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Congratulations, Class of 2025!







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Hawai'i Baptist Academy (HBA) is a top Christian school serving students from preschool through high school. HBA's elementary, middle, and high school campuses are located in Nu'uanu Valley on the island of O'ahu. HBA's first satellite preschool is located in Mililani Mauka in Central O'ahu. Established in 1949 by missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, the school is affiliated with the Hawai'i Pacific Baptist Convention.

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A Message from the President



Dear HBA 'Ohana,

As we look back on the 2024–25 school year, I'm filled with gratitude for the many ways God has blessed our students, faculty, staff, and families. From preschool to high school, this past year was filled with moments of growth, joy, and faith.

To the Class of 2025—congratulations once again on your graduation! Your achievements, character, and leadership have left a lasting impression on our campus. You are now part of a legacy of more than 5,000 alumni who are making an impact throughout Hawai'i and beyond.

We also celebrate our preschool, 6th grade, and 8th grade students who reached meaningful milestones this year. Each promotion is a reminder of God's faithful work in their lives and of the strong foundation being built for the journey ahead.

To our faculty and staff—thank you for your unwavering love and commitment to our students. Your faith in Jesus, and your example of bringing faith and learning together, have instilled in our students the values of humility, curiosity, love, and commitment. It has truly been a blessing to work alongside you.

To our parents and families—thank you for your trust and partnership. Your support, encouragement, and sacrifices make this work possible. You are your children's greatest cheerleaders, and we are honored to be part of their journey.

As we continue celebrating our 75th anniversary through September, I'm reminded of God's steadfast presence throughout HBA's history. From our founding in 1949 to today, His hand has guided our mission to offer Christ-centered education to students from all walks of life.

At HBA, we pray that every student not only thrives academically but also grows in their understanding of who they are in Christ. Thank you for walking alongside us in this mission.

Thank you for being part of HBA's story—and in doing so, part of God's story. May God continue to bless you now and in all your future endeavors.

In Christ,

Ron Shiira '75
PRESIDENT



L-R: President Ron Shiira '75; HBA Board of Director, Leighton Miyachi '84; HBA Board Chair, Ken Hensarling; Legacy Honoree, Maurine King; Past HBA President and Legacy Honoree, Richard Bento; HBA Mainland Donor Relations Officer, Robert Whitfield; and HBA Board of Director, Walt Agena.

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High School Student Awards (L–R): Lexi Kamikawa '27, Hannah Garces '27, and Callie Kawaguchi '26

On the front cover: Graduates take the stage to perform their senior song, "Unwritten," in a moment of celebration and reflection. Families and graduates capture fun, candid moments together at the Commencement Photo Booth.



Mr. & Miss HBA: A 70-year tradition

Brady Katano and Randie Lueder Elected Mr. & Miss HBA 2025



The Mr. and Miss HBA award began in 1955, the first year Hawai'i Baptist Academy graduated both male and female students. That year, David Paco and Jean Itokazu were selected as the first honorees. Now in its 70th year, this long-standing tradition continues to recognize one senior boy and one senior girl who exemplify the best of HBA—leadership, character, school spirit, and involvement in campus life. Voted on by both students and faculty, the award honors students who reflect the heart of HBA.

Meet Mr. HBA 2025: Brady Katano

Brady Katano joined HBA in the 7th grade and has been a standout student, musician, and leader. From Wind Ensemble to Math Team to National Honor Society, Interact Club, Tennis, and Bowling, Brady was deeply involved in student life. He also mentored younger musicians and assisted with HBA's Intersession Programs during school breaks.



L-R: Michelle and Wade Katano, Joey Katano, and Betty Katano, Janice Abe, and Michael Abe.

What is one memory that stands out from your time at HBA?
"It would be hard to decide between the Europe Trip and the Gratitude Tour in Texas, but if I had to choose, it would be the Europe Trip. Trying new foods, experiencing different cultures, and learning the history behind some of England's most famous locations with my friends was unforgettable."

Who had the biggest impact on your HBA journey?
"Mr. Woo, our band director. He always emphasized Philippians 2:3–4, which says, 'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves...' Through him and through music, I've learned to integrate this verse in not only Band class but in everything else that I do."

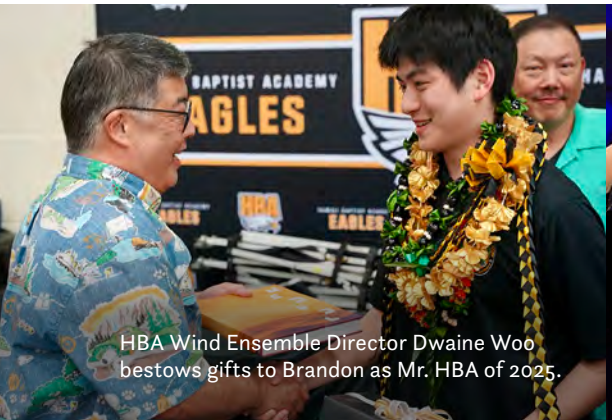
What core value of HBA resonates most with you?
"Humility. It's something I've come to understand more deeply through my time here, especially with the guidance of teachers like Mr. Woo."

What do you enjoy outside of school?
"Playing the saxophone, listening to music, hanging out at the mall with friends, and going on late-night drives. I also like hiking—though I don't get to do it as often as I'd like."

What's next for you after graduation?
"I'll be attending Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey, where I plan to study Chemistry."

What would you like to say to the Class of 2025?
"Thanks for making my time at HBA so memorable! Although we'll go our separate ways in the fall, let's not forget the memories we shared together."

Any advice for younger students?
"Be present, and don't spend your time dwelling on the past or worrying about the future. Especially during college application season, I had to remind myself of that constantly. "His motive is something else, he is a storyteller who cares for his audience."



HBA Wind Ensemble Director Dwaine Woo bestows gifts to Brandon as Mr. HBA of 2025.



Members of the 2024 Hawaii High School Saxaphone Ensemble had a guest appearance on KHON2's Living 808. L–R: Cayne Hiraoka, Leon Tsuboi, Brady Katano, and Leon Watarida.

Meet Miss HBA 2025: Randie Lueder

Randie Lueder began her HBA journey in 6th grade, joining Mrs. Nishimiya's homeroom—affectionately known as "Six Best." Over the years, she has become a vibrant and influential leader through her involvement in performing arts, student leadership, and spiritual life.

Randie has been active in Soldiers of Light, chapel worship, Contemporary Band Club, varsity cheerleading, theater, and student government, serving this year as Student Body President. She's also a member of the National Honor Society, Japanese National Honor Society, President's Aloha Council, and Christian Ministry Team. Beyond campus, she's an award-winning vocalist and dancer, and most recently placed 3rd nationally in the Spotlight Pacific Northwest National competition. This summer, she'll travel to Japan with the cast of *Peace on Your Wings* to perform in honor of the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima.



L-R: Billie (Takaki) Lueder '94, Randie Lueder, Randy Lueder, Reese Lueder '28.



MAC 2025



Varsity Sideline Cheer Squad

What's your favorite memory at HBA?
"The Soldiers of Light and Wind Ensemble Gratitude Tour—our 'Texas Trip'—was unforgettable. I got to live out my faith beyond the walls of HBA and build lasting friendships. One standout moment: all the seniors piling into an inflatable water slide right after we landed. Not my proudest moment… but definitely memorable!"

Who had the biggest impact on your time at HBA?
"Besides my best friend Kaylee, I'd say Mr. Woo, Mr. Yo, and Mrs. Ustare. Mr. Woo and Mr. Yo taught me how to embrace music as a form of ministry. Mr. Woo always reminded me that I am a 'jewel' and not to settle for less. Mrs. Ustare helped me find my voice through writing—she encouraged me to communicate with purpose and passion."

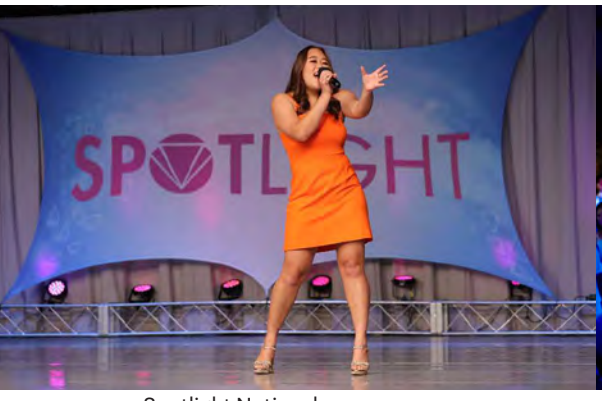
Which of HBA's core values—love, curiosity, humility, or commitment—resonates most with you?
"Curiosity. I've always been someone who loves to ask questions and dive deeper into topics that interest me. I even taught myself how to play guitar and started learning the saxophone this year—thanks to Brady and Mr. Woo for encouraging that."

What are your interests outside of school?
"Music, performing arts, and dance—I've been dancing for 13 years and take classes at Destination Dance Hawai'i. I sing with Proud Vocal Mama under the direction of Kristian Lei and love performing in community theater. I also enjoy playing guitar, watching movies, shopping, and driving."

What are your post-graduation plans?
"I'll be attending Dallas Baptist University to study Music Business and will be part of their Chapel Worship Residency program."

What would you like to say to the Class of 2025?
"You are the greatest friends I've ever had. Thank you for loving me, accepting me, and encouraging me these past seven years. I admire every single one of you and I'm so proud of us."

What advice would you give to younger HBA students?
"Put yourself out there and take risks. Don't have any regrets—this is the time to make mistakes and learn from them. It goes by so quickly. Don't waste it. God's got you!"



Spotlight Nationals



Spirit Week: "Living on a Prayer"



Gratitude Tour, Texas



President Ron Shiira presented certificates of recognition to graduates who served as members of the President's Aloha Council during the period 2022–2025.

PRESIDENT RON SHIIRA '75 hosted the Class of 2025 for their traditional senior luncheon at the Dan Liu Gymnasium on the High School campus.

The afternoon featured a delicious lunch, warm fellowship, and words of encouragement. President Shiira reflected on the legacy of the graduating class, sharing, "Reflect on your years here at HBA. I know each of you has great potential. I have no doubt with this class you folks are going to do great things."

May 20, 2025

PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON





The luncheon also included PAC recognitions, scholarship presentations, and an inspiring message from alumna Taryn Bohan Wells '10, who challenged students to embrace life's challenges with courage and resilience. "Be a person who doesn't shy away from hard things. Who doesn't let the fear of failure guide you or make you wait for life to get easier. Instead become a person who handles hard better."

As the Class of 2025 looks ahead to life beyond high school, the President's Lunch offered a moment to pause, reflect, and be reminded of the community that has shaped them—and the promise that lies ahead.

Ian Tawata received the Ke'ehi Memorial Organization Scholarship Award.

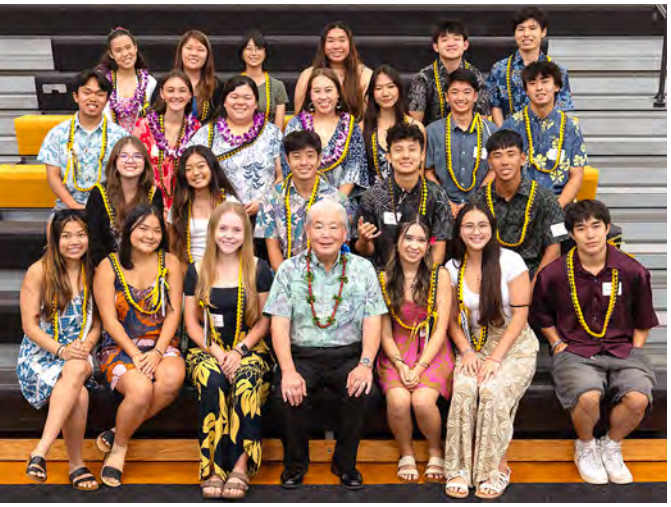


Guest speaker was alumna Taryn Bohan Wells '10.

Watch the Highlight Video







Alumni Legacy Seniors







Recipients of the Evan Jonah Won Memorial Scholarship (L–R) Ryder Yonesaki, Asher Bento, and Kimber Ryan. Presenting the awards were Ethan and Tisha Won along with their son Justin Won '25.









May 20, 2025

SENIOR SEND-OFF

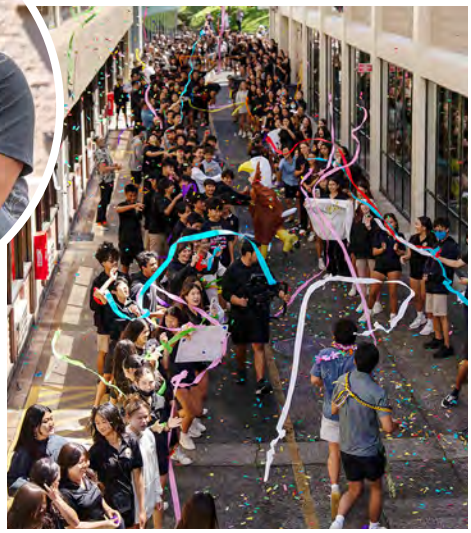
ON THEIR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, the Class of 2025 was honored with one of HBA's cherished high school traditions: Senior Send-Off. Underclassmen and faculty lined the halls to cheer on our graduates, celebrating the friendships, memories, and milestones of their high school journey.



Watch the Highlight Video

The Send-Off concluded at the Senior Pavilion, where our seniors gathered for one final moment together. In a symbolic gesture of leadership and legacy, they passed the torch to the junior class, sharing heartfelt words of wisdom and encouragement. With laughter, tears, and a few final hugs, the Class of 2025 took their last run around campus, surrounded by applause and aloha.



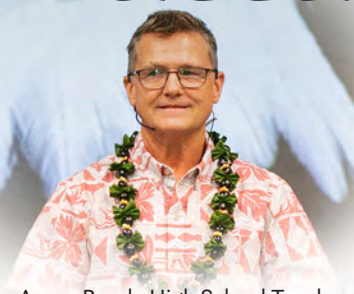







May 25, 2025

Baccalaureate



Aaron Brock, High School Teacher

The final worship service for the Class of 2025 was a special gathering held before graduation. Baccalaureate was filled with heartfelt worship, prayer, and an encouraging message from **Mr. Aaron Brock**, who reminded students to trust in God's plan and to persevere through life's challenges.

Watch the Highlight Video

> **Life is not always easy—it's not always the destination we keep in mind, but the journey we take along the way,"** Mr. Brock shared. "**Use those eagle eyes to look toward what God has specifically prepared for you. Trust Him, because His Word says, 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.' You were raised to be eagles—not chickens, not parrots, not pigeons or ducks, but eagles. Be bold, fierce, faith-filled flyers. So as you leave this nest—soar.**

The night concluded with a lei ceremony as seniors marked this meaningful milestone surrounded by the love and support of family, friends, and one another.













PHOTOS: MARK FERMIN









Pre-Commencement

May 31, 2025
















Graduation Recap

The Class of 2025 celebrated their achievements with friends, family, and the Hawai'i Baptist Academy community at the school's 72nd Commencement Ceremony, held on May 31, 2025, at the Hawai'i Convention Center in Honolulu.

A total of 124 seniors graduated this year. Twenty-three students were recognized as Sons and Daughters of HBA, having attended the school since kindergarten. Another twenty-five students were honored as alumni Legacy Graduates, representing multi-generational ties to the school through parents or grandparents who are HBA alumni. Twenty-nine graduates were members of the National Honor Society. Forty-six students earned diplomas with Highest Honors, and twenty-three students graduated with Honors, recognizing their exceptional academic performance.



VALEDICTORIAN

This year's valedictorian is **Jaden Oki**, the son of Jason and Julie Oki. His sister, Jasmine, graduated from HBA in the Class of 2021. Jaden earned the highest academic distinction in his class and will attend Purdue University, where he plans to study engineering.



SALUTATORIAN

Brady Katano, son of Wade and Michelle Katano, was named the Class of 2025 salutatorian. Known for his academic excellence and dedication, Brady will attend Princeton University to pursue a degree in chemistry.



Jaden is a recipient of the Rob Fulford Scholars Athlete Scholarship and was awarded a certificate for Outstanding Achievement in AP Biology.



Both Jaden and Brady are members of HBA's math team, are National Merit scholars, and members of the National Honor Society. Brady is Mr. HBA 2025.

H.P. & MARY MCCORMICK DISTINGUISHED FOUNDERS AWARD

The H.P. and Mary McCormick Distinguished Founders Award is presented each year to a graduating senior who exemplifies Christian character and a bold, unwavering faith—reflecting the legacy of HBA's founders.

This year's recipient, **Kaylee LaBarre**, has been described as faithful, fearless, and committed. A four-year leader in Christian Ministries, she has helped shape HBA's spiritual life through chapels, camps, and discipleship. She also serves as a children's and youth leader at University Avenue Baptist Church, where she carries out her ministry with maturity and passion.



Kaylee will attend Dallas Baptist University, where she plans to major in Biblical Studies and pursue full-time ministry.



Kaylee recieved the Sue Nishikawa Family Scholarship, the Mallory Ellis SOL Leadership Scholarship, and was awarded a certificate for Excellence in Critical Issues in Christian Thought.

HBA's 72nd Commencement Ceremony

May 31, 2025
Hawai'i Convention Center















2025 Commencement

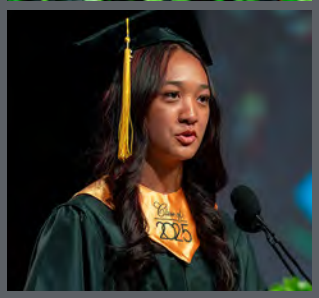
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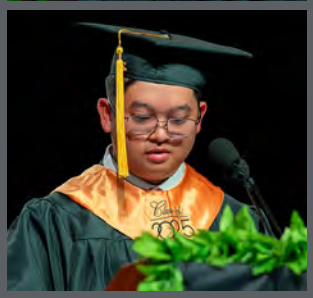
Jesus: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12 (NIV)

































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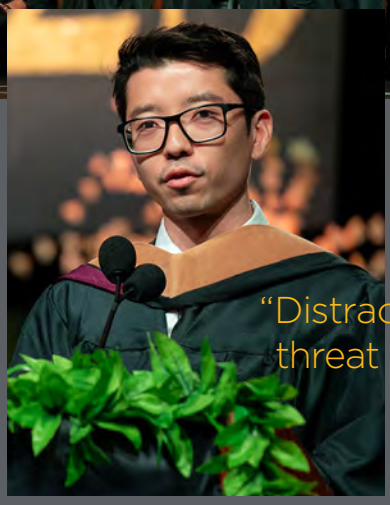




Commencement Address



Christian Chee '15, High School Teacher
(excerpt from his speech below)



"So, 'staring at the blank page before you, open up those dirty windows'– go out there, take some risks, break some rules, and commit to a dream.

The modern dilemma is that we have the most powerful tools in history, but also the most powerful distractions. Distraction is the biggest threat to your future.

"Distraction is the biggest threat to your future."

I told you I made it 4 years without video games, Netflix, or TikTok. That's a whole lot of life you get to live.

If I could just give you 20k hours, maybe I should've spent my whole speech on this.

But I only have time to challenge you to do one thing—try to go without those for one year. Maybe even read a few difficult books for fun. I know... what could possibly compel someone to do something so insane? Natasha exclaims...

'Reaching, for something in the distance
So close you can almost taste it
Release your inhibitions'

"Commit to a dream."

In other words—commit to a dream. Now that might seem too secular, but...

I've seen many classes graduate, and I get to see their lives after high school. The people that keep their faith—whether it was playing a sport their entire life, entering med school, or getting married to their HS sweetheart—all of them understood one word. Commitment.

When you understand that word, having to make personal sacrifices, testing your values – then you will understand the depth of what it means to have faith.

What it means to carry hope.
And what it means to truly love.

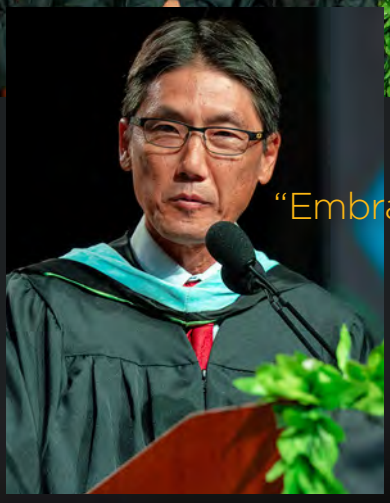
Today is where your book begins. Congrats guys."

Commencement Address



"Kindness and thoughtfulness matter."

Ross Mukai, High School Teacher
(excerpt from his speech below)



"Embrace change, bring others together."

"Every graduating class always wants to leave a mark on their school. And HBA's class of 2025, you have.

The senior retreat, initiated by you, will be the new hallmark for the senior year. Your bringing down the house, or should I say the grades to celebrate with you at Spirit Week, will be remembered for years to come. And who knows, it may even try to be recreated. And your thoughtfulness to me and many others knows no end. Your legacy will live on forever.

So as you move on to this new chapter in your lives, you already have three important things that you need to leave your mark on the world. When things don't go the way you expect them to, embrace the changes and make the most of it. As your communities expand beyond HBA, and maybe even Hawai'i, continue to be people who bring others together. Kindness and thoughtfulness matter—I know that your words of kindness will always stick with me.

Thank you for the mark you have left here at HBA. They have served you, your families, and our school well. They will serve well in your futures. Embrace change, gather others, and be thoughtful. And continue the legacy of the Class of 2025."

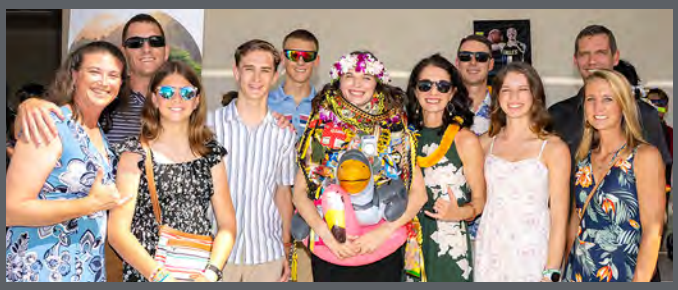
2025 Graduation Lei Ceremony





























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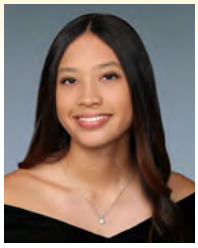

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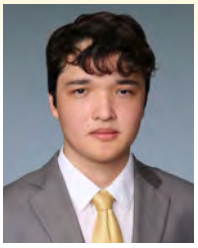

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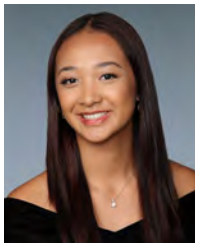

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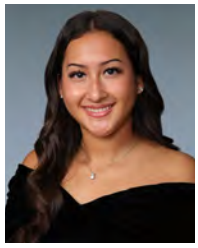

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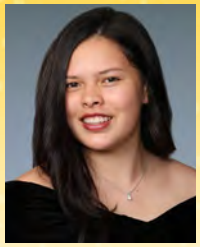

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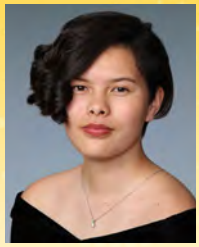

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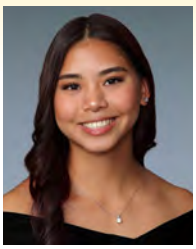

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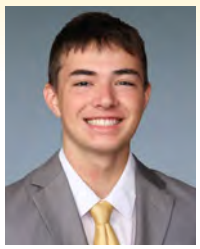

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Mariia Khromtsova


Kyler Kiyabu

"You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill can't be hidden. People don't light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people in such a way that they will see your good actions and glorify your Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:14-16 (ISV)


William Kowal


Joshua Labaczewski


Kaylee LaBarre


Brennan Lau


Haley Lau


Joshua Legawa


Jarin Leong


Samuel Robert Lim


Makena Lincoln


Liam Longpre


Ally Ann Low


Randie Lueder


Hanae Lum


Jake Lum


Herman Ma


Jayson Masuoka


Bayley Matsumoto


Caden Matsumoto


Megan Monico


Kai Motoyama


Marisa Nakata


Ridge Nakata


Noah Nguyen


Nicholas Niwa


Natali Nomura


Robert Nordin


Ethan Nouchi


Reyn Nouchi


Jaden Oki


Tia Owen


Ajay Patel


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Samuel Ruan


Kimber Ryan


Cole Sakai


Matthew Shigetani


Tristan Shimokihara


Ken Shiraishi


Kiani Shiroma


Sage Shiroma

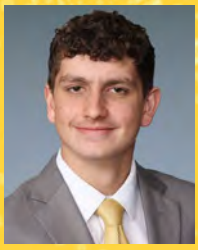

Sarah Smith


Barbara Storm


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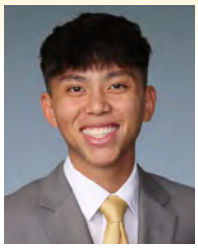

Xan Waialeale


Katie Wang


Tobias Watanabe


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Colton Wong


Connor Wong


Mason Wong


Zen Wong-Ogata


Jenny Wu


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Chloe Yamamoto


Allison Yee


Tablytha Yee


Ellie Yokotake


Ryeder Yonesaki


Sydney Zane

Class of 2025

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 2025 Legacy Graduates:


Cy Shimabukuro '00


Katelynn Albano


Carolyn (Yasunaga) Aoki '87


Noah Aoki


Jamie Fukui-Chiang '92


Jennifer Chiang


Mia (Noguchi) Hasuike '89


Riley Hasuike


Kelli Rakta-Ueoka '99


Rusten Ho

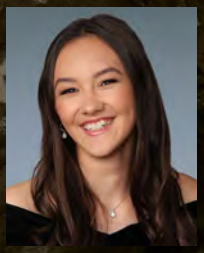

Yvonne (Lau) Kanoholani '86


Lauren Kanoholani


Jon Kato '94


Abbie Kato


Nicole (Matsusaka) Kamada '05


Kaylee LaBarre


Matthew Kamada '02


Derek Lau '93


Haley Lau


Kimberly (Ohara) Legawa '95


Joshua Legawa


Billie (Takaki) Lueder '94


Randie Lueder


Cindy (Murayama) Masuoka '88


Jayson Masuoka


Kathi (Morinaka) Nakata '92


Ridge Nakata


Nicole (Kobashigawa) Nomura '94


Natali Nomura

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Tisha (Ramsey) Owen ’94

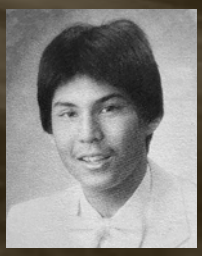

Tia Owen

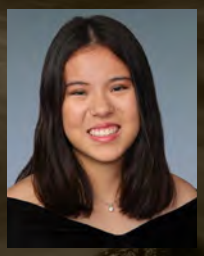

Justin Smith ’97


Sarah Smith


Katharina Truelove ’92


Barbara Storm

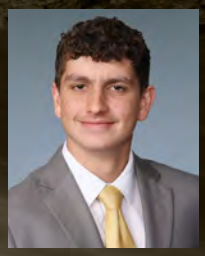

Brian Takahashi ’84


Mia Takahashi


Sean Tamashiro ’86


Evan Tamashiro


Marisallie (Dexter) Buhl ’06

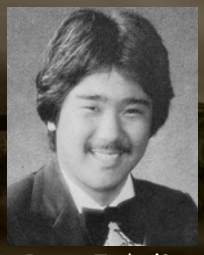

Matthew Tate


Vicky (Ma) Toyama ’87


Ryden Toyama


Kerrie (Morita) Toyofuku ’92

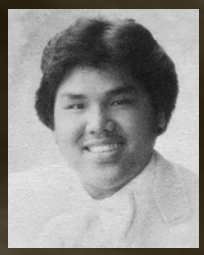

Kai Toyofuku

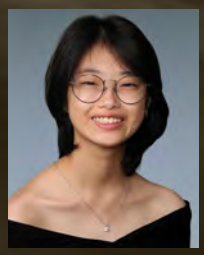

Darren Tsuha ’83


Amanda Tsuha


Donna (Dang) Yee ’82


Tablytha Yee


Todd Yokotake ’84


Ellie Yokotake

“I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. This is the everlasting covenant: I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”

GENESIS 17:7 (NLT)

Sons & Daughters of HBA

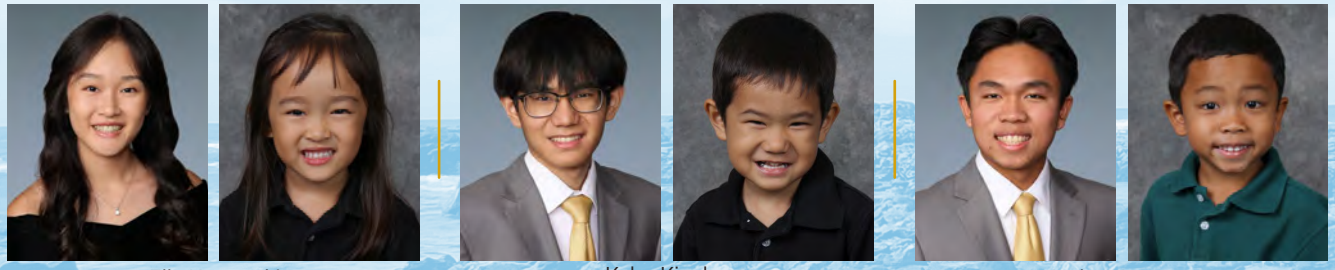
Sons and Daughters of Hawai'i Baptist Academy are graduates who have attended HBA since kindergarten.



Katelynn Albano | Devin Corpuz | Dylan Djou



Rusten Ho | Kala'i Kame'enui-Becker | Lauren Kanoholani



Ella Kawasaki | Kyler Kiyabu | Joshua Legawa



Ally Ann Low | Kai Motoyama | Marisa Nakata

Sons & Daughters CONTINUED FROM PAGE 22

"He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

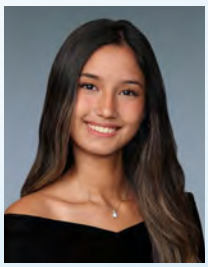
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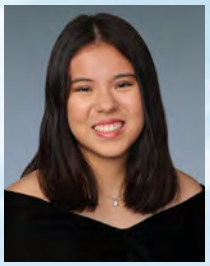

Noah Nguyen




Samuel Ruan




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Nadan Tsang




Amanda Tsuha




Eddy James Vallesteros




Xan Waialeale




Tobias Watanabe




Ellie Yokotake

Hawai‘i Baptist Academy

Class of 2025

Special Recognitions at Commencement Ceremony

National Honor Society

Kobe Chan
Sara Chang
Jennifer Chiang
Asia De La Cruz
Caroline Fisher
Samuel Fujimoto
Lydia Halcomb
Joshua Higa
Brady Katano
Kyler Kiyabu
William Kowal
Joshua Labaczewski
Joshua Legawa
Samuel Robert Lim
Randie Lueder
Kai Motoyama
Natali Nomura
Robert Nordin
Jaden Oki
Samuel Ruan
Cole Sakai
Kiani Shiroma
Barbara Storm
Mia Takahashi
Kai Toyofuku
Nadan Tsang
Amanda Tsuha
Tablytha Yee
Sydney Zane

Sons & Daughters of Hawai‘i Baptist Academy

(Attended HBA since kindergarten)

Katelynn Matsue Albano
Katelynn Albano
Devin Corpuz
Dylan Djou
Rusten Ho
Kala‘i Kame‘enui-Becker
Lauren Kanoholani
Ella Kawasaki
Kyler Kiyabu
Joshua Legawa
Ally Ann Low
Kai Motoyama
Marisa Nakata
Noah Nguyen
Samuel Ruan
Kimber Ryan
Mia Takahashi
Kai Toyofuku
Nadan Tsang
Amanda Tsuha
Eddy James Vallesteros
Xan Waialeale
Tobias Watanabe
Ellie Yokotake

Graduating with Highest Honors

Kenshin Casamina
Sara Chang
Jennifer Chiang
Zachary Chock
Evan Chun
Asia De La Cruz
Makana Doane
Caroline Fisher
Samuel Fujimoto
Connor Gum
Lydia Halcomb
Harumi Ho
Brady Katano
Kyler Kiyabu
William Kowal
Joshua Labaczewski
Brennan Lau
Joshua Legawa
Samuel Robert Lim
Makena Lincoln
Randie Lueder
Hanae Lum
Bayley Matsumoto
Caden Matsumoto
Kai Motoyama
Natali Nomura
Robert Nordin
Jaden Oki
Ajay Patel
Samuel Ruan
Cole Sakai
Kiani Shiroma
Sage Shiroma
Theetawat Sueblinvong
Mia Takahashi
Kai Toyofuku
Nadan Tsang
Amanda Tsuha
Xan Waialeale
Tobias Watanabe
Justin Won
Mason Wong
Ethan Wut
Chloe Yamamoto
Allison Yee
Sydney Zane

Graduating with Honors

Brenden Ahuna
Noah Aoki
Elijah Book
Kobe Chan
Kanoa Gloy
Joshua Higa
Brooke Ichiki
Kellan Imaguchi
Kala‘i Kame‘enui-Becker
Lauren Kanoholani
Abbie Kato
Alyssa Kauleinamoku
Mariia Khromtsova
Haley Lau
Liam Longpre
Herman Ma
Megan Monico
Ridge Nakata
Ethan Nouchi
Reyn Nouchi
Barbara Storm
Ian Tawata
Zen Wong-Ogata

Early Learning Center at GracePoint

Class of 2025 Preschool Graduation

May 23, 2025



THIS YEAR, 26 BRIGHT AND JOYFUL PRESCHOOLERS from HBA's GracePoint campus celebrated a special milestone—graduating from the Early Learning Center and preparing to step into kindergarten.

Throughout their time at HBA, these young learners not only prepared for Kindergarten but they also explored the world around them with curiosity and enthusiasm. They've learned to be kind, to love others, to show compassion, to communicate, to solve problems, and to persevere—all with God at the center of their learning.



A favorite moment from the ceremony was when the children sang their graduation songs and the HBA Alma Mater—a proud and heartfelt reminder of just how much they've grown.



A special thank you goes out to all of our dedicated teachers and assistants for guiding and nurturing these students through their early years. Their care and commitment to both pedagogy and spiritual development have helped shape this remarkable class.

As they begin their next chapter, we pray that these students always remember that they are deeply loved by God, capable of great things, and never alone. We're so proud of each graduate and excited to see the amazing plans God has in store for them.





Watch the Highlight Video

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Kūikawā Celebration

May 23, 2025





















We joyfully celebrated the promotion of 89 eighth graders—39 girls and 50 boys—at this year's Kūikawā, a heartfelt and worshipful evening designed to mark the transition from middle school to high school through celebration, reflection, and spiritual grounding.

The program included student-led worship, a hula presentation, a message from Pastor John Lee, teacher affirmations, and the highlight of the evening—reciprocal affirmations between students and their parents. The celebration concluded with lei giving and a photo booth session at Eagle's Landing.



"Kūikawā is not your traditional promotion ceremony. The focus is truly on the student and making sure they understand we are here to support our children as they transition to high school. It's also a worshipful experience, where we acknowledge God's presence and invoke His guidance and care over our kids," shared Principal George Honzaki.

One of the most moving moments of the evening was the exchange of affirmations between students and parents—spoken words of love and gratitude that are often left unsaid during adolescence.

"Adolescents are always trying to explore their abilities and autonomy," said Honzaki. *"While this is totally normal, we have to remember that our kids don't suddenly need us less. In fact, reaffirming our relationship of love is critical. Kūikawā normalizes this conversation and allows kids to hear the affirmations that might go unspoken."*

This year's class has shown remarkable growth over their time in middle school—spiritually, academically, and socially. From Shakespeare monologues to Capstone Projects, to chapels and the arts, the Class of 2029 has demonstrated increasing confidence, character, and courage.

"I want the students to know that we're excited for them. They have families and a support network of teachers and friends who they can lean into when times get tough. Most of all, God has been and will continue to be our source of strength and hope," said Honzaki.

The evening was anchored in Scripture, with 1 Corinthians 13:1–8 reminding everyone that love—patient, kind, and enduring—is at the heart of all meaningful growth and connection.



Watch the Highlight Video

May 27, 2025

6th Grade Aloha Celebration

Watch the Highlight Video

We celebrated the promotion of 89 sixth graders as they completed their final year at the elementary campus and prepared to begin their journey into middle school. Surrounded by family, friends, teachers, and HBA leadership, the evening was filled with joy, encouragement, and gratitude.

The celebration began with the class song, "Up and Up" by Colton Dixon, a fitting anthem for a class stepping into a new season of growth. In his message to the class, Principal Dr. Emmett Winters shared highlights from the year—including their unforgettable trolley ride to Dave & Buster's—and a touching moment of cultural connection with visitors from Seinan Gakuin. He encouraged students to carry their joy, friendships, and compassion into the next chapter, reminding them that even when things feel overwhelming, "God is always by your side."

The evening concluded with a shared reading of **1 Corinthians 15:58**:

> *"So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless."*

2025 SONS & DAUGHTERS—Students who have attended HBA since Kindergarten:

Krislyn Chang
Kahokualohilaniamaka Dolfo
Mischa-Joben Kobayashi
Noah Kracher
Kai Kuniyoshi
Blythe Lum
Trent Lum
Maverick Mesler
Dominic Miyahira
Jonathan Morihara
Kyla Nishimiya
Trent Ogi
Tristan Ogi
Aurie Okuna
Kellan-Jack Onaga
Leia Pimentel-Motooka
Ellie Ann Reeves
Andrew Sasaki
Caylen Shea
Emma Shimizu
Ethan Tolentino
Travis Tonouchi
James Warner
Abigail Wilson
Jensen Wong
Oliver Yamashita
Mika Yee
Walter Young



AWARD RECIPIENTS

All Around Award:
Grace Koki and Gabriel Wong

J.O.Y. Award:
Megan Custer and James Wang

ESLR Award:
Krislyn Chang and Tristan Ogi

President's Award for Academic Excellence:
Gabriel Wong
Grace Koki
Tristan Ogi
Andrew Sasaki
Riley Grace Short
Cade Duran
Kainoa Hale
Jolie Jones
Ethan Lee
Kyle Hashimoto
Mischa-Joben Kobayashi













High School Awards

GRADE 12

Bible

Excellence in Critical Issues in Christian Thought
Kaylee LaBarre
Robert Nordin

English & Journalism

Outstanding English 12 Student
Samuel Fujimoto
Sydney Zane

Outstanding AP English Literature and Composition Student
Sage Shiroma
Joshua Labaczewski

Excellence in Photography for the Eagle Eye
Abbie Kato
Lydia Halcomb

Excellence in Commentary Writing
Natali Nomura

Eagle Eye's Most Valuable Staffer
Natali Nomura

Math

Outstanding Student in Trigonometry
Caden Matsumoto

Outstanding Student in Pre-Calculus
Chloe Yamamoto

Outstanding Student in Introduction to Statistics
Kenshin Casamina

Outstanding Student in Calculus Foundations
Kai Motoyama

Outstanding Student in AP Statistics
Brady Katano

Outstanding Student in AP Calculus AB
Zachary Chock

Outstanding Student in AP Calculus BC
Joshua Legawa

Outstanding Student in AP Computer Science
Sam Fujimoto

American Mathematics Competition 12
Xan Waialeale (1st Place)
Brady Katano (2nd Place)

HBA Mathematics Team High Scorer Top Scoring 12th Grader
Brady Katano

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team
Brady Katano
Jaden Oki
Kyler Hasegawa

Maria Gaetana Agnesi Mathematics Service Award
Sydney Zane
Joshua Legawa
William Kowal
Brady Katano
Joshua Labaczewski
Robert Nordin

PE

Outstanding Student in Weight Lifting
Alexa Ichiki
Kala'i Kame'enui-Becker

Science

Outstanding Achievement in AP Biology
Joshua Legawa
Jaden Oki

Outstanding Achievement in AP Environmental Science
Sydney Zane

Outstanding Achievement in AP Physics 1
Joshua Legawa
Brady Katano

Outstanding Achievement in AP Physics 2
Sage Shiroma

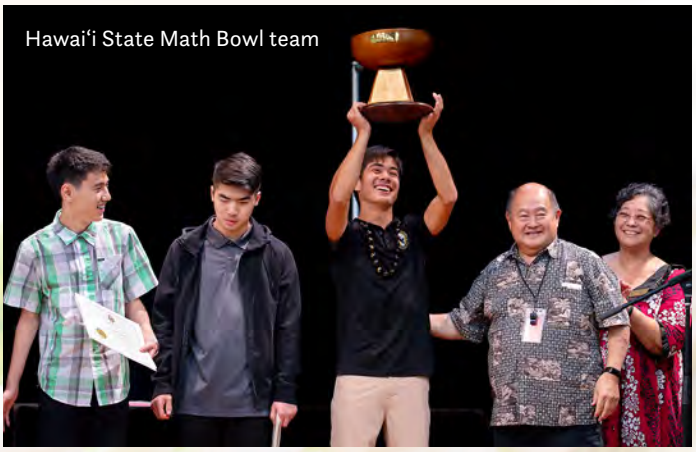
Outstanding Achievement in AP Physics C
Xan Waialeale

Outstanding Achievement in Anatomy & Physiology
Joshua Legawa

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in AP Psychology
Sydney Zane

Outstanding Student in AP Economics
Robert Nordin


Hawai'i State Math Bowl team

Outstanding Student in AP US History
Kiani Shiroma

Social Science Scholar
Robert Nordin

Outstanding Leadership in Mock Trial
Robert Nordin

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Student in Wind Ensemble
Jayson Masuoka
Joshua Uyema

Excellence in Service & Development of the Band Program
Nadan Tsang

Outstanding Artist in Basic Art
Lauren Kanoholani

Outstanding Artist in CGI & 3D Animation
Caden Matsumoto

Outstanding Filmmaker in Advanced Filmmaking
Brenden Ahuna

Outstanding Filmmaker in Advanced Filmmaking
Kiani Shiroma

Outstanding Photographer in Advanced Photography
Sydney Zane

Outstanding Artist in Advanced Drawing & Painting
Melia Castillejos

Scholastic Gold Key Award
Harumi Ho

Scholastic Honorable Mention Award
Megan Monico
Chloe Yamamoto

Scholastic Honorable Mention Award for Portfolio Category
Melia Castillejos

World Languages

Overall Excellence in Chinese
Vincent Sueblinvong

Outstanding Achievement in AP Japanese Language and Culture
Joshua Labaczewski

Overall Excellence in Japanese
Mia Takahashi

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 4
Melia Castillejos

Overall Excellence in Spanish
Justin Won

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

Certificate of Merit in 2025 National Merit Program (Finalist)
Brady Katano
Joshua Legawa
Jaden Oki
Sage Shiroma
Justin Won
Xan Waialeale

Senior Scholarships

Evan Jonah Won Memorial Scholarship
Kimber Ryan
Asher Bento
Ryeder Yonesaki

Rev. O.W. "Dub" and Grace Efurd Memorial Scholarship
Jennifer Chiang

Sue Nishikawa Family Scholarship
Kaylee LaBarre

Stacie and Julie Lee Scholarship
Nadan Tsang

Deanna Aoki Memorial Scholarship
Samuel Fujimoto

2025 SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

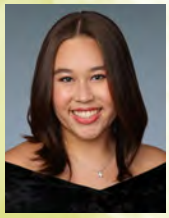

Jennifer Chiang


Sam Fujimoto


Masha Khromtsova


Kaylee LaBarre


Haley Lau


Randie Lueder


Marisa Nakata


Nadan Tsang

High School Awards

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The "It Takes a Dream" Scholarship
Marisa Nakata

HBA Alumni Association Eagle Pride Scholarship
Masha Khromtsova
Randie Lueder

Rob Fulford Scholars Athlete Scholarship
Jaden Oki
Kiani Shiroma

Mallory Ellis SOL Leadership Scholarship
Kaylee LaBarre

PTF Awards

PTF Service Award—Grade 12
Robert Nordin
Amanda Tsuha

GRADE 11

Bible

Excellence in Introduction to Christian Thought
Vanessa He
Prescott Yamanaka

English & Journalism

Outstanding English 11 Student
James Kaneshige
Aaron Brock

Outstanding AP English Language and Composition Student
Trinity Vong

Excellence in Photo Essay Writing
Olivia Kim

Math

Outstanding Student in Algebra 3
Logan Wagner

Outstanding Student in Pre-Calculus
Trinity Vong

Outstanding Student in AP Pre-Calculus
Kyler Hasegawa

American Mathematics Competition 12
Lily Ames (3rd Place)

HBA Mathematics Team Top Scoring 11th Grader
Kyler Hasegawa

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team
Jordon Tam
Andy Fang

Science

Outstanding Achievement in Physics
Aaron Brock
Callie Kawaguchi

Outstanding Achievement in AP Chemistry
Tia Takekawa

Outstanding Achievement in Electronics Engineering
Blake Nakamura

Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award
Cade Matsumoto

Rensselaer Medal Award
Kyler Hasegawa

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Dancer in High School Dance
Calla Pien

Commitment & Craftsmanship in Adv. Ind. Ceramics
Jasleen Taing

Commitment & Craftsmanship in Ceramics 1
Sydney Lau

Commitment & Craftsmanship in Ceramics 2
Joelle Lum
Lauren Okuda

Commitment & Craftsmanship in Ceramics 3
Samuel Mokan

Outstanding Filmmaker in Intro to Filmmaking
Liana Wong

Outstanding Artist in Advanced Drawing & Painting
Lily Ames

Scholastic Silver Key
Ella Choi

Scholastic Honorable Mention Award
Chloe Nakamura
Callie Kawaguchi

World Languages

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 3
Jillian Hirayama

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 3 Regular
Brody Tran

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 3 Honors & Japanese 4
Tia-Nicole Takekawa

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 3
Jessica Patterson
Steph Galicinao

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

PTF High Achievement Award
Codey Chun
Vanessa He
Ryan Ing
Callie Kawaguchi
Daniel Nagao
Miah Nakamura
Tia-Nicole Takekawa

PTF Service Award—Grade 11
Drew Lohr
Vanessa He

National Honor Society Inductees
Ella Choi
Piper DeCova
Andy Fang
Braeden Takeuchi
Vivien Wong

Japanese National Honor Society Inductees
Aaron Brock
Lauren Espiritu
Daniel Nagao
Jason Okutani
Justin Tomasso
Brody Tran
Prescott Yamanaka
Tyler Yamanoha

Endurance Merit Scholarship Recipients
Tyler Fujimoto
Callie Kawaguchi

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Senior Abbie Kato recieved the Excellence in Photography award for the *Eagle Eye*, the student news bulletin.

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World language outstanding achievement award recipients (L–R): Reese Lueder (Grade 9, Spanish 1), Joshua Labaczewski (Grade 12, AP Japanese and Culture), Tia-Nicole Takekawa (Grade 11, Japanese 3 Honors and Japanese 4), and Brody Tran (Grade 11, Japanese 3).

GRADE 10

Bible

Excellence in Old Testament
Alaina Young
Zoe Tawata

English

Outstanding English 10 Student
Zoe Lim
Cade Toyofuku

Shakespearean Recitation Competition
Maile Castillejos

Math

Outstanding Student in Algebra 2
Rylie Sakumoto

Outstanding Student in Algebra 2—Honors
Emily Fukui

American Mathematics Competition 10
Max Okazaki (2nd Place)

HBA Mathematics Team Top Scoring 10th Grader
Max Okazaki

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team
Max Okazaki

PE/Health

Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health
Hannah Garces
Max Okazaki

Science

Outstanding Student in Chemistry
Lexi Kamikawa
Janel Lee

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in US History 10
Jeremy Giles
Hannah Garces

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Student in Concert Band 2
Madisyn Rogers
Ava Ortega

Outstanding Student in Theater (Spring)
Leina Wong

Outstanding Student in Intro to Theater
Maile Castillejos

Outstanding Achievement in Basic Mixed Media
Kaylee Kobashigawa

Commitment & Craftsmanship in Ceramics 1
Dylan Taing

Scholastic Gold Key Award
Olivia Choi

Scholastic Silver Key
Lexie Kadooka

World Languages

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 2
Ian Longpre

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 2
Zoe Tawata
Ryder Kadooka

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 2
Mie Kaneao
Allison Kusuda

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

PTF High Achievement Award
Emily Fukui
Hannah Garces
Logan Honbo
Lexi Kamikawa
Allison Kusuda
Janel Lee
Zoe Lim
Nina Magtoto
Anela Murata
Max Okazaki
Zoe Tawata
Cade Toyofuku
Leina Wong

PTF Service Award—Grade 10
Ashley Storm
Silas Halcomb

National Honor Society Inductees
Katherine Butay
Kaitlyn Cheah
Olivia Choi
Ryder Kadooka
Ian Longpre
Bryan Watanabe

Japanese National Honor Society Inductees
Madan Abe
Mari Casamina
Verily Coryell
Emily Fukui
Hannah Garces
Nyssa Hoi
Logan Honbo
Lexie Kadooka
Ryder Kadooka
Lexi Kamikawa
Kaylee Kato
Callie Kawaguchi
Kaylee Kobashigawa
Nina Magtoto
Katie Matsumoto
Anela Murata
Brandon Ogimoto
Max Okazaki
Madisyn Rogers
Rylee Sato
Jonathan Seo
Brianna Soo
Kylie Takamatsu
Zoe Tawata
Cade Toyofuku
Alyssa Tsutsui
Bryan Watanabe
Leina Wong
Emi Yamane

Endurance Merit Scholarship Recipients
Hannah Garces
Allison Kusuda
Zoe Lim
Alaina Young

Ruby Sakoda Nakahara Scholarship Recipient
Lexi Kamikawa

GRADE 9

Bible

Excellence in New Testament
John Harada
Abigail Kim

English

Outstanding English 9 Student
Sarah Byrer
Keira Chang

Math

Outstanding Student in Geometry
Keira Chang
Keira Liew

Outstanding Student in Computer Science 1 & 2
Elias Kwak

HBA Mathematics Team Top Scoring 9th Grader
Sarah Byrer

PE/Health

Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health
Keira Liew
Alex Fujimoto

Science

Outstanding Student in Biology
Elias Kwak
Kaitlyn Legawa

High School Awards CONTINUED FROM PAGE 30

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in Ancient World History 9
Sarah Byrer

Outstanding Student in Government 9
Paxon Salazar
Ariana Carreria

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Student in Concert Band 1
Adams Ha
Abigail Kim

Outstanding Artist in Basic Art
Bethany Hofacker
Camille Choy

Outstanding Artist in Basic Drawing
Mia Huang
Sora Neves

Outstanding Achievement in Basic Mixed Media
Keira Chang

Outstanding Artist in Animation
Ari Carreira
Sophia Tung
Maya Wong

Scholastic Silver Key
Sophia Tung
Braeden Cuyong

Scholastic Honorable Mention Award
Ari Carreira
Kaycie Hayashi
Keira Chang

World Languages

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 1
Elvy Chun

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 1
Keira Liew
Kiera Chang

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 1
Reese Lueder
Olivia Custer



National Merit Certificate recipients (L–R): Justin Won, Sage Shiroma, Jaden Oki, Joshua Legawa, and Brady Katano.

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

PTF Service Award—Grade 9
May Shiraishi
Keira Liew

National Honor Society Inductees
Sarah Byrer
Keira Chang
SaraAnne Chong
Elvy Chun
Olivia Custer
Mae-Jean Dangerfield
Tory Eleola
Alex Fujimoto
Abigail Kim
Cinnamon Lee
Kaitlyn Legawa
Keira Liew
Reese Lueder
Sasha Moritomo
Tamsey Owen
Noah Pfeiffer
May Shiraishi
Tiffany Shoho
Kelsie Takeuchi
Kailee Taoka-Davenport
Sophia Tung

Endurance Merit Scholarship Recipients
Alex Fujimoto
Cinnamon Lee
May Shiraishi





Senior Kaylee LaBarre recieved the Sue Nishikawa Family Scholarship.



Senior Sydney Zane, Outstanding Student in AP Psychology.



Ian Longpre, Grade 10, (left) was awarded Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 2.



Outstanding students in weightlifting, seniors Kalaʻi Kameʻenui-Becker and Alexa Ichiki.

Middle School Awards



Soaring Eagle (overall excellence in middle school) awardees Malachi Copeland and Demi Chae.

GRADE 8

Bible

Excellence in Bible 8
Malachi Copeland
Allie Tom

English

Outstanding English 8 Student
Malachi Copeland
Amy Siu

Math

Outstanding Student in Algebra 1
Anri Seminara
Jack Okazaki

American Mathematics Competition 10
Jack Okazaki (1st Place)
Kole Hashimoto (3rd Place)

MATHCOUNTS Honolulu Chapter Team
Devyn Ames (Hawaii State Qualifier)
Kole Hashimoto (Hawaii State Honorable Mention)
Ryan Matsumoto
Malachi Copeland
Jack Okazaki

PE/Health

Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health
Alicia Yoon
Malachi Copeland

Science

Outstanding Student in Earth Science 8
Demi Chae
Malachi Copeland

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in American History 8
Malachi Copeland
Demi Chae

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Student in Fine Arts 8
Mei Thomas
Tobi Tengan

Outstanding Student in Middle School Band
Tobi Tengan

Outstanding Student in Middle School Drama (Fall)
Riley Kim

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Art Basics B Mixed Media
Kaito Neves

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Painting Basics
Katie Siu

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Drawing
Alex Reilly

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Sculpture
Pressly Reign Stevenson
Zoey Cheung

Scholastic Gold Key Award
Ivy Won

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

Soaring Eagle (Overall Excellence in Middle School)
Malachi Copeland
Demi Chae

PTF Service Award—Grade 8
Mei Thomas
Luke Maas

Endurance Merit Scholarship Recipients
Jack Okazaki
Anri Seminara
Demi Chae
Tobi Tengan

GRADE 7

Bible

Excellence in Bible 7
Brandon Quan
Alyssa Wong

English

Outstanding English 7 Student
Twinkle Takehara (Reading)
Brandon Quan (Writing)
Alison Fang (Discourse)

Math

Outstanding Student in Math 7
Elizabeth Lum
Titus He

MATHCOUNTS Honolulu Chapter Team
Eunice Han
Brandon Quan

PE/Health

Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health
Bryce Enomoto
Alyssa Wong

Science

Outstanding Achievement in Science 7
Eunice Han
Brandon Quan

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in Geography
Brandon Quan
Cassia Lee

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Student in Fine Arts 7
Eunice Han
Cassia Lee

Outstanding Student in Middle School Beginning Band
Blaize Agena
Alison Fang

Outstanding Dancer in Middle School Dance
Kamryn Suzawa

Outstanding Student in Middle School Drama (Fall)
Brandi Shinagawa

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Art Basics B Mixed Media
Bryce Enomoto

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Painting Basics
Olivia Krause

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Drawing
Channer Lo

Outstanding Middle School Filmmaker
Bryce Enomoto

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

PTF Service Award—Grade 7
Cassia Lee
Grayson Kaneshiro

Endurance Merit Scholarship Recipients
Kaila Brownfield
Kayla Ichiki
Ethan Lee
Cassia Lee
Kaylee Liang
Ava Matsunaga
David Okawara
Twinkle Takehara
Brandon Quan



$1000 Endurance Scholarship recipients, Grade 7 (L–R): David Okawara, Cassia Lee, Ava Matsunaga, Kayla Ichiki, and Kaila Brownfield.

Athletic Faculty Profiles

Karin Carido

2025 FWATA Secondary School Athletic Trainer of the Year



We're proud to congratulate Karin Carido who was recently named the 2025 Secondary School Athletic Trainer of the Year for District 8 by the National Athletic Trainers Association. District 8—also known as the Far West Athletic Trainers Association (FWATA)—includes nearly 3,000 members from California, Hawai'i, Nevada, Guam, and American Samoa. Karin is one of just 11 secondary school athletic trainers nationwide to receive this prestigious recognition in 2025.

Now in her 8th year at HBA, Karin is known for her compassionate care, clinical excellence, and unwavering commitment to our student-athletes.

"Karin provides outstanding athletic healthcare for our students. She is thoughtful and caring and works tirelessly to both assess and treat injuries, as well as guide our students on their individual rehabilitation paths. She is widely regarded as one of the top athletic trainers in Hawai'i, as well as in the Far West region. We are fortunate to have her on our HBA A Team."

Deren Oshiro '86, CMAA, Director of Athletics

Aaron Kondo '05

2024 USTFCCCA Hawai'i Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year



Congratulations to Coach Aaron Kondo '05, who was recently named the 2024 Hawaii Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). This statewide award spans both Division I and II programs, recognizing the top boys cross country coach in Hawai'i for the school year.

Now in his 11th year leading HBA's boys varsity cross country team, Coach Kondo has guided the Eagles to five Division II State Championships including the 2024 title on Maui. He also received this award in 2021.

"Aaron has done a phenomenal job with our boys cross country program, leading HBA to Division 2 State Championships in five of the past eight years. This award from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) is noteworthy because it encompasses all Division I and II programs statewide. We are proud of him and we are thankful for his dedicated service to his alma mater."

Deren Oshiro '86, CMAA, Director of Athletics

Mahalo and Aloha to Our Retirees



This year, we honor three beloved members of our HBA 'ohana who are retiring: Michele Oda (30 years of service), Kathleen Fujimoto (14 years), and Donna Nasca (27 years). Thank you for your decades of dedication, care, and impact on generations of students. You will be deeply missed!

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HBA Elementary Campus in Nuʻuanu (Ages 3–4)

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