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May Day celebrations celebrate Kaua'i through na Mele

The Gymnasium was awash in purple, the Island "color" of the "mokupuni" of Kaua'i, as the Academy 'ohana gathered on May 2 to celebrate the spirit of this Island at this year's **May Day** festivities.

The students in grades Junior Kindergarten to six transported the audience during "**An Island Tour of Kaua'i.**" And, the High School program was themed "**Maika'i Kaua'i,**" or "Good Kaua'i."

For both the Lower and High School programs, students performed an array of hula focused on the history and beauty of Kaua'i.

The princesses explored the majesty of the Island's land during "**Maika'i Kaua'i Awaiaulu Ke Aloha,**" and (right) senior **Queen Logan Shiroma** performed to "**Aloha Kaua'i**" and "**Ka Mokihana.**"

Both Programs were touching expressions of pride in the Island.



The fourth graders present "Ula Noweo" during their May Day Program.



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From the Head of School

ANNUAL EVENTS HONOR WITH ALOHA

The Academy 'ohana gathered this past Thursday for joyful May Day celebrations, and the spirit of Aloha continued today as the student body honored and crowned Mary at the Memorial Mass. All



these celebrations were touching expressions of pride in our Hawaiian heritage and the love and faith in Jesus' Mother, Mary.

Today concludes with the Rite of Passage ceremony in the Academy's Chapel for our current eighth graders. This function – primarily for our students' families – marks an important milestone in the life of our girls as they enter their High School journey.

This weekend will continue to be filled with much Academy joy. On Sunday, the Lower School piano and violin Recital, supplemented with the Choral students, will be in the Auditorium, followed by a Head of School Reception to recognize and congratulate honor students in grades seven to 12.

Thanks to the many of you who will join us at Mamiya Theater for the Band Concert on Monday and the Choral Concert next Friday in the Academy's Chapel. Both of these programs begin at 6 p.m..

The Athletic Convocations will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, each specifically designated for certain level of participation.

Even in this hectic pace with the many school celebrations at year's end, we must remember that they are a celebration of God's amazing grace and our oneness with God and our oneness with each other.

Betty White

PAAC leadership actively focused on global cultures and issues

Two members of the Academy's **Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC)** – senior **Natsuki Watanabe** and sophomore **Isabel Allen** – are elevating their global issues leadership this semester and will continue during **Summer Study Tours**.

Watanabe will join 11 others during a Study visit to *Bali* focused on "Environmental Sustainability" from June 3 to 17. During this trip, she will explore how Bali implements measures and practices to increase the country's sustainability, and she is especially anticipating exploring the country's "Green Schools" and *World Heritage* sites.

Watanabe is also currently aligning her **PAAC Leadership Action Project** efforts with her Study Tour focus – she organized and implemented "**Sustainability Week**" from April 23 to 26. Held to celebrate "**Earth Day**," the week was filled with a myriad of activities, including films and presentations about sustainable development goals.

For her **Freeman Study Tour** from June 10 to 25, Allen will explore *Japan*. This trip is a homestay, and Allen plans to learn about the intricacies of Japan's culture and history. She and the other 14 students on her trip will also explore the country's many amazing cultural sites, such as its many temples.

Both students are mentored in their efforts by **PAAC Advisor Kinga Wojtas**.

Learning Across Borders (LAB) participants Keona Tomita and (third from right) Kammi Nguyen explore the PAAC Student Showcase on April 27 at Chaminade University with Natsuki Watanabe, Head of School Betty White, Isabel Allen and Advisor Kinga Wojtas.



Academy-SLS Cheerleading National Champs honored by Governor

On April 22, the highly-decorated championship joint squad of **Varsity Lancers** and **Saint Louis School (SLS) Crusaders** were featured guests of **Gov. David Ige** and the **State House of Representatives**.

The Governor and State Legislators recognized and honored the hard-working athletes for their amazing accomplishments this school year, which included:

> Winning the highly-contest "**Grand National Champion**" title and a bevy of other top awards at the **JAMZ School Cheer National Championships** in late February;

> Earning the **Varsity Cheerleading Hawai'i State Championship Title** for the second consecutive year;

> Amassing another **Interscholastic League of Honolulu Varsity Championship**.

After visiting with Governor Ige in his chambers, team members sojourned as special guests to the floor of the **House of Representatives**.

Here, **Rep. Calvin Say**, the legislator for the Kaimuki district where both schools operate, introduced and

recapped some of the accomplishments of these athletics on the floor.

Joining the cheerleading athletes on this special and memorable occasion were **Coaches Cadey Vakauta** and **Gail Gushikuma** and members of the Academy's Administration.

The Cheerleading Champions honored by Gov. Davide Ige include Alissa De Smet, Kammiee-Marie Ardo, Megan Valente, Jacelyn Tanavasa, Cayla Cabanban, Odyn Kane, Kayla Oka, Lexy Freitas, Kamalani Agcaoili, Melina O'Reilly, Derrick Okamoto and Tristan Racpan.



Video production PSA by Ka Leo staffer qualifies for Youth finals



"**Bruised,**" a video public service announcement (PSA) developed by **Kirsten Aoyagi**, was one of over 1,060 pieces submitted in this year's **'Olelo Youth Xchange Student Video Competition**. Aoyagi's well-crafted script and proficient filming and editing qualities earned her anti-bullying production one of three PSA finalists spots in the Xchange contest.

The junior's quality piece, which also earned finalist honors in the **"Inspired in Hawai'i"** contest, was recognized at the Xchange Competition Awards Banquet on April 24.

Aoyagi (*second from right*) was joined at the Banquet by the "talent" in the PSA, (*left*) **Reagan Ramirez, Leilani Ostrowski** and **Aubree Davis**.

Lemon tree learning continues in Lower School

The members of the **Lower School Garden Club** continue to enhance their “toolbox” of skills specifically focused on the special lemon trees they planted earlier in April!

In another learning session under the guidance of members of the **Bizgenics Foundation**, Club members, parents and teachers completed another step in the tree-propagating process – learning to “graft.”

In order to aid each tree’s development and growth, participants learned how to graft five different types of other citrus varieties onto the recently-planted Academy lemon trees.

Grafting is an important step in the growing process for these plantings to create strong trees which produce varied crops.

The Bizgenics Foundation, which sponsors the project which “gifted” the original lemon trees to the Club, also provided the five different types of citrus cuttings used for the grafting – *tangerine*, *Meyer lemon*, *Tahitian lime*, *Calamansy* and *Keifer lime*.

The Club members are already eagerly anticipating their next lesson to enhance their “green thumbs!”



**BAND
ALOHA
CONCERT**

6 P.M. | MONDAY, MAY 6
MAMIYA THEATRE

*Featuring: Beginning Band,
Intermediate Band, Drumline,
Concert BAnd and Wind Ensemble*

**THERE'S A
BETTER
HOME
AWAITING**

SHA SPRING CHOIR CONCERT
6:00pm Friday, May 10, 2019
St. Margaret Mary Chapel
Free

**ATHLETIC
CONVOCATIONS**

> CSL AND CSAL
5 P.M. | MAY 8 | STUDENT CENTER

> VARSITY, JUNIOR VARSITY
AND INTERMEDIATE
5 P.M. | MAY 9 | GYMNASIUM

More memories from May Day

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TOP LEFT: The second graders tell the audience about "Nani Kaua'i."



TOP RIGHT: The beautiful "Hanalei Moon" was the focus during the hula by the Junior and Senior Kindergartners

RIGHT: The first graders explain the different modes of transportation used to "Hele on to Kaua'i."



BELOW: May Day princesses, Jada Kamanu, Pu'uwai Duarte, Victoria Zembik and Patience Freeman explore the beauty of Kaua'i during "Maika'i Kaua'i Anaiulu Ke Aloha."

