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Hawaii Baptist Academy

Located in Nuuanu Valley on the island of Oahu, Hawaii Baptist Academy (HBA) is a Christ-centered, co-educational, college preparatory school for kindergarten through grade 12. Established in 1949 by missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, the school is affiliated with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

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A Message from the President



To the Class of 2022,

Congratulations on reaching this next milestone in your life! All of us here at HBA are so proud of you and join your families in celebrating your accomplishments. This school year was another one for the books. As plans continued to evolve and change, you grew more resilient and adaptable, which are important qualities as you press on toward your future endeavors.

Romans 5: 3–5 says, “Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

God’s grace and faithfulness have provided us strength and endurance to persevere through the trials and challenges of the pandemic. We have worked diligently, but more importantly, we have worked together. We have learned that nothing of great significance can ever be achieved alone.

So, we celebrate you, all 124 students, of the class of 2022. Our prayer is that you continue your journey in Christ. Take the knowledge that you have learned here and that you will learn in the future to make this world a better place. You will never be alone if you remember that God is always by your side traveling this road with you.

Graduates, know that you will always have a home at Hawaii Baptist Academy. You are joining an alumni community that is now 4,800 strong, and we want you to know that we are here for you—to pray for you, to cheer you on, and to celebrate your future milestones.

Remember to thank your parents, faculty, staff, and others who have invested in your lives to cultivate and equip you to become the next leaders in our communities. Thank you for being a part of HBA’s story and, in doing so, being a part of God’s story. May God continue to bless you. Go Eagles!

In Christ,

Ron Shiira '75
PRESIDENT



“WOOO-HOO, YEAH!” Journalism students under the leadership of advisor Eunice Sim, celebrate HBA’s eighth consecutive “Best in State” win. STORY ON PAGE 18.

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On the front cover: Class of 2022 valedictorians and salutorians, Hawaii Convention Center.

On the back cover: Photos 1–8: Senior class graduation. Photos 9–10: Sixth grade class graduation.

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THE CLASS OF 2022 celebrated their achievements at HBA's 69th Commencement Ceremony on June 4 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu. This year's valedictorians and salutorians are listed as follows:



Connor Maling

VALEDICTORIANS (SEE PAGE 2)

Connor Maling, son of Sean and Lynn Maling, will be attending Lehigh University to study Integrated Business and Engineering.

Kai Moriyama, son of Richard and Heather Moriyama, will be attending the University of Southern California (USC) to study Neuroscience.

Kaylee Ann Tani, daughter of Bryce and Liza Tani, will be attending Santa Clara University to study Biology.

Reese Yoshikawa, daughter of Todd and Randi Yoshikawa, will be attending Georgetown University to study Government.

SALUTATORIANS



Aaron Omon



Amanda Sato



Samantha Sebastian



Kelsey Zane



Ashlie Kiyabu

Aaron Omon, son of Randal and Jennie, will be attending Stanford University to study Biology.

Amanda Sato, daughter of Sanford and Teruko Sato, will be attending the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) to study Biology.

Samantha Sebastian, daughter of Frederick and Rose Sebastian, will be attending the University of Notre Dame to study Engineering.

Kelsey Zane, daughter of Christopher and Karie Zane, will be attending the University of Washington (UW) to study Neuroscience.

Ashlie Kiyabu, daughter of Steven and Rona Kiyabu, will be attending University of Hawaii (UH) Manoa to study Dental Hygiene.

Fifty-three students graduated with highest honors and 33 with honors. Sarah Kawakami-Williams was awarded the H.P. and Mary McCormick Distinguished Founders Award for consistently exemplifying Christian character during her years at HBA. Twenty-five students were recognized as Sons and Daughters of HBA, for attending the school since kindergarten. Another 19 students were also recognized as alumni Legacy Graduates. A special thank you to our Senior Class Advisors: Mr. Sean Aoyagi, Mr. Fred Fong, Mrs. Anna Hamaguchi, Mr. Greg Hayashi, Mr. Zachary Markwith, Mrs. Claire Mitchell, Mr. Hisaaki Shimizu, and Mrs. Dynah Ustare. Congratulations to all 124 members of the Class of 2022!

Valedictories (excerpts from their speeches)



Connor Malinger

“Life is a journey. The funny thing about this life we have on earth is that we think about it like we are striving for some sort of destination, whether within this life or in the next. In reality, we don’t really know what our end destination is, but with faith in Jesus, we can rest assured that it will be good. Nevertheless, one of the greatest blessings God gave us the journey to that destination. Through all of its trials, times of peace, difficult lessons, and moments like this where we can enjoy the fruits of our labor and the talents that God has given us, we can see that our journey is undeniably beautiful.”



Kaylee Ann Tani

“The environment at our school gives us the opportunity and the space to grow together while also growing individually and becoming better people. I’ve gotten to know some of my classmates over many years, while others I’ve known for just a few. And because of the community that’s been established, regardless of when they entered HBA, I’ve been able to turn strangers into friends, friends that I hope to hold on to for years to come. One last thing that I’d like to leave you all with is something that a few friends told me recently. Look for the people around you that care. People will come and go, but remember to choose those who’ll choose you, because those are the ones that’ll make life worth it.”



Kai Moriyama

“As we move beyond high school, I have three pieces of advice to share. First, don’t let shallow judgments prevent you from a curiosity that can do good. Second, continue to venture into everything unfamiliar, because that’s where you discover hidden complexity—where you find your education. Thirdly, forge ahead in learning more about yourself and your community.

I’m sharing this with you, because we are the next generation. We have so much potential—so much to offer. So, take pride in your abilities. Continue to influence others through your compassion. Pursue change in this nonchalant, ruthless world.

Like our mascot, be the eagle that spreads its wings in exploration. Be the eagle that races with determination. Be the eagle that embodies ardor. But above all, I encourage you to be the eagle that grasps onto unwavering ambition—the flame HBA has lighted within us—so we can make our impact everything but temporary.”



Reese Yoshikawa

“Check in on the people who have influenced you over the years. It can be as simple as taking a five-minute phone call or enjoying a cup of coffee together, but check in on each other and make sure you always have people in your life to do the same for you because it makes all the difference. Don’t forget about the people who’ve shaped your life because this chapter is foundational to the one you’re about to approach. And with that, I wish you all the best of luck as you start a new chapter in the story of your life.”

Excerpts from Mrs. Claire Mitchell's Commencement Speech

"It seems particularly fitting that I have the honor of speaking to you all today, the 20th anniversary of my own high school graduation just a few weeks away. In fact, the first day of my senior year of high school in my small public school in Upstate New York was September 11th, 2001.

When I got home that afternoon, numb and confused, my parents were both home which, as your typical '90s latchkey kid, was both a welcome and ominous oddity. They were both upstairs as my dad packed a large, olive-green duffle bag. He was in the National Guard and he, like every other serviceman and woman in the country, had been called up to active duty. The day that started as the epitome of fall perfection, full of hope and anticipation of my culminating year of high school, ended in a declaration of war against an invisible enemy.



The world changed that day, in both temporary and lasting ways. The world I thought I was entering upon graduation no longer existed. I had never seen the country so united and yet so fearful; so strong and yet so vulnerable. As humans, we yearn for predictability. It's the basis for science—so we can discover those hidden patterns woven into the fabric of the universe that allow us to see and plan for what lies ahead. We didn't see 9/11 coming. And we didn't see COVID-19 coming. Each, a once-in-a-generation event that would alter the course of human history in untold and immeasurable ways and define the world before us.

There was no sense to be made, no hope in the midst of the chaos and trauma of that day, just disbelief and confusion and fear. Together with one of my best friends, we did the only thing that made sense, we tapped into the solace of that control and we prayed. I've prayed quite a bit since that day, as you all can attest to, but that prayer stands out in the crowd. I don't remember what we said, I just remember how it felt—standing outside, holding hands with a small group of my friends, appealing to God in His mercy, wisdom, and justice. At that moment, I had the two most important things that will see you through any trial that comes your way: belonging and faith.

You all find yourselves in a similar predicament today, though, arguably, an even more dramatic one. The world seems to be resetting itself and those growing pains have manifested into political polarization, wars, mass shootings, economic hardship,

and environmental crisis all against the backdrop of a global pandemic. The world you are stepping into as you leave high school is a far different one from the world you entered high school in just a few years ago. You are the COVID kids. You came of age in a pandemic. A heavy cross to bear, but one that is necessary for what God has in store for you.

This is where faith comes in. Whether that faith is one in God and His plan, or just in the fact that there is indeed a plan and purpose at all. As Ecclesiastes 3:11 states, "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." We are preprogrammed with hope; an innate feeling of trust for the goodness of the future. That faith means that, while we cannot know our destinies, we can look at the gauntlets thrown before us as an indicator of what we will need to navigate what lies ahead; God is building our muscle, forging our armor, sharpening our minds, and conditioning our character for what only He knows the future holds.

Today, we learn the lessons of yesterday in preparation for tomorrow, whatever tomorrow may hold. When tomorrow is hard, doesn't meet our expectations, lays all of our plans to ruin, we rely on the resilience we built up yesterday. We turn to the courage we know we have, we flex the muscle and don the armor that God created for us just for this purpose. The resilience required these last few years has shaped you in ways that will last a lifetime and will define your generation.

As I stood there praying twenty years ago, in that small circle, the world seemingly crumbling around me, I felt as if I was on a life raft in the middle of stormy seas. I had faith that God could, and would, work even this for our good. I knew that, whatever was to come next, I wouldn't have to face it alone. The world had—and has—changed. As we stand together, turning to the very final pages of this chapter, we reflect on who we were, who we are, and who we are becoming.

I truly believe that we are in a period of rebuilding unprecedented in the past four generations. Every class that sits on their graduation stage is charged with changing the world; to correct the mistakes and build upon the successes of those that came before them, but few have stood on a precipice like the one you all stand on today. Have faith in each other and what you will build together. You are no longer simply "responsible to" but "responsible for" others and what the future will bring. You are joining God in His work of repairing, restoring, and creating something good. The truth is, the reason we all share that inherent faith in the goodness of what lies ahead, is because *we* are *God's hope* for the future. He has already given us belonging and His faith in us.

Equipped with that kind of endorsement and trust, we cannot fail and the future cannot be anything but good. Class of 2022, it has been an honor, and a privilege, and I know I echo the sentiments of your entire HBA family when I say that the responsibility and faith entrusted to and in you have not been misplaced. You will always belong here and we send you off with the fullness of our love and our faith. Congratulations!"

Marsha Hirae '72

Adapted from a profile written by Noah Hu '23 for the HBA Eagle Eye



Recently retired High School Principal Marsha Hirae started her first job at HBA in 1975. Since then, she has been part of the school's journey of growth and change: the school's move to the present day Nuuanu campus in 1975, the founding of the Mainland Advisory Council, the completion of the high school gym in 1983, the addition of the Arts and Science building in 2013, and most recently, the trials of operating during a pandemic. Over the span of 47 years, Mrs. Hirae has invested the majority of her life at HBA.

Before becoming the high school principal in 1997,

Hirae, a 1972 HBA graduate, held a variety of positions at the school: seventh grade social studies teacher, ninth and 10th grade PE teacher, high school social studies teacher, counselor, and high school vice principal. In the summer of 1997, HBA's principal at the time left abruptly, which gave Hirae the opportunity to take on the principal role. Originally, she thought that she would be an interim principal while the administration looked for a permanent hire. However, as Hirae settled into her new role, she was really settling into a position that she would remain in for the next 24 years. "I always thought it was special to be present on campus at the closing of one chapter of HBA's history and again at the beginning of a new chapter," she said.

In her tenure as principal, Hirae has hired and supervised many faculty and staff members. She credits much of HBA's success to the faculty, saying, "[The faculty] has always been so supportive. I could not have done this job without them. It's really the teachers and administrators who have put in so much effort to make HBA a good school."



"[Mrs. Hirae] goes out of her way to meet the specific needs of students who may be having trouble academically or emotionally.... Her actions illustrate the biblical message that we should not just love with words but with actions."

Dynah Ustare, English teacher

English teacher Dynah Ustare has known Hirae for 33 years and says Hirae exemplifies love as a principal. "Mrs. Hirae reminds me that love is practical. She models this when she goes out of her way to meet the specific needs of students who may be having trouble academically or emotionally. Whenever any one of these students reaches out to her, she responds in such a way that directly addresses that particular student's needs, even if the solution requires her to give up her own time and space. Her actions illustrate the biblical message that we should not just love with words but with actions," Ustare said.

Throughout Hirae's more than two decades at the helm, she's dealt with many adversities, whether it be navigating difficult situations with families or with her own staff. Despite these challenges, Hirae said nothing has been as difficult as running the school during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Everything was pretty much the same thing every year: start of the school year, graduation, all the different events. But COVID-19 kind of threw everything off," she said. However, Hirae emphasized that the pandemic also brought about beneficial, long term changes. For example, HBA's teachers had to learn how to use new technology for online classes. Even though classes are now in-person, many of the new apps are still being used as they help to enhance the learning experience in school.



Image of Marsha from the 1972 yearbook.

Principal's Message

Faith and Learning Join Together



*“But those who wait
on the Lord shall
renew their strength;
They shall mount up
with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not
be weary, They shall
walk and not faint!”*

Isaiah 40:31

Dear Class of 2022,

Congratulations on your graduation! Thirteen years of hard work have accumulated into one day, where you will now leave the comfort and safety of what you have known, for what you have yet to experience. I am certain that many of you are eager and excited to see what's in store next, but I encourage you to take a pause to cherish this moment.

You may think that it took forever to get here, but in the blink of an eye, you'll wonder where all the time has gone. So, my advice to you is to remember to take a good look around you, hug the people who helped you get here, and take time to appreciate God's blessings all around you. The people, the places, and the moments in life are all a part of God's never-ending story.

While I have only recently joined HBA as your new principal, I have had the pleasure of observing and getting to know some of you, and I can honestly say I have been amazed. It has been a privilege to be able to pray together, grow in faith with one another, and simply share time together.

Even though times have been hard, you never gave up. You continued to support each other and demonstrate love and commitment. It is also evident that in addition to preparing academically, you are equipped spiritually for the next chapter ahead.

When faced with challenges, we have learned to encourage one another to turn to God and seek Him for understanding and guidance. Although sometimes our talents, best efforts, and determination are not enough, God always is. You have showcased Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Him who gives me strength,” throughout your journey, and I hope you will rely on it for all your future endeavors.

May your learning never end, and may your faith always endure. Wishing you all the very best as you go forth into the world to lend your talents toward a better tomorrow. Congratulations, Class of 2022!

Blessings,

Elton Kinoshita
High School Principal

CLASS OF

2022

GRADUATE PORTRAIT GALLERY



Jordyn Ajimine



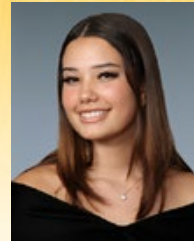
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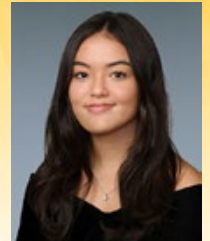
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Erin Camp



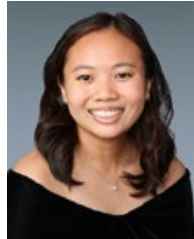
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Connie Chen



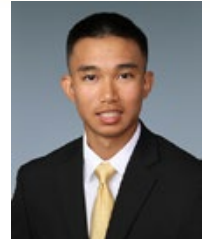
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Breanna Chun



Emma Chun



Jonathan Chung



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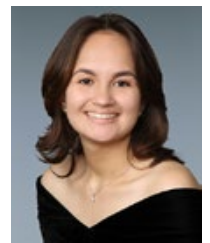
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Justin Do



Mikaela Dukelow



Madison Duren



Troy Eleola



Wyatt Elia



Shea Erler



Ty Felipe



Nicole Flores



Austin Fujikawa

*“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord.
For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by
the river, and will not fear when heat comes: but its leaf will be green, and
will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.”*

Jeremiah 17:7-8



Mark Fujimoto



Kayla Funakoshi



Joseph Fung



Rachel Harris



Kaitlyn Hasegawa



Kira Hasuike



Joshua Hayashida



Kate Higa



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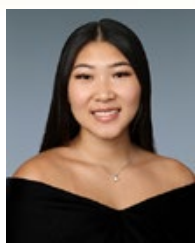
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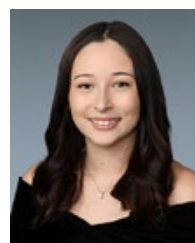
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Toby Kim



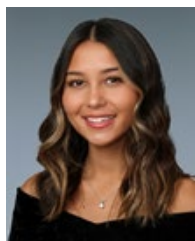
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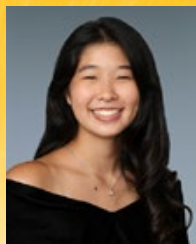
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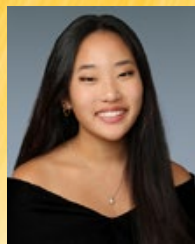
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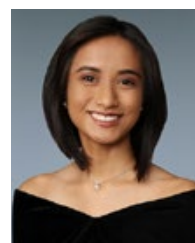
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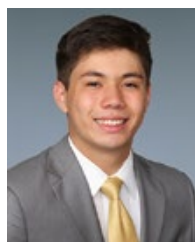
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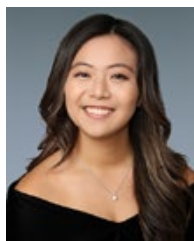
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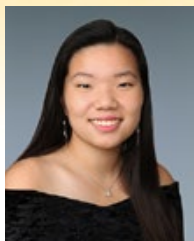
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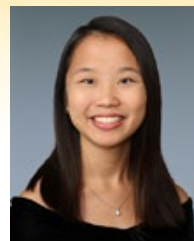
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Emi Wada



Amanda Warren



Emma Watanabe



Noah Watanabe



Noah Watase



Kinley Williams



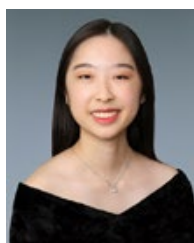
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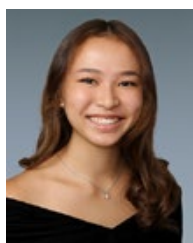
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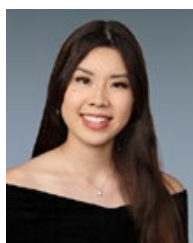
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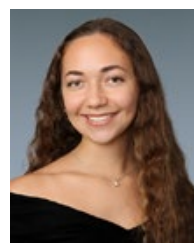
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Cody Yeung



Reese Yokotake



Hope Yonehara



Aaron Yoshida



Cade Yoshida



Reese Yoshikawa



Evan Yoshishige



Alyssa Young



Melanie Young



Kelsey Zane

*“For you are my hope,
O Lord God: you are my
trust from my youth.”*

Psalm 71:5

CLASS OF 2022

Legacy Graduates

Legacy graduates are students whose parents are HBA alumni. To celebrate our Legacy families, both the student and parent are recognized with a special pin that they wear at the commencement ceremony. Here are the Class of 2022 Legacy Graduates:



Jamie
Fukui-Chiang '92



Jarren Chiang



Maria (Dumlao)
Penn '89



Shea Erler



Mia Noguchi-
Hasuike '89



Kira Hasuike



Keith Ito '85



Kelcie Ito



Kirt Kobashigawa
'91



Kaden
Kobashigawa



Enoch Lum '94



Josiah Lum



Jason Matsuda
'86



Sarah Matsuda



Derek Mayeshiro
'88



Justin Mayeshiro



Tiffany (Meeds)
Mina '95



Jaelyn Mina



Brian Nagai '92



Bailey Nagai



Mark Shiira '79



Noah Shiira



Bryce Tani '88



Kaylee Tani



Matthew Vidaurri
'88



Kiani Vidaurri



Candi (Han) Wada
'88



Emi Wada



Darren Wada '87



Kelli (Kaneda)
Williams '90



Krysti Williams



Eric Yamashita
'84



Ian Yamashita



Todd Yokotake
'84



Reese Yokotake



Cynthia (Chong)
Yoshida '86



Aaron Yoshida

Class of 2022

★ With Highest Honors | ♦ With Honors | ▼ National Honor Society | ♥ Attended HBA since Kindergarten

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| ▼★ Jordyn Chiyono Ajimine | ▼♥★ Sarah Junko Kawakami-Williams | ♦ Oscar Sou |
| ★ Jaci Shige Ashimine | ♦ Nick Kazuki Pono Kawasaki | ▼★ Elyse Katherine Katsumi Suzuki |
| Damon Musashi Au | ★ Rylie Rei Kihara | ▼★ Hayley Hannah Piikea Taka |
| Ashley Dawn Ku'uipo Kazue | Isaac Hyun Kim | ♦ Grace Noelle Takushi |
| Awong-Nakahara | ♥★ Toby David Kim | ♦ Kelly Ka Wai Tam |
| ♦ Skye Laule'a Bass | ▼★ Ashlie Erinn Kiyabu | ▼★ Kisa Asumi Tamai |
| ♦ Erin Naomi Camp | ♥★ Kaden Masaru Kobashigawa | ▼♥★ Kaylee Ann Meiko Tani |
| ♦ Ben Pomaika'i Chang | Kaulana Casey Segovia Lana'i | Matthew Logan Tanji |
| Connie Chen | ♦ Caitlyn Marie Lawrence | ★ Anne Kaye Tasaka |
| ★ Jarren Hitoshi Chiang | ▼★ Zoe Rebekah Emi Loric | ♦ Jethro Tom Thomas |
| ★ Breanna Feng Jie Mahealani Chun | ♦ Victoria Ka Wei Luk | ★ Celina Wai Foon Tong |
| ▼★ Emma Rudi Chun | ▼★ Josiah Geen Yun Lum | Emily Ai-Vy Tran |
| ♦ Jonathan Christian Chung | ▼♥★ Connor Haruto Malinger | ▼♦ Eliana Jane Tsui |
| ♦ Aerin Yoomin 'Auli'i Dias | ♦ Ashlyn Miyuki Mashino | Cassidy Amy Tsutsui |
| Caetlin Yoojin 'Alohi Dias | ♦ Jenna Frances Reiko Hae-In Matsumoto | ▼★ Aidan Keitaro Uchimura |
| ♥ Derrick Huang Djou | ♦ Jade Sarina-Marie Kololia Mauga | ▼♥★ Sarah Joanna Christy June Ushigome |
| ♥★ Justin Khanh-Quan Do | ♦ Justin Shuhei Mayeshiro | ★ Kiani Faith Ramos Vidaurri |
| Mikaela Kanoelani Dukelow | Caleigh Anne Mikiko Martin | ▼★ Emi Su Wada |
| ♦ Madison Rose Duren | ♥♦ Sarah Akana Shizue Matsuda | ▼★ Amanda Kai-Lin Warren |
| ♦ Troy Leon Eleola | ★ Jaelyn Emiko Kau'ionalani Mina | ♦ Emma Mio Watanabe |
| Wyatt Kuho'ike'okalani Tianci Elia | Gabriel Kai McTee | ★ Noah Yun Shun Watanabe |
| ▼♥★ Shea Frances Mineko Erler | Shaianne M. Mitsui | ♥♦ Noah Ken Watase |
| ♦ Ty Lorenzo Susumu Felipe | ▼★ Kai Yasuo Moriyama | Kinley Kate Williams |
| Nicole Shizuko Leolani Flores | Nicholas Jong Wook Nagaishi | ♥♦ Krysti Mai Kailani Williams |
| ★ Austin Kaoru Fujikawa | ♦ Bailey Yuka Nagai | ★ Taylor Kailani Ayako Won |
| ♥ Mark Jin Song Fujimoto | Kyler Keiichi Nakashima | ♥ Tyler Chong Bin Wong |
| Kayla Ann Funakoshi | Noah Satoru Nishimoto | ♦ Chloe Yuen Ting Wut |
| ★ Joseph Makoa Takeshi Fung | Slater Dylan Kaori Alaka'i Nitta | ▼★ Lia Akemi Yamamoto |
| ▼♥★ Rachel Aiko Edith Harris | ▼★ Aaron Juwon Omon | ▼♦ Melissa Yukiko Yamanaka |
| ★ Kaitlyn Misako Hasegawa | Kelly Kai Oshita | ♥ Ian MacDougall Yamashita |
| Kira Kiyoko Hasuie | Bailey Sharolynn Pantil | ♦ Brandi Maka'ahilani Yap |
| ★ Joshua Tsuyoshi Hayashida | ♦ Brianne Yukie Zhang Qun Pascua | ▼★ Cody Garek Yeung |
| ▼★ Kate Mei Lin Higa | ▼♥★ Joni Ruan | ♥ Reese MSM Yokotake |
| Sophia Marie-Aiko Higa | Jaylynn Kaila Misaki Sasano | ★ Hope Hanul Yonehara |
| ★ Zachery Jin Ing | ▼♥★ Amanda Mana Sato | ▼♥★ Aaron Kealaka'i Takeshi Yoshida |
| ♥ Nicklaus Mitsuyoshi Iseri | ♦ Julia Mae Sakamoto | Cade Makabe Yoshida |
| Tristan Ramirez Isidro | ▼★ Samantha Marie Sevilleja Sebastian | ▼★ Reese Midori Wai Larn Yoshikawa |
| ♥ Kelcie Tamari Ito | ♦ Jarren Yoshikawa Seson | ♥★ Evan Joseph Isao Duk Chih Yoshishige |
| ♦ Jasmine Mee Ling Yoshiko Ito | ♦ Ethan Hung Chun Shek | ▼♥★ Alyssa Leilani Hyun Ah Young |
| Kai Takeshi Iwamura | ★ Micah Branson Felipe Shibuya | ★ Melanie Lauren Young |
| Regina Kuuleilani Kahanu-Rogers | ♥★ Noah Tetsuo Shiira | ▼★ Kelsey Mieko Kam Lin Zane |
| ▼★ Miki Kamali'i'aloikiokalani Kaneao | ▼★ Andy Luke Siu | |

Mr. & Miss HBA

Connor Malinge and Sarah Kawakami-Williams Elected Mr. & Miss HBA 2022



Seniors Connor Malinge and Sarah Kawakami-Williams have been elected the 2022 Mr. and Miss HBA. The award, which is the school's highest honor, recognizes one male and one female senior who typify the best in HBA students, including their contributions to school life through leadership, extracurricular activities, and their character. The award was established in 1955 and has continued to be a cherished tradition, with the winners being elected by their peers.

Connor Malinge has been described as a hard worker with patient consistency and mental toughness. The same fortitude that he has demonstrated in cross country, he has displayed in the classroom. He started the HBA Business Club because of his interests in finance and entrepreneurship. He has been a key contributor to the Eagle Eye and helped HBA win state titles in journalism. He also was part of the beloved Morning Announcements, broadcasting institutional news with the clarity and soothing demeanor of a 17-year old Walter Cronkite. Though he's a good runner and student, Connor's most admirable quality has been described as his life of faith.

"In humility, Connor often seeks out the counsel of older and more mature Christians. He has a deep love of the Holy Scriptures and seeks to serve others and minister the truth of the Gospel to all he encounters," said HBA High School English teacher, Dawson Vorderbruegge. "His faith is not a loud faith, but neither was our Lord's. Though it is a quiet faith, it is a faith that is full of life—and that colors all Connor sees."



Pictured left to right: Taylor Malinge '24, Mrs. Lynn Malinge (mother), Connor Malinge '22, Summer Malinge '27, and Mr. Sean Malinge (father).

Sarah Kawakami-Williams was already on the path to success in the ninth grade. She was winning academic awards while competing in volleyball, and building her resume of service. Despite suffering a serious concussion that changed her life, she pressed on and grew empathy for others who struggled, gratitude for those who helped her, and God-given fearlessness that her worth was not in her performance. As hardship hit everyone with the COVID-19 pandemic, Sarah set out to lead the National



Pictured from left to right: Ms. Esther Kawakami-Williams (mother), Sarah Kawakami-Williams '22, Ms. Alice Kawakami (aunt), and Shane Kawakami-Williams '23.

Honor Society as President. She built service and leadership opportunities while online and her positive communication set high standards even in tough circumstances. For two years now, Sarah and her team have empowered committees that have raised money for charities, encouraged the elderly, tutored middle school students, hosted math breakout rooms, community service projects, and more.

"If you've been on a team with Sarah in a class, in NHS, in the Japan American Society video project, or the Japan Wizards Contest that she captained to a third place victory, you will recall how she always reminds us to be positive and do our best, because we are already loved and given worth by God, and He calls us to serve and love others," says Lynne Nakano, HBA High School teacher.

Congratulations again to Connor and Sarah for your hard work and achievements!

High School Awards

GRADE 12

Bible

Excellence in Christian Thought
Madison “Madi” Duren
Connor Malinger

English

Outstanding English 12 Student
Sarah Kawakami-Williams
Krysti Williams

Outstanding AP English 12 Literature and Composition Student
Kelsey Zane

Shakespearean Recitation Competition
Madison “Madi” Duren

Journalism

Eagle Eye’s Most Valuable Staffer
Justin Mayeshiro

Excellence in Commentary Writing
Connor Malinger

Excellence in Documentary Filmmaking
Justin Mayeshiro

Excellence in Multimedia Presentations
Samantha Sebastian

Excellence in Layout
Joni Ruan

Excellence in Photo Essay Composition
Connor Malinger

Excellence in Photography
Justin Mayeshiro

Excellence in Yearbook Layout
Lia Yamamoto

Most Valuable Yearbook Staffer
Emi Wada

Mathematics

Outstanding Student in Calculus Foundations
Jasmine Ito

Outstanding Student in Introduction to Statistics
Kelsey Zane

Outstanding Student in AP Statistics
Connor Malinger
Aaron Yoshida

Outstanding Student in AP Calculus AB

Connor Malinger
Joshua Hayashida
Emi Wada
Aaron Yoshida

Outstanding Student in AP Calculus BC

Kaitlyn Hasegawa

Maria Gaetana Agnesi Mathematics Service Award

Kate Higa
Amanda Sato
Samantha Sebastian
Aaron Yoshida

American Mathematics Competition 12—1st Place
Kaitlyn Hasegawa

American Mathematics Competition 12—3rd Place
Samantha Sebastian

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team

Justin Do
Kaitlyn Hasegawa
Samantha Sebastian

HBA Mathematics Team Mentor
Kisa Tamai

PE & Health

Outstanding Student in Weight Lifting
Derrick Djou
Noah Shiira
Ian Yamashita

Science

Outstanding Student in Physics
Hayley Taka
Kaylee Tani

Outstanding Student in AP Biology
Sarah Kawakami-Williams
Aaron Omon

Outstanding Student in AP Physics 1
Joseph Fung

Outstanding Student in AP Physics 2
Justin Do

Outstanding Student in Intro to Engineering Design
Andy Siu

Outstanding Student in Anatomy & Physiology
Kai Moriyama

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in AP Economics
Kaitlyn Hasegawa
Connor Malinger

Outstanding Student in Economics
Sarah Kawakami-Williams
Kai Moriyama

Outstanding Student in Psychology
Kaitlyn Hasegawa

Social Science Scholar
Reese Yoshikawa

Outstanding Leadership in Mock Trial
Reese Yoshikawa

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Artist in Advanced Drawing & Painting
Kaden Kobashigawa

Outstanding Artist in Advanced Mixed Media
Ashlie Kiyabu

Outstanding Photographer in Advanced Photography
Justin Mayeshiro

Outstanding Photographer in Basic Photography
Damon Au

Outstanding Student in Theater
Madison “Madi” Duren
Kiani Vidaurri

Outstanding Student in Wind Ensemble
Shea Erler
Cody Yeung

Outstanding Leadership in Wind Ensemble
Aidan Uchimura

Excellence in Service & Development of the Band Program
Amanda Sato

Schola Cantorum Award
Kira Hasuike
Krysti Williams
Aaron Yoshida

Scholastic Honorable Mention Award

Kaden Kobashigawa
Victoria Luk

Scholastic Silver Key
Emma Watanabe

Outstanding Achievement in Animation
Regina Kahanu-Rogers

Ke Kukui Ho’oheno Award
Brandi Yap

World Languages

Overall Excellence in Chinese
Chloe Wut

Outstanding Achievement in AP Japanese Language and Culture
Emma Chun

Overall Excellence in Japanese
Sarah Kawakami-Williams

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 4
Aaron Omon

National Merit Program

2021 National Merit Program Finalist
Sarah Kawakami-Williams
Connor Malinger

School Awards & Scholarships

Evan Jonah Won Memorial Scholarship
Rachel Harris
Josiah Lum

“It Takes a Dream” Scholarship
Hayley Taka

Mallory Kathryn Ellis Soldier of Light Leadership Award
Krysti Williams

Rev. O.W. “Dub” and Grace Efurd Memorial Scholarship
Samantha Sebastian

Stacie and Julie Lee Scholarship
Zoe Lorica

Sue Nishikawa Family Scholarship
Kinley Williams

The Kilohana Kai Scholarship
Reese Yoshikawa

2022 SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Rachel Harris



Zoe Loric



Josiah Lum



Amanda Sato



Samantha Sebastian



Hayley Taka



Emi Wada



Kinley Williams



Krysti Williams



Reese Yoshikawa

High School Awards CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13

The Deanna Aoki Memorial Scholarship

Amanda Sato

The HBA Alumni Association Eagle Pride Scholarship

Emi Wada

PTF Awards

PTF Service Award—Grade 12

Cassidy Tsutsui
Aidan Uchimura

GRADE 11

Bible

Excellence in Christian Thought

Hannah Cruz
John Yamamoto

English

Outstanding English 11 Student

Arielle Cook
Jared Cruz

Outstanding AP English Language and Composition Student

Megan Lee

Outstanding AP English Literature and Composition Student

Cameron Pien

Mathematics

Outstanding Student in Algebra 3

Michela “Ella” Lim

Outstanding Student in Trigonometry

Kaitlyn Furuta

Outstanding Student in Pre-Calculus

Caley Chun
Megan Lee

Outstanding Student in Introduction to Statistics

Justin Sumiye

Outstanding Student in AP Computer Science

Justin Sumiye

American Mathematics Competition 12—1st Place

Jasmine Chang

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team

Ian Kubo

Science

Outstanding Student in Anatomy & Physiology

Cameron Pien

Outstanding Student in AP Chemistry

Lyndsy Mashino
Timothy Shimizu

Outstanding Student in AP Physics 1

Megan Lee

Outstanding Student in Marine Science

Sera Gavin
Lisa Zheng

Rensselaer Medal Award

Ian Kubo

Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

Megan Lee

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in Modern World History 11

Hannah Dela Cruz
Timothy Shimizu

Outstanding Student in AP Modern World History

Lisa Zheng

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Artist in Advanced Drawing & Painting

Lily Leano

Outstanding Student in Wind Ensemble

Timothy Shimizu

Outstanding Photographer in Basic Photography

Hannah Dela Cruz

Excellence in Multimedia Presentations

Dilan Chock-Makiya

Outstanding Achievement in Basic Mixed Media

Lauren Toda

Outstanding Artist in Advanced Mixed Media

Lauren Chee

Outstanding Craftsmanship in Ceramics 1

Arielle Cook

Outstanding Craftsmanship in Ceramics 3/AIS

Katie Chen
Jordy Davenport

Scholastic Silver Key

Jordy Davenport
Blue Wong-Ogata

Scholastic Honorable Mention Award

Jolie Wong

World Languages

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 3

Michela “Ella” Lim

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 3 Regular

Abigail Ng

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 3 Honors & Japanese 4

Kira Baker

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 2

Jared Cruz

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 3

Hannah Dela Cruz
Trislyn Maeda

Overall Excellence in Spanish

Timothy Shimizu

National Honor Society Inductees

Jasmine Chang
Sydney Hankey
Jacie Sakaino
Christina Toyomura
Rachel Tsuchiya

School Awards & Scholarships

HBA Endurance Scholarship

Hannah Dela Cruz
Noah Hu
Michela “Ella” Lim
Joey Lin

The L.O. and Johnnie Taylor Outstanding Service Award
Hannah Dela Cruz

Ruby Sakoda Nakahara Scholarship
Hannah Cheng

PTF Awards

PTF High Achievement Award

Sera Gavin
Trislyn Maeda
Lyndsy Mashino
Cameron Pien
Timothy Shimizu
Jolie Wong
Lisa Zheng

PTF Service Award—Grade 11
Noah Hu
Megan Lee

GRADE 10

Bible

Excellence in Old Testament
Brenden Osato
Nicole Shibuya

English

Outstanding English 10 Student
Euodia Lan
Alissa Tong

Mathematics

American Mathematics Competition 10—1st Place
Guanming Hong

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team
Euodia Lan

Outstanding Student in Algebra 2
Nicole Shibuya

Outstanding Student in Algebra 2—Honors
Ezekiel Lum

PE & Health

Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health
Leina Chu
Noah Curammeng
Riley Lorenzo

Science

Outstanding Student in Chemistry
Taylor Malinger
Andrew Young

Outstanding Student in Intro to Engineering Design
Euodia Lan

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in US History 10
Hannah Cheng
Hannah Morse

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Achievement in Animation
Cerra Leong
Sean Tanji

Outstanding Achievement in Basic Art
Terra Kawamoto
Hudson-Clark Kobayashi

Outstanding Achievement in Basic Mixed Media
Taylor Malinger

Outstanding Student in Concert Band 2
Rhyann Umeda

Scholastic Honorable Mention Award
Hudson-Clark Kobayashi

World Languages

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 1
Hannah Morse

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 2
Euodia Lan

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 2
Guanming Hong
Alissa Tong

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 2
Leina Chu

Japanese National Honor Society Inductees

Brendan Aoki
Mari Cesar
Travis Chen
Noah Curammeng
Joseph Giles
Guanming Hong
Austin Imperial
Zoey Kamikawa
Nathan Kang
Sara Komoda
Callie Kubota
Maddee Miyasato
Kirra Nishimiya
Dylan Okamura
Eleanor Pelesky
Dylan Terayama
Lindsey Toda
Jadynn Wong
Winston Yamanaka
Zoe Yee

National Honor Society Inductees

Abigail Bumgardner
Madison Callo
Samantha Choi
Joseph Giles
Michelle Lee
Hannah Morse
Alissa Tong
Moxiao Xia

School Awards & Scholarships

HBA Endurance Scholarship

Brendan Aoki
Euodia Lan
Ryan Wong

Ruby Sakoda Nakahara Scholarship
Hannah Cheng

PTF Awards

PTF High Achievement Award

Hannah Cheng
Euodia Lan
Taylor Malinger
Sean Tanji
Ryan Wong

PTF Service Award—Grade 10

Preston Gonzalez
Taylor Malinger

GRADE 9

Bible

Excellence in New Testament
Lydia Halcomb
Brady Katano

English

Outstanding English 9 Student
Josh Legawa
Sage Shiroma

Mathematics

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team
Brady Katano

HBA Mathematics Team High Scorer
Brady Katano

Outstanding Student in Geometry
Brady Katano

Outstanding Student in Introduction to Programming
Brenden Ahuna

PE & Health

Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health
Jennifer Chiang
Rusten Ho
Joshua Labaczewski
Randie Lueder
Tablytha Yee

Science

Outstanding Student in Biology
Brady Katano
Joshua Legawa

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in Ancient World History 9
Kiani Shiroma
Sage Shiroma

Outstanding Student in Government 9
Randie Lueder
Brady Katano

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Achievement in Basic Art
Melia Castillejos
Zen Wong-Ogata

**Outstanding Achievement in
Basic Drawing**

Kalena Canonero
Megan Monico

**Outstanding Craftsmanship in
Ceramics 1**

Dylan Djou

**Outstanding Student in
Concert Band 1**

Jaden Oki

World Languages

**Outstanding Achievement in
Japanese 1**

Joshua Legawa
Mia Takahashi

**Outstanding Achievement in
Spanish 1**

Caroline Fisher
Justin Won

**National Honor
Society Inductees**

Kobe Chan
Asia De La Cruz

Caroline Fisher

Lydia Halcomb

Joshua Higa

Brady Katano

Kyler Kiyabu

William Kowal

Joshua Labaczewski

Joshua Legawa

Samuel Robert Lim

Randie Lueder

Kai Motoyama

Mia Takahashi

Kai Toyofuku

Tablytha Yee

Sydney Zane

**School Awards &
Scholarships**

HBA Endurance Scholarship

Brady Katano
Joshua Legawa
Jaden Oki
Cole Sakai

PTF Awards

PTF Service Award—Grade 9

Brady Katano
Amanda Tsuha

Middle School Awards

GRADE 8

Bible

Excellence in Bible 8

Tyler Fujimoto
Trinity Vong

English

Outstanding English 8 Student

Tyler Fujimoto
Tia Takekawa

Mathematics

**Outstanding Student in
Algebra 1**

Kameron Fujioka
Daniel Nagao
Tia Takekawa

PE & Health

**Outstanding Student in
Physical Education and Health**

Hannah Jung
Prescott Yamanaka

Science

**Outstanding Student in
Earth Science 8**

Trinity Vong
Aaron Zhao

Social Studies

**Outstanding Student in
American History 8**

Tia Takekawa
Braeden Takeuchi

**Visual &
Performing Arts**

**Outstanding Artist in
Middle School Art**

Sophie Dukelow
Casey Jones-Stressman

**Outstanding Artist in Middle
School Art Basics A**

Lauren Espiritu
Kira Tanka

**Outstanding Artist in Middle
School Art Basics B**

Kylie Ancheta
Maya Galvez

**Outstanding Student in
Middle School Band**

Madison Ogawa
Jason Okutani

**Outstanding Student in Middle
School Drama**

Zoë Naso

**School Awards &
Scholarships**

HBA Endurance Scholarship

Tyler Fujimoto

**Soaring Eagle (Overall Excellence
in Middle School)**

Madison Ogawa

PTF Awards

PTF Service Award—Grade 8

Vanessa He
Prescott Yamanaka

GRADE 7

Bible

Excellence in Bible 7

Hannah Garces
Lexi Kamikawa

English

Outstanding English 7 Reader

Verily Coryell

Outstanding English 7 Writer

Zoe Lim

Mathematics

Outstanding Student in Math 7

Max Okazaki
Zoe Lim

PE & Health

Outstanding Student in

Physical Education and Health

Cade Toyofuku
Leina Wong

Science

**Outstanding Student in
Science 7**

Hannah Garces
Zoe Lim

**Outstanding Student in
Geography**

Hannah Garces
Zoe Lim

**Visual &
Performing Arts**

**Outstanding Student in
Fine Arts 7**

Hannah Garces
Zoe Lim

**Outstanding Student in
Middle School Beginning Band**

Verily Coryell
Faith Eom

**School Awards &
Scholarships**

HBA Endurance Scholarship

Janel Lee
Max Okazaki

PTF Awards

PTF Service Award—Grade 7

Hannah Garces
Cade Toyofuku

Students Recognized at Annual Varsity Athletic Awards Banquet

Written by Deren Oshiro, HBA Athletics Director



Jordy Davenport '23 (**top tier**) was named HHSAA Women's Track and Field State Champion.

For the first time since 2019, the HBA Athletic Department was able to host its Varsity Athletic Awards Banquet in person. [The past two years, the students were recognized with a virtual awards ceremony due to COVID-19.]

A crowd of 340 students, coaches, parents and guests gathered at the Ala Moana Hotel Hibiscus Ballroom on Saturday, May 21. The annual event recognizes all of the HBA students who participated in varsity sports during the past school year for HBA, PacFive, or other combination teams.



Varsity Athletic Awards (**L-R**): Josiah Lum '22, Hayley Taka '22, Emi Wada '22, Jordy Davenport '23, Connor Malinger '22, and Kaylee Ann Tani '22.

The varsity banquet is one of the few opportunities during the year to bring together the students, coaches, and parents from various varsity teams and sports, so it serves as a time of fellowship and closure at the end of each sports year.

This year three teams were honored for winning their respective ILH Division 2 Championship. These were girls tennis, boys tennis, and boys basketball. Additionally, boys golf won their



Top: Girls varsity volleyball team's season opening victory over University Lab.



Left: Josiah Lum '22 was this year's HHSAA Judo State Champion.

de facto ILH Division 1 Championship as golf is all-inclusive (all students compete together, regardless of school enrollment). Four teams also won HHSAA Division 2 State Championships this year: boys cross country, girls cross country, girls basketball, and Pac-Five girls soccer.

The HBA Athletic Booster Club helped subsidize the event for the athletic department. KTM Services/Enjoy Products donated the centerpieces (snack mix, containers, wrap and decorations). Ala Moana Hotel also donated two sheet cakes.

In all, about 147 students were presented with certificates, letters, pins and team awards.

Pac-Five Award winners were:

- Rachel Harris (soccer)
- Jarren Chiang (baseball)
- Josiah Lum (wrestling)
- Aerin Dias (riflery)

The special individual award winners were:

Ken & Rosemond Street Sportsmanship Awards

- Male—Josiah Lum (wrestling, judo)
- Female—Hayley Taka (volleyball)

Athletes of the Year

- Male—Connor Malinger (cross country, track)
- Female—Emi Wada (basketball, track), Jordy Davenport (cross country, track)

Robert Fulford Scholar Athlete Awards (Top cumulative GPA.

Each winner was presented with a check for \$1,500.)

- Male—Connor Malinger (cross country, track)
- Female—Kaylee Ann Tani (tennis)

Eagle Eye Named Best in State

Eagle Eye faculty advisor
Eunice Sim

Our high school journalism team, the Eagle Eye, was named “Best in State” at the 54th Hawaii High School Journalism Awards on April 14, 2022.

The Eagle Eye continued its winning streak for an eighth year, competing against some of the best public and private school journalism programs across Hawaii.

Reflecting the broad scope of journalism, schools were judged in 20 categories covering different forms of writing, visual media, design, and delivery platforms. Points were awarded to teams that placed in the top three or received an honorable mention, with the “Best in State” title going to the team with the most points.

We want to congratulate faculty advisor Eunice Sim and the individual category winners from the Eagle Eye staff:

Column/review writing: Connor Malinge

Photo essay: Connor Malinge

Action/candid photo: Justin Mayeshiro

Layout/design: Joni Ruan

Video: Justin Mayeshiro and Samantha Sebastian

Multimedia story: Hawaii Baptist Academy

Most Valuable Staffers: Justin Mayeshiro, photographer/videographer

The annual event is hosted by the Hawaii Publishers Association, The Honolulu Star Advertiser, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa’s College of Social Sciences.

Congrats to Hawaii Baptist Academy for being named “Best in State” for the eighth consecutive year at the 54th annual Hawaii High School Journalism Awards!

The 2021–2022 Eagle Eye news team (**clockwise left from center**): Justin Mayeshiro (Most Valuable Staffer), Connor Malinge (Editor-in-Chief), Noah Hu, Noah Camacho, Dilan Chock-Makiya, Dylan Okamura, Taumafai Steffany, Jeremiah Seng, Lauren Toda, Trislyn Maeda, Megan Lee, Eunice Sim (Faculty Advisor), Marissa Watanabe, Samantha Sebastian and Anne Tasaka. **Not pictured:** Joni Ruan and Skylar Takeuchi.

Congrats also to faculty advisor Eunice Sim and the individual category winners:

Best Column/Review by Connor Malinge ('22) | **Best Photo Essay** by Connor Malinge ('22) | **Best Action/Candid Photo** by Justin Mayeshiro ('22) | **Best Layout/Design** by Joni Ruan ('22) | **Best Video** by Justin Mayeshiro ('22), with reporting by Samantha Sebastian ('22) | **Best Multimedia Story** by Dilan Chock-Makiya ('23), Samantha Sebastian ('22), Justin Mayeshiro ('22)



To see all of the winning entries visit **HBAEAGLEEYE.COM**

Sixth Grade Aloha Celebration

Under a sunset sky, the Class of 2028 celebrated their achievements, memories, and the time spent together on the Richard Bento Elementary Campus. The celebration on May 20 was held in the elementary campus courtyard with the students' parents by their sides.

Four students were elected by their peers for the **JOY Award**, which recognizes those who embody the qualities of JOY: Jesus first; Others, second; and Yourself, last. The students who captured the idea of choosing to be a joyful thermostat were: Conner Cormack, Cinnamon Lee, Sasha Moritomo, and Brady Tomita.

The winners of the **All Around Award** were voted on by their peers as students who exemplify positive traits in citizenship as well as expressing JOY. In addition, they have contributed to our school community by participating in extracurricular activities, while maintaining high academics. The students selected for this award were Keira Chang, Kelsie Takeuchi, Alex Fujimoto, and Keira Liew.

Ten students received the **President's Award for Academic Excellence**. To qualify, students must have an A average or better in grades 4, 5, and 6 and scored in the 85th or higher percentile on a standardized math or reading test for the last three years. These students received a special certificate from the President

of the United State of America and a pin commemorating this award: SaraAnne Chong, Elvy Chun, Conner Cormack, Aaron Corpuz, Misaki Ho, Keira Liew, Davie Sakoda, Micah Shimozono, Brady Tomita, and Luke Wrobel.

Congratulations to all of our sixth graders and their families and we pray special blessings to our Eagles as you move onto the next chapter of middle school!



L-R: JOY Award recipients Cinnamon Lee and Conner Cormack with All Around Award recipients Kelsie Takeuchi and Keira Chang.

Color Run

Dear HBA friends and families,

On behalf of HBA Elementary Campus' faculty, staff, and entire student body, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation for your donation to our first Color Run fundraiser. The event was an overwhelming success and we raised a total of \$67,851, exceeding our goal three times over. This would not have been possible without God's grace and your generosity. Please know that the money raised will be used towards a new campus playground as well as teacher appreciation week and activities for the students. Mahalo for supporting HBA and choosing to make a difference. May God bless you.

With gratitude,

Keira Liew (Class of '28)
HBA Student Council President



Left: Pictured are volunteers from HBA's elementary campus and junior kindergarten parents who helped construct a new playground set, which was purchased with generous donations from the Color Run.

HBA Wins Second Place in Pacific Business News' Hawaii's Best Workplaces of 2022

By Tammy Mori Brownfield, Director of Communications & Public Relations

Pacific Business News (PBN) has awarded Hawaii Baptist Academy (HBA) second place in its Hawaii's Best Workplaces of 2022. The award honors the island's leading employers who foster an enjoyable and meaningful work environment for their employees.

In partnership with research partner Quantum Workplace, PBN surveyed Hawaii employees at participating workplaces with a confidential survey with more than 50 job-related statements. Respondents were asked to rate their employers on a level of agreement from "strongly disagree" to "strongly agree." Examples of statements include, "At work, my opinions seem to count," and "I recommend this organization as a great place to work."

Based on employees' responses, the results were then tabulated into a Quantum score in order to select the top five companies

in these three categories: small businesses with 10–49 employees; medium businesses with 50–99 employees; and large businesses with 100 or more employees.

HBA was ranked second in the large business category with a Quantum score of 88.76.

"We are so thankful to have been nominated and ranked so highly by Pacific Business News for the second year in a row," said HBA President Ron Shiira '75. "However, it is not the accolades that matter most to me, but the feedback from our faculty and staff that indicate they are highly satisfied working at HBA. Our employees are what makes HBA special. I'm thankful to serve alongside some of the most dedicated and committed individuals with hearts for HBA."

HBA came from humble beginnings as a small school founded by Christian missionaries in 1949, with 36 students. Today, HBA has more than 200 employees serving more than 1,000 students each

year on its elementary, middle school, and high school campuses.

This fall, HBA will be serving at a fourth location in Mililani Mauka, HBA Preschool at GracePoint. This will allow families to join HBA as young as preschool and continue all the way through the 12th grade.

What has remained steadfast in its nearly 75-year story is that HBA brings faith and learning together. Dedicated faculty and staff support students in a safe and nurturing environment. While HBA is often recognized for its strong academics, it instills core values of humility, curiosity, love, and commitment, which equip young leaders for life.

The school and teachers seek to nurture each child's unique abilities and inherent talents, providing a foundation of faith, opportunities for life-long friendships, and inspiring a passion for becoming lifelong learners and leaders.

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“During the 20 years I've worked at Hawaii Baptist Academy, my coworkers have become like family. Our principal works alongside us, encourages us, and gives us opportunities to grow. And I love seeing my students having fun! Now that my own children are here on the elementary campus, I know they're in good hands—and we're blessed to call HBA home.”



HBA Preschool at GracePoint

Hawaii Baptist Academy welcomes our youngest learners through our preschool program! Believing Jesus Christ to be “the Way, the Truth, and the Life,” Hawaii Baptist Academy brings faith and learning together so that we may join God in the formation of people and the transformation of the world.

HBA Preschool at GracePoint is located in Mililani Mauka and serves infants/toddlers through PreKindergarten. Our preschool curriculum includes a balance of academics, spiritual development, and social-emotional learning with a focus on HBA's core values of humility, curiosity, love, and commitment.

TUITION 2022-2023

Infant to 3 year old classes: \$1,500/month

3-5 year old classes: \$1,208/month

Tuition includes:

- Year-round tuition from August–July (excluding school breaks and holidays)
- Care from 6:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
- All Meals (breakfast, lunch, and snacks)

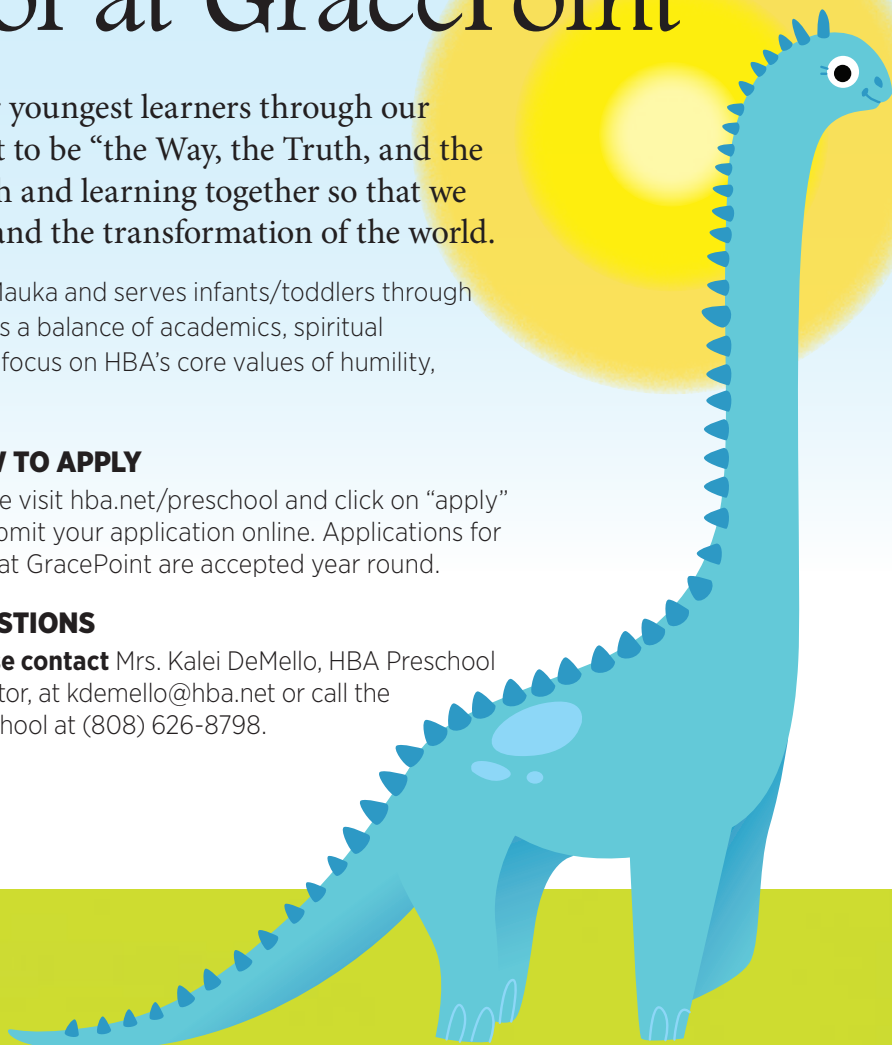
We are accepting scholarships from Open Doors, Pauahi Keiki Scholar, and Child Care Connection.

HOW TO APPLY

Please visit hba.net/preschool and click on “apply” to submit your application online. Applications for HBA at GracePoint are accepted year round.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Mrs. Kalei DeMello, HBA Preschool Director, at kdemello@hba.net or call the preschool at (808) 626-8798.



To learn more or apply, visit HBA.net/preschool

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