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Dear Parents, cont'd

### Congratulations girls varsity soccer – Repeat State Champions!



Our girls varsity soccer team finished off a season to remember on Saturday night, beating Pearl City, 1-0, to earn the 2018 HHSAA State Championship. That's our school's sixth state title in girls soccer since 1987 and second in a row. The road to repeating was quite challenging for our young team. [The Star-Advertiser reported the details in this article.](#)

Congratulations to Coach Kristin Masunaga '99, who has led our Raiders to three state titles and was the goalkeeper on the 1999 championship squad. Mia Watanabe '20, who scored the lone goals in the championship final and the semifinal victory over Mililani, was selected as the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. Taylor Arakaki '19, Kelsey Takahashi '20 and Sierra Wheeler '20 were also named to the All-Tournament Team.







And, as usual, the Raider Nation was out in force at the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Complex.



NOTE: The HHSAA State Boys Soccer Championships begin on Monday. Our Raiders will be hosting a first-round game versus Moanalua at Eddie Hamada Field, beginning at 3:30 pm. [Here is a link for more information.](#)

**Varsity cheerleading team at Nationals**



The 'Iolani Varsity Cheer Team qualified to compete in the United Cheer Association National Competition this year in Orlando Florida.



Our team did a great job representing Hawaii - finishing in the Semi-Finals the first day and ending the competition on Gameday in 5th place in the nation in their Small Coed Varsity Cheer Division! A highlight of the trip was also the chance to train at Orlando's famous Top Gun Gym.



Congrats to the coaches and team for their great results and months of hard work in training.

#### State Swimming & Diving Championships

Raider divers scored a clean sweep in the boys 1-meter springboard at the HHSAA State Swimming & Diving Championships over the weekend on Maui. Dyson Lee '21 is the state champ in the event. Aaron Kwok '21 is the runner-up, followed by Culley Jones '20 in third. Led by those points, the 'Iolani boys swimming and diving team finished 4th overall. [Here is a link to full results of the boys and girls meet.](#)

#### Boys and Girls ILH Championships

Congratulations our two ILH wrestling champions. On the girls side, Zoe Omura '21 won the league title at 97 pounds. On the boys side, Kaysen Takenaka '18 won his third ILH championship, this time at 170 pounds. [Click link to watch a video of Kaysen's final match](#) courtesy of Hawaii Prep World. Up next for several Raider boys and girls wrestlers is the HHSAS State Championships on Wednesday and Thursday at the Blaisdell Arena. [Here is a link for more information.](#)

#### HAIS Science Fair

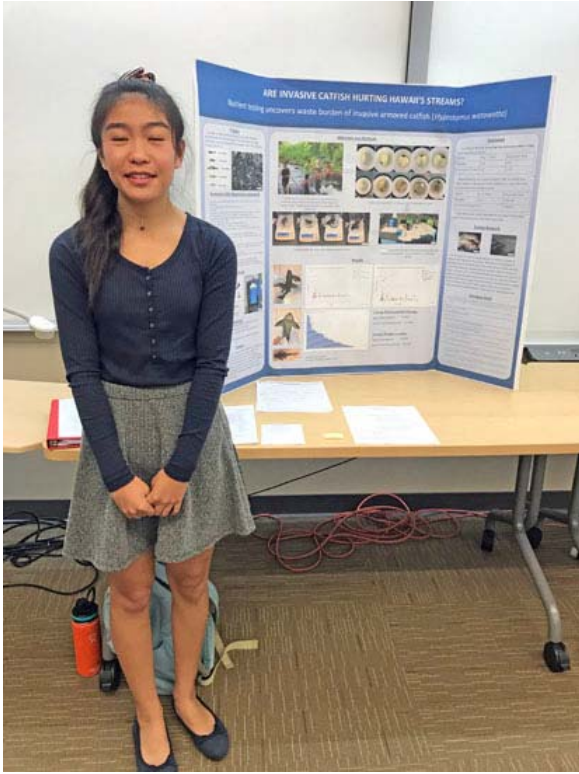


This Saturday, 'Iolani School competed in the HAIS District Science Fair at Hawaii Baptist Academy. Ten projects will advance to the Hawai'i State Science and Engineering Fair, March 28-30, 2018.

Yufei Xiao '19 "Angular reconstruction of Galactic Cosmic Rays' origins from muon showers" won 2nd place, as well as the American Meteorological Society and MuAlphaPheta awards and will be advancing directly to Intel ISEF, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 13-18, 2018.



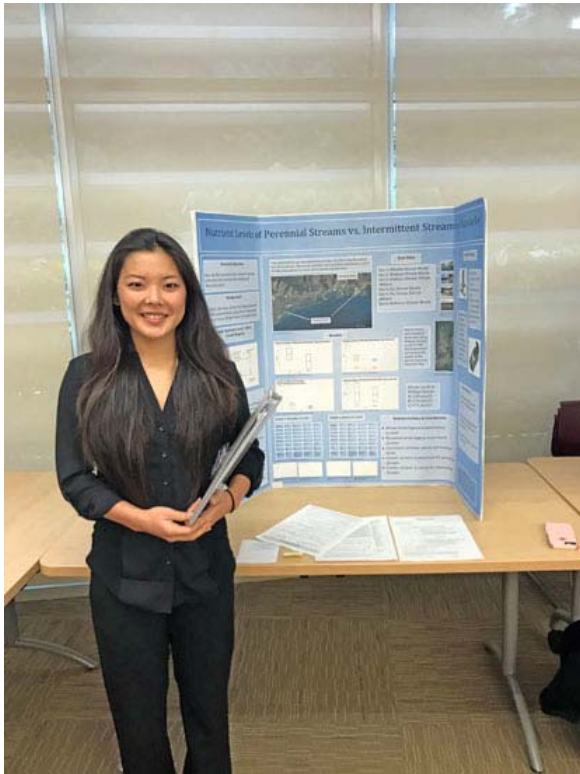
Kyra Tan '19 won the ASU Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiative Award and the Office of Naval Research for "How do invasive armored catfish (*Hypostomus watawatta*) alter water quality?"



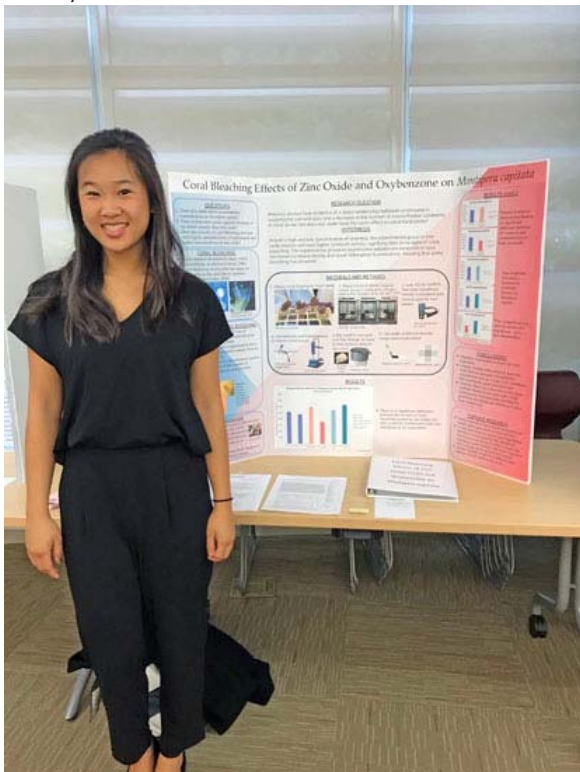
Izabella Sakoda '19 won the American Psychological Association Award for "Our Minds Need a Break: How Meditation Affects High School Students"



Karissa Dunn '18 won the Office of Naval Research Award for "Nutrient Levels of Perennial Streams vs. Intermittent Streams of Maunalua Bay"



Bethany Lum '18 won the NOAA Pulse of the Planet Award for "Coral Bleaching Effects of Zinc Oxide and Oxybenzone on *Montipora capitata*"



Also advancing to the State Competition are Kyani Uchimura '19, Lexie Masca '19, Sarisa Choy '18, Kyla Kohara '18, and Brandon Ng '20.

These students were greatly supported by the generous gift of time and expertise of their mentors, Mark Adams (Yufei), Jeff Stern (Izzy), Debbie Millikan (Karissa), Jennifer Honda (Kyla and Sarisa), Cory Yap (Kyra), Trevor Torigoe (Lexie and Maya), Chris Wall (Bethany), Ernette Au (Kyani), and Robert Kane (Ana). Special thanks to Scott Weaver for helping with the printing of their professional looking posters and Fred Heyler for support.

These students were all part of Honors Scientific Research or AP Research, taught by Yvonne Chan and were generously supported by the Sullivan Center



Research Wet Lab and 'Iolani School. If you would like to participate in scientific research at 'Iolani School, please consider having your child apply for summer research through the Kay Fellowship or register for Honors Scientific Research next year.

### Division C Science Olympiad Team on to States

This past Saturday, 'Iolani's Division C Science Olympiad Team attended the University of Hawaii Science Olympiad Regional Tournament. Students pairs competed in ten different building and testing events included Anatomy & Physiology, Rocks & Mineral , Ecology, Astronomy, Game On (Computer programming), and Structural Towers, Mousetrap Vehicles. Of the 22 teams at the tournament, Iolani's two teams "Magma" and "Aqua" took first place finishes in 8 out of 10 of the total events. Team Magma earned a first place finish and Aqua a second place finish. They will join 'Iolani's Division B Team (Grades 6-9) at the State Science Olympiad Tournament to be held on March 3.

Congratulations to these students who have been working since the summer of these events and who have participated in several regional tournaments. Thank you to the dedicated group of coaches and team parents who have provided guidance and logistical support to these teams.

First Place Team--Team Magma



Second Place Team--Team Aqua



Towers (Structural Design)



Mousetrap Vehicle



### American Legion Oratorical Competition

Matthew Sohn '19 won the American Legion Oratorical competition for Hawai'i. Department Commander, John Williams, awarded Matthew a medal and a \$1,000 prize. Lily Perry '18 took third place with a \$300 prize.



Students presented an eight- to ten-minute oration on the Constitution and a three- to five-minute extemporaneous speech on the Third Amendment. 'Iolani Sullivan Center hosted the tournament on Saturday morning. Matthew is entitled to an all-expense paid trip to Indianapolis for the national competition in April.

#### **Mathcounts**



The 'Iolani Mathcounts team performed admirably at the Oahu chapter competition on the Kamehameha campus this Saturday along with 27 other schools. The four member team of Kyle Ching '22, Allison Ito '23, Jaron Kawamura '22, and Tyler Matsuzaki '22 qualified for the state competition by placing 3rd behind Washington Middle School and Highlands Intermediate. Joining the team as individuals at the competition were Liko Acoba '23, Nohi Cobb-Adams '22, Candace Kim '23, Katelyn Lam '23, and Jolien Tran '22. The team is coached by Joe Guillou and Kristi Sakaguchi.

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Mini Society

In December budding entrepreneurs met with Kimi Frith's econ class to research product ideas for mini society. After months of planning and preparation, business finally opened on Thursday, February 8th. Brimming with excitement, third graders displayed their goods and services for eager shoppers.





Two more store days are planned this month, culminating with Parent Day on March 8th.

#### **Saturday's Concerto Concert**

Technical control and musical artistry thrilled a very enthusiastic audience Saturday night in Hawaii Theatre at the 2018 Concerto Concert, with six senior soloists in the limelight. 'Iolani is one of only two schools in the state that offer students the chance to solo with an orchestra and many students plan for and work toward this culminating event for years. The performance also showcased the flexibility and musical expressiveness of the orchestras and paid tribute to the devoted private teachers whose knowledge and support over many years allows our students to develop their abilities to the highest level.







This year's competition winners include Liana Owen '18 and Ju Hye Kim '18 (violin), Aaron Wehrman '18 (bass), Amy Kaneshiro '18 and Winston Wei '18 (cello), and Lauren Nguyen '18 and Susan Hasegawa '18 (piano) in music by Bach, Mendelssohn, Dvořák, Koussevitzky, Beethoven, and Rachmaninoff, including several iconic masterpieces.

#### **Solo & Ensemble**

For the first time, a brass quintet from the Intermediate Band participated at the Oahu Band Directors Association Middle School Solo & Ensemble festival on Sunday, January 28 at the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa Orvis Auditorium. Their performance was adjudicated on musical criteria such as beauty of tone, accurate rhythm, technical skill, expressiveness of the music and ensemble uniformity. The ensemble performed well, scoring in the "Excellent" category and earned a Bronze medal, Red ribbon for their fine presentation! Group members are eighth graders Julian Llana '22 and Christian Kashiwabara '22 (trumpet), Troy Tokita '22 (French horn), Jonah Lum '22 (trombone) and Tyler Matsuzaki '22 (tuba).



In addition to his performance with the brass quintet, trombonist Jonah Lum, played a solo and earned a Bronze medal, Blue ribbon for his "Superior" performance. The type of medal (Bronze, Silver, Gold) designates the difficulty of music, while the ribbon color represents the quality of performance (Red = Excellent; Blue = Superior).

#### **Ensembles night**

On Friday, February 2, Intermediate Band held its annual Ensembles Night in St. Alban's Chapel. Twelve chamber ensembles from duets to a quintet performed for families and friends. For most of the students, it was a new experience performing independently and without a conductor. They honed their skills of listening to each other and counting their rhythms carefully while demonstrating musical style.







The 'Iolani Clarinet Trio and 'Iolani Wind Quartet concluded the evening and treated all in attendance to advanced levels of musical mastery. The Wind Quartet dedicated their performance to their music coach and Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra musician, Paul Barrett, who passed away earlier this month. Bravo and congratulations to 'Iolani's budding musicians!

#### **UhiSpecs**

The Young Entrepreneurs Club has been working hard to create their own company and product this year. They've created the company, UhiGear ("Uhi" means "cover" in Hawaiian), and they have launched their first product, UhiSpecs sunglasses! The sunglasses come in black, brown, and blue. They had their first sale this past Thursday and Friday, and their last day of on campus sales is Monday February 12th during the meeting period and lunch in the center courtyard.

People are pretty conscious about putting on sunscreen when they go out in the sun; however, a lot of people forget that the sun can also damage their eyes. Our sunglasses provide UV protection for your eyes (UV 400), and feature a unique "UhiSpecs" logo. The sunglasses were entirely produced by 'Iolani students. Students came up with the name, created the logo, chose the sunglasses that they wanted (from hundreds of styles), found a vendor to produce it, and are handling the accounting and marketing aspects of the company.





The sunglasses are \$20/pair and proceeds go to support the KA'I Program. The KA'I Program is a leadership and academic enrichment program provided by 'Iolani for free for economically-disadvantaged students from Palolo Valley. It is designed to support and serve students in our ahupua'a from preschool to post-secondary education.

Their website [www.uhigear.com](http://www.uhigear.com) will be up and running in a week. People can visit the site to order them online, or you may purchase a pair at the lower school main office. Be on the lookout for future UhiGear sun safety products from the Young Entrepreneurs Club!

All the best in health and happiness,  
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