score are **Alexis Schmidt, Brooklyn Yano, Te'a Kekahuna** and **Eden Arthur**.

Going the other way, **Christianne Arakawa** (second from right with the other seniors on this year's squad, **Schmidt, Arthur, Caitlin Bocobo** and **Tiana-Lynn Manubat**), **Alena Schenk** and **Kiana Paaina** power the offense for the team, which is coached by **Glenn Arakawa** and **Travis Macdonald**.



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## From the Head of School

### CELEBRATING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Next week, the Academy will join schools across the nation to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019, hosted by the National Catholic Education Association.



Activities will follow the theme of "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Lower School students have an exciting array of activities planned for the week, and students in grades seven to 12 will participate in the Living In Faith Experience (LIFE) Walk and Mass to celebrate the school's student Christian leadership program. The older students will be focused on a more universal theme of "water."

Students will have a free day on Friday, February 1, so teachers and administrators can attend the Annual Conference of Catholic Educators; about 1,000 local Catholic educators will celebrate Mass and participate in professional development focused on "Bullying" at Saint Ann's Church in Kaneohe.

In Hawai'i today, 40 Catholic schools provide education to over 15,000 students in 23 elementary schools, ten Early Learning Centers, seven high schools and a university.

Our gratitude goes out to each parent whose time, effort and financial support has helped perpetuate our outstanding Catholic learning community here at Sacred Hearts.

On another note, I look forward to seeing freshman moms at the Mother-Daughter luncheon at the 'Alohilani Hotel on January 27 beginning at 11 a.m. Also, Lower School students will be at Radford High School for a Catholic School League Track and Field meet.

*Betty White*

## Trio earns school's first High School VEX Worlds spot

For the first time in school history, a **Lancer Robotics High School** team has qualified for the **VEX Robotics Challenge (VRC) World Championships!**

The powerhouse **Team 2437A** of (below) **Nanami Mehring, Ayla Hakikawa** and **Kammiee-Marie Ardo** moved up to VRC competition this season and continued their winning ways forged in **VEX IQ.**

They cemented their opportunity to compete in the World event after placing 11th out of 36 teams at the **Hawai'i Electric Companies State VEX VRC Championships** on January 11 and 12. The Team also won another **Design Award** for their efforts, which includes one of the "best" **Engineering Notebooks.**

The VEX Robotics World events are slated for April 24 to 27 in Louisville, Kentucky, and the trio is working to fine-tuning their mastery of the **"Turning Point"** challenge.



### 2019 CHALLENGE: TURNING POINT

> Teams work in an alliance against a competing alliance in this year's challenge

> Goal is to attain a higher score than the competing alliance during 15-minute autonomous period and a student-driver controlled period

> Points earned for: High or Low Scoring Caps, Toggling Flags and Parking as an Alliance or Center Parking Robots on Platforms



## Senior's technical and cyber skills and leadership efforts earn honor

The **Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Hawai'i Chapter** regularly recognizes deserving High School students in the State for their accomplishments in the cyber, computer science and technical arenas.

Senior **Aiyana Arnobit** earned the **AFCEA Hawai'i Student of the Month** accolade for October 2018, and was recognized at the organization's January meeting.

In addition to Arnobit's recognition, the Academy attendees were treated to a stirring presentation by **Capt. Kurt Mole**, commander of the **National Security Association's** Hawai'i branch.

According to **Deborah Kula**, Arnobit's cyber advisor, she is the consummate "team player" and leader. Whether it be as captain of her **CyberPatriot** team or a member of the **Lancer FIRST Robotics team**, the focused senior encourages her colleagues through careful and



CyberPatriot members Emily Truong, Stella Supall, Aiyana Arnobit and Jalen Tam and Advisor Deborah Kula

thoughtful preparation and focused effort throughout the often high-stress competitions.

Arnobit also lends her positive attitude towards helping others gain technical, computer and cyber knowledge during numerous outreach endeavors on behalf of the Academy.

These have included holding educational sessions and spearheading computer donations for a school in the Philippines and organizing and working with Lower School students to increase cyber knowledge and awareness.

## Ever try washing rocks?

The second graders in **Jolene Yoshioka's** class did just that during an intriguing science investigation!

The students explored all aspects of **"Rocks, Sand and Silt"** and delved into hands-on activities to observe and test some of the details they learned.

First, (*right*) each student carefully "washed" her rocks.

Then using all of their senses (*far right*), each carefully studied their scrubbed rocks up-close and in-depth looking for difference and noticeable changes or similarities in the "before" and "after" pieces.



## Setting precise standard for League competitors to reach

The **Lancer Precision Air Riflery** squads are currently undefeated in **Varsity** and **Junior Varsity (JV)** competition and look to 'set the mark' for the competition in the League once again this year!

After downing Kamehameha Schools by wide margins on January 19, both squads are 3-0.

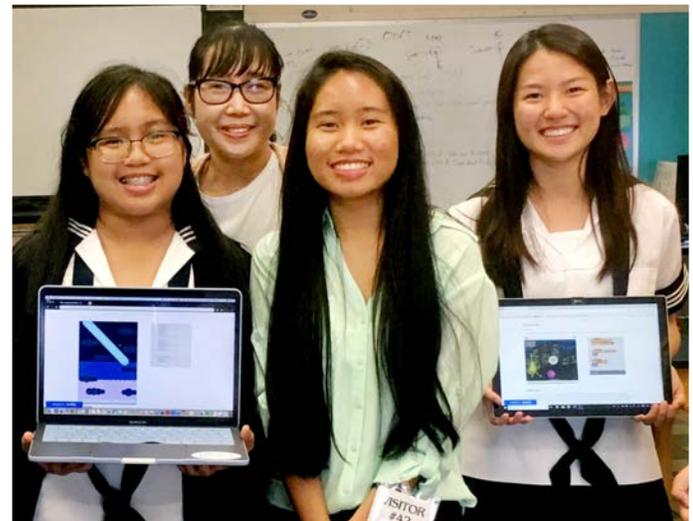
The Varsity Lancers have a "target on their back" and hold four of the top six rankings in the **League!** Senior **Dahee Jung** is first at 383.7; juniors **Morgan Harrison** and **Xun Hee** trail by mere points in the second and third spots, respectively; **Lauren Mastukawa** sits in sixth.

Their teammate, **Anna Sakai**, who moved up to Varsity this year with Harrison, has been consistent and is ranked 13 in Varsity competition.

Despite three rookies on the squad, the JV has surpassed expectations to date and has rapidly improved with renewed effort on becoming acclimated to competition and preparation.

The current JV standings reflect this effort, with five Lancers ranked in five of the top six places. Sophomores **Therese Marie Velez** and **Elena Amado** are first and second, respectively, separated by only six points. Juniors **Richelle Kikilo'i**, **Jennifer Lyu** and freshman **Journey Kaawa-Palakiko**, one of the rookies, hold the fourth, fifth and sixth places, respectively.

Next, the Lancers face their "stiffest" competition in the League on January 26, when they battle **Mid-Pacific Institute** on the Owls' "home turf" at 9 a.m.



## Portfolio encompasses semester's efforts

The students in **Dawn Robertson's Coding** class spent the first semester focusing and working diligently to master their subject curriculum and enhance their technical skills.

These efforts were celebrated and showcased during a "**Coding Portfolio Celebration**" at the end of the semester.

For this "showcase" event, the Coding students created designs, games and art using coding languages, such as "Scratch Drag and Drop," JavaScript or Python.

They proudly demonstrated the end result of their dedicated work for visiting students, teachers, parents and supporters, who were thrilled to interact, view and use the resulting products or items.

**TOP:** Freshman Kristale Nicole Tumacder (*left*) and senior Emily Truong (*right*) proudly share their semester-culminating portfolios, which showcase their efforts to improve and master Coding skills, with Celebration attendees, including Janet Tumacder and Kristen Kate Tumacder, '15.