Soaring Eagle

SUMMER 2026 NEWS FROM HAWAIʻI BAPTIST ACADEMY



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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 concluded another remarkable school year at Hawai'i Baptist Academy, I am filled with gratitude for God's faithfulness and for the many accomplishments of our students.

This Summer issue of *Soaring Eagle* celebrates the milestones, memories, and achievements that marked the end of the 2025–26 school year. From classroom accomplishments and artistic pursuits to athletic victories and service opportunities, our students continue to exemplify HBA's mission of joining God in the formation of people and the transformation of the world.

This year was especially significant as we celebrated the 97 graduates of the Class of 2026. Together, they joined a proud legacy of more than 5,000 HBA alumni who have gone on to serve others, lead with humility, and make a positive impact in their communities. I am pleased to share that every member of the Class of 2026 was accepted to colleges in Hawai'i, on the mainland, and abroad.

As I shared during Commencement, I know without a doubt that God has prepared our graduates well for a lifetime of learning and purpose. My prayer is that they will continue to seek Him in all they do. Psalm 119:105 reminds us, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path," while Jeremiah 29:11-13 and Proverbs 8:17 assure us that God has a plan for each of us and promises to be found by those who seek Him.

This year also brought exciting developments across our campuses. We celebrated the opening of the Hugh & Mary McCormick Innovation and Discovery Center and look forward to unveiling the renovated Aviary this fall. These spaces stand as a testament to God's provision and the generosity of our HBA community.

As I reflect on my tenth year serving as HBA's first alumnus president, I am continually humbled by the opportunity to lead the school that helped shape my own life. None of what we accomplish would be possible without the dedication of our faculty and staff, the support of our Board of Directors, our alumni, parents, and friends, and the prayers of our greater HBA 'ohana.

To our graduates and to every student featured in these pages: We are incredibly proud of who you are and all that you have accomplished. Thank you for being part of HBA's story and, in doing so, part of God's story.

May God continue to bless you throughout the the new school year ahead.

In Christ,

Ron Shiira '75
PRESIDENT



HBA Board of Directors L–R: Ernest Lum, Dr. Glenn Young, President Shiira, Ken Hensarling, Jr., Terrance Arashiro and Walt Agena.



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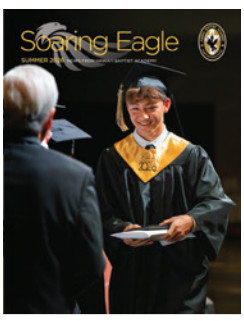
At HBA, students are encouraged to *Soar High* in every area of their journey through strong academics, championship athletics, award-winning extracurricular programs, visual and performing arts, leadership opportunities, service experiences, and chances to make a meaningful impact in their communities and beyond.

Rooted in faith and guided by dedicated teachers, HBA provides a nurturing environment where students discover their passions, build strong character, and prepare for the future with faith, innovation, and leadership.





On the front cover:
President Ron Shiira ’75 presents a diploma to Cole Carson during Commencement 2026, celebrating one of 97 graduates whose stories will continue beyond HBA.





PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

MAY 20, 2026



AS THE CLASS OF 2026 PREPARED to close one chapter and begin the next, they gathered for the annual President's Senior Luncheon, a meaningful tradition that welcomed them into the Hawai'i Baptist Academy alumni 'ohana.

Hosted by President Ron Shiira '75, the luncheon marked the seniors' official introduction into a community of more than 5,000 HBA alumni whose lives and leadership continue to make an impact around the world. Joined by members of the Board of Directors, faculty, and staff, the graduating class reflected on God's faithfulness throughout their HBA journey while looking ahead to the opportunities and responsibilities that come with being HBA alumni.

The afternoon also celebrated outstanding members of the Class of 2026. Zoë Naso was recognized for serving on the President's Aloha Council (PAC), while Ethan Won and Justin Won '25 presented the Evan Won Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of their beloved son and brother, to recipients Prescott Yamanaka and Trinity Vong.

Watch the Highlight Video

Alumni Brad '86 and Esther '86 McDaniel returned to campus as guest speakers, encouraging the graduating class to remain rooted in their faith, lead with purpose, and stay connected to the HBA community long after graduation.

As the luncheon concluded, the Class of 2026 was reminded that while their years as HBA students were drawing to a close, they were becoming part of a lifelong community of Eagles whose connection to HBA extends far beyond graduation.





Zoë Naso, President's Aloha Council member, 2022–2026



Recipients of the Evan Jonah Won Memorial Scholarship, Prescott Yamanaka and Trinity Vong.











MAY 20, 2026

SENIOR SEND-OFF

THERE'S NO GOODBYE QUITE LIKE AN HBA GOODBYE.

Watch the Highlight Video

As the Class of 2026 made their way through campus, they were surrounded by the cheers and encouragement of underclassmen, faculty, and staff who came together to celebrate this milestone. Filled with hugs, heartfelt words, bubbles, confetti, and handmade signs, the send-off was a beautiful display of unity and the deep sense of 'ohana that defines HBA.

More than a farewell, the Senior Send-Off is a celebration of the lifelong bonds formed within the HBA community. It was a fitting reminder that although our seniors are leaving campus, they will always be part of the HBA 'ohana. Once an Eagle, always an Eagle. Wherever life takes them, HBA will always be home.





















CLASS OF 2026

Baccalaureate

May 24, 2026

Watch the Highlight Video

> **"What do you have that you can leverage for the Kingdom of God?"**
>
> MRS. ALEX TAYLOR



Watch video of Mrs. Alex Taylor's full speech



THAT POWERFUL QUESTION served as the heart of High School English teacher Alexander Taylor's Baccalaureate address to the Class of 2026. Surrounded by their families, faculty, and staff, graduates gathered for this special worship service celebrating God's faithfulness throughout their HBA journey and commissioning them for the next chapter of their lives.

Drawing from Jesus' parable of the ten minas in the Gospel of Luke, Taylor challenged students to see themselves not as consumers, but as faithful stewards of the gifts, talents, relationships, and education God has entrusted to them. Rather than measuring success by accomplishments alone, she encouraged graduates to trust God, take faithful risks, and boldly invest their lives in advancing His Kingdom.

As the Class of 2026 prepares to leave HBA, Taylor's message served as a fitting charge: God has entrusted each graduate with unique gifts and opportunities. The question now is how they will use them to make an eternal impact.

























Mr. & Miss HBA

EACH YEAR, the senior class selects one young man and one young woman who exemplify the character, leadership, school spirit, and servant heart of Hawai'i Baptist Academy. Congratulations to this year's recipients, Drew Lohr and Vanessa He.

As this year's Mr. HBA, Drew Lohr has made the most of his time since joining HBA as a freshman. Looking back, he still remembers walking onto campus for the first time, stepping into air-conditioned classrooms, and wondering what the next four years would hold. Along the way, those classrooms, teammates, teachers, and friendships became an important part of his story.

For Drew, Spirit Week stands out as one of his favorite HBA traditions because of the way each class comes together with a shared purpose. He credits Mr. Malinger for challenging him to become a leader and teaching him to pursue excellence instead of settling for the minimum. Through his high school journey, God has taught him humility and the importance of staying focused on doing what is right. His advice to future Eagles is simple: get involved, volunteer, take initiative, and don't be afraid to step up.

Miss HBA Vanessa He joined HBA in eighth grade and quickly found a community that helped shape both her friendships and her faith. One of her earliest memories is receiving help in math from a classmate who would later become one of her closest friends. She treasures HBA's annual class camps, where students unplug from their phones, build lasting friendships, and grow together.

Vanessa says one of the greatest influences in her life has been her youth pastor, Connor, who encouraged her to step into leadership even though she was new to Christianity. Through his mentorship, she grew in her understanding of God and developed the confidence to live out her faith boldly. During high school, God taught her not to place her identity in achievements or accomplishments, but in His love. She encourages future Eagles to persevere through challenges, trust God's plan, and remember that every obstacle has another path forward. "Don't let limitations be your stop sign."













Graduation Recap



The Class of 2026 celebrated Commencement on May 30, 2026, at the Hawai'i Convention Center as 97 graduates marked the culmination of their journey at Hawai'i Baptist Academy. Surrounded by family, friends, faculty, and staff, the ceremony was a celebration of faith, perseverance, and the lasting impact of the HBA community. Graduates were encouraged to step boldly into their next chapter as they joined a network of more than 5,000 alumni who continue to soar high around the world.









VALEDICTORIAN

Valedictorian **Andy Zihua Fang** is the son of Haibin Fang and Joyce Wu. He will attend the University of Michigan, where he plans to pursue Biology as a pre-dental student.



SALUTATORIAN

Salutatorian **Vanessa Yuxuan He** is the daughter of Joyce Xue and Benny He. This fall, she will attend Vanderbilt University, where she plans to study Biomedical Engineering.



HUGH AND MARY McCORMICK DISTINGUISHED FOUNDERS AWARD

The Hugh and Mary McCormick Distinguished Founders Award is presented annually to a graduating senior who exemplifies Christian character and a steadfast commitment to Christ. This year, the honor was awarded to Vanessa Yuxuan He, whose sincere faith, perseverance, and love for others reflected the enduring legacy of HBA's founders.



Vanessa He is presented with the McCormick Founders Award by President Ron Shiira '75 and Vice President of Academics Amy Vorderbruegge.





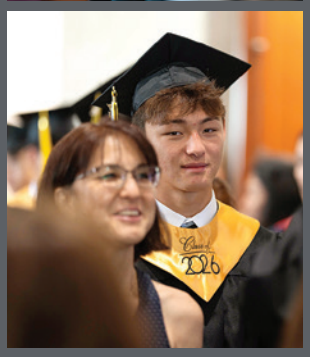

Pre-Commencement

May 30, 2026














73rd Commencement Ceremony

May 30, 2026
Hawai'i Convention Center

"I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.."
Proverbs 8:17









2026 Commencement

"Do everything in love."
I Corinthians 16:14

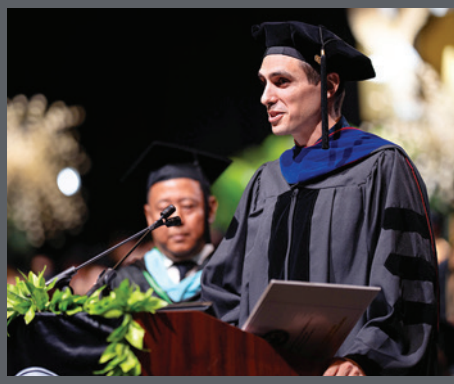






















Commencement Address



Isaac Duncklee
HBA HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER
(excerpts from his speech below)

"God wants to meet you where you are, and He has the power to heal all that is broken and use you in that brokenness, so take the risk to put your complete trust in Jesus.

...I truly believe there is great potential in each of you. In terms of Einstein's equation, each of you have on the order of 1 quintillion joules of potential energy. To release that energy, you cannot remain undisturbed.

Like nuclear fission, sometimes accessing your true potential will require a split, a tear, a break. So today I encourage you to break from what is comfortable because in taking this risk you just might unlock an explosion of potential energy and opportunity.

...Take a risk and pursue nuclear fusion in an area of passion for you.

...Do not fear the volatility of the unknown; the risk of the "explosion" is simply the price of admission for a life of brilliance. Step into the lab, embrace the reaction, and let your stored potential transform into a kinetic energy that propels you for years to come.

Class of 2026, you are loved, you have immense potential, and I truly believe that you can be a record-breaking class in so many good ways."







2026 Graduation Lei Ceremony































CLASS OF 2026

SENIOR PORTRAIT GALLERY


Dreyven Aguada


Lily Ames


Kylie Ancheta


Jaylen Anderson


Ryder Arakaki


Micah Biggers


Aaron Brock


Jaxson Cadiz


Cole Carson


Anika Chang


Derek Cheung


Ella Choi


Maximus Chong


Sophie Chong


Raiden Choy


Cody Chun


Paisley Chung


Rhyan Cobb Dumlao


Kiara Cordova


Jaydi Dakujaku


Piper DeCova


Sophie Dukelow


Lauren Espiritu


Andy Fang


Katie Fong


Kylee Fujihana


Tyler Fujimoto


Kameron Fujioka


Landen Fukumoto


Stephany Galicinao


Colton Gallano


Talon Ganiko


Brian Hafele


Tanner Hankey


Chloe Harada


Madeleine Harris


Kyler Hasegawa


Vanessa He


Jillian Hirayama


Keanu Hirokawa


Jacob Hofacker


Nyssa Hoi


Hee-Joon Hyon


Kate Iida


Ryan Ing


Casey Jones-Stressman


Jacey Kage


James Kaneshige


Callie Kawaguchi


Olivia Kim


Sienna Lamblack


Sydney Lau


Andrew Lohr


Steven Luanglat Jr.


Caylee Lucas


Joelle Lum


Cade Matsumoto


Samuel Mokan


Brandt Murata


Daniel Nagao


Blake Nakamura


Chloe Nakamura


Miah Nakamura


Zoë Naso


Madison Ogawa


Madeleine Okamoto


Lauren Okuda


Jason Okutani


Landri Otaka


Jessica Patterson


Ashley Ragain


Elizabeth Ragain


Charles Reeves V


Jake Riemer


Richard Sakoda


Emerson Sisco


Brielle Sumida


Jasleen Taing


Greydan Takara


Tia-Nicole Takekawa


Braeden Takeuchi


Jordon Tam


Kira Tanaka


Justin Tomasso


Brody Tran


Trinity Vong


Logan Wagner


Zavior Ward


Joshua Watanabe


Chloe Windham


Jonathan Wong


Liana Wong


Vivien Wong


Prescott Yamanaka


Tyler Yamanoha


Hayden Yee


Lydia Zhong

Senior Recognitions

National Honor Society

Anika Wing Wen Chang
Ella Yeonjae Choi
Sophie Elyse Chong
Piper Ione DeCova
Andy Zihua Fang
Tyler Shigeo Fujimoto
Kyler Shoichi Hasegawa
Vanessa Yuxuan He
Kate Michiye Iida
Callie Kamalani Kawaguchi
Olivia Anne Kim
Miah Min Reiko Nakamura
Lauren Keiko Okuda
Braeden Wai Git Takeuchi
Jordon Ka Shing Tam
Vivien Hoai Huong Wong

Sons & Daughters of HBA

Ryder Christian Arakaki
Micah Masaichi Biggers
Cole James Toshio Kit Carson
Derek Ryuichi Cheung
Jaydi Judy Emiko Dakujaku
Piper Ione DeCova
Kylee Chiaye Sachiko Fujihana
Kate Michiye Iida
Casey Jones-Stressman
Jacey Grace Yoshiko Kage
Cade Takeo Matsumoto
Zoë Anuhea Valia Naso
Lauren Keiko Okuda
Braeden Wai Git Takeuchi
Chloe Sun Ye Windham
Prescott Mitsuo Yamanaka

Graduating with Highest Honors

Kylie Ancheta
Anika Chang
Ella Choi
Sophie Chong
Raiden Choy
Codey Chun
Piper DeCova
Andy Fang
Katie Fong
Tyler Fujimoto
Kameron Fujioka
Chloe Harada
Kyler Hasegawa
Vanessa He
Ryan Ing
Callie Kawaguchi
Olivia Kim
Sydney Lau
Joelle Lum
Cade Matsumoto
Samuel Mokan
Daniel Nagao
Blake Nakamura
Miah Nakamura
Lauren Okuda
Landri Otaka
Jessica Patterson
Charles Reeves V
Tia-Nicole Takekawa
Braeden Takeuchi
Brody Tran
Trinity Vong
Logan Wagner
Vivien Wong
Prescott Yamanaka

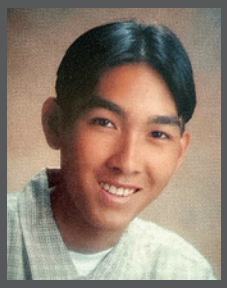
Graduating with Honors

Lily Ames
Ryder Arakaki
Aaron Brock
Jaxson Bryce Cadiz
Derek Cheung
Kiara Cordova
Lauren Espiritu
Kylee Fujihana
Stephany Galicinao
Jacob Hofacker
Nyssa Hoi
Kate Iida
Jacey Kage
James Kaneshige
Andrew Lohr
Caylee Eleison Lucas
Madison Ogawa
Jason Okutani
Ashley Ragain
Richard Sakoda
Greydan Takara
Jordon Tam
Kira Tanaka
Justin Tomasso
Joshua Watanabe
Tyler Yamanoha

Class of 2026

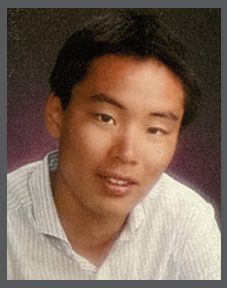
Legacy Graduates

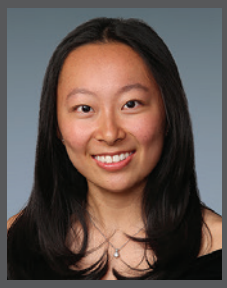
Legacy graduates are students whose parents are HBA alumni. To celebrate our Legacy families, both the student and parent are recognized with a special pin that they wear at the commencement ceremony. Here are the Class of 2026 Legacy Graduates:

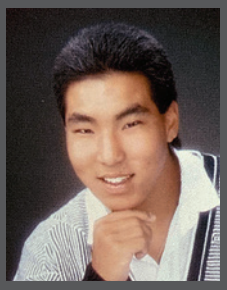

Justin Cheung '97


Derek Cheung


Shari (Lum) Cheung '97


Peter Chung '87


Paisley Chung


Robert Iida '91

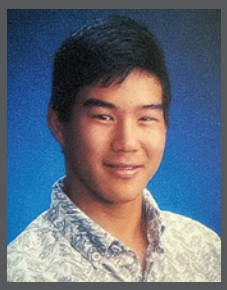

Kate Iida


Rachel (Evans) Kaneshige '95


James Kaneshige


Derek Lau '93


Sydney Lau


Enoch Lum '94


Joelle Lum


Shawn Matsumoto '86


Cade Matsumoto


Courtney (Glaza) Naso '89


Zoë Naso


Jessica (Higa) Takara '95


Greydan Takara


Jolie (Iwasaki) Takekawa '93


Tia-Nicole Takekawa


Christine (Fung) Takeuchi '93


Braeden Takeuchi

Sons & Daughters of HBA

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




Ryder Christian Arakaki




Micah Masaichi Biggers




Cole James Toshio Kit Carson




Derek Ryuichi Cheung




Jaydi Judy Emiko Dakujaku



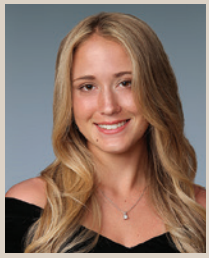

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Jacey Grace Yoshiko Kage




Cade Takeo Matsumoto




Zoë Anuhea Valia Naso




Lauren Keiko Okuda




Braeden Wai Git Takeuchi




Chloe Sun Ye Windham




Prescott Mitsuo Yamanaka

6th Grade Aloha Celebration

May 26, 2026

Watch the Highlight Video

Eighty-four sixth graders bid farewell to their elementary years during Hawai'i Baptist Academy's 6th Grade Aloha Celebration. The evening recognized the Class of 2032 with scholarships and special awards while celebrating the unique gifts, talents, and accomplishments that have shaped their time at HBA Elementary.

In his remarks, Elementary Principal Dr. Emmett Winters reflected on the class's recent career assessments, which included aspirations ranging from video game designer and military pilot to doctor and teacher. Encouraging students to trust God's leading, he reminded them to "keep the Lord close to your heart and allow Him to guide you to the next step" as they begin a new chapter.

















Sons & Daughters of HBA

Lana Asada
Bella Bento
Jadon Chun
Novella Coryell
Cameron Gonsalves
Samuel Hamaguchi
Eric He
Kyle Hidalgo
Luke Itano
Mika Izuka
Renzo Kanno
Ava Skye Kishimoto
Joseph Kwak
Luke LaBarre
Kasen Lau
Connor Lee
Grace Lim
Kara Nakanishi
Jade Pfeiffer
Sierra Reed
Santiago Reeder
Jakin Tsang
Theodore Whitaker
Hailey Wong
Mila Wong

AWARD RECIPIENTS

All Around Award
Kadence Masaki and Connor Lee

J.O.Y Award
Novella Coryell and Henry Wynes

ESLR Award
Piper Breaux and Renzo Kanno

Endurance Scholarship
Kate Mak, Kaelyn Tabata, and Theodore Whitaker

Tassie Scholarship
Bliss Tengan and Henry Wynes

President's Award for Academic Excellence
Lana Asada
Piper Breaux
Heidi Gong
Samuel Hamaguchi
Caleb Kempe
Kylie Parson
Bliss Tengan
Theodore Whitaker





8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Kūikawā Celebration

May 27, 2026

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KŪ-I-KA-WĀ adj. *Kū*, to stand, *i*, preposition, in, *ka*, the, and *wā*, space. Lit. To stand in the space. A phrase signifying independence; not attached to either side. [Hawaiian Dictionary (Andrews, 1865)]






The middle school years are a formative time of growth as students begin to discover who they are and who God has created them to be. From seventh and eighth grade camps to Capstone projects and countless experiences inside and outside the classroom, these years help shape students in faith, character, and leadership.



Kūikawā celebrated 123 eighth graders and the journey that brought them to this milestone. Centered on gratitude, the ceremony provided an opportunity for students and parents to exchange heartfelt words of appreciation while reflecting on God's faithfulness throughout their middle school years. The program's Scripture reading from I Corinthians 13:1-8 reminded those in attendance that love is patient and kind, rejoices in truth, always perseveres, and never fails.

Surrounded by family, friends, and faculty, the Class of 2030 paused to honor the memories, milestones, and relationships that prepared them for the next chapter of their educational journey.












Early Learning Center at GracePoint

Class of 2026 Preschool Graduation

May 22, 2026

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Early Learning Center at Nu‘uanu

Class of 2026 Preschool Graduation

May 29, 2026

















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High School Awards

GRADE 12

Bible

Excellence in Critical Issues in Christian Thought
James Kaneshige
Trinity Vong

English & Journalism

Outstanding English 12 Student
Codey Chun
Aaron Brock

Outstanding AP English Literature and Composition Student
Tyler Yamanoha
Tia-Nicole Takekawa

Excellence in Photography for the Eagle Eye
Colton Gallano

Eagle Eye's Most Valuable Staffer
Olivia Kim

Most Valuable Yearbook Staffers
Jacey Kage
Sophie Chong

Math

Outstanding Student in Algebra 3
Greydan Takara

Outstanding Student in AP Statistics
Kyler Hasegawa

Outstanding Student in AP Calculus AB
Tia-Nicole Takekawa
Trinity Vong

Outstanding Student in AP Calculus BC
Kyler Hasegawa

Outstanding Student in AP Computer Science
Ryan Ing

HBA Mathematics Team High Scorer Top Scoring 12th Grader
Kyler Hasegawa

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team
Kyler Hasegawa

PE

Outstanding Student in Weight Lifting
Jaylen Anderson
Prescott Yamanaka

Science

Outstanding Achievement in AP Biology
Tia-Nicole Takekawa
Trinity Vong

Outstanding Achievement in AP Chemistry
Lauren Okuda

Outstanding Achievement in AP Physics 2
Ryan Ing

Outstanding Achievement in AP Physics C
Kyler Hasegawa

Outstanding Achievement in Anatomy & Physiology
Callie Kawaguchi

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in AP Economics
Kyler Hasegawa

Outstanding Student in Economics
Vivien Wong
Tia-Nicole Takekawa

Social Science Scholar
Braeden Takeuchi

Outstanding Leadership in Mock Trial
Lily Ames

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Student in Wind Ensemble
Derek Cheung

"Leadership, Inspiration, Practice, Service in Wind Ensemble" Award
Jordon Tam
Jason Okutani

OBDA Select Band Member
Jason Okutani

Mallory Katherine Ellis Soldiers of Light Leadership Award
Tia-Nicole Takekawa

Outstanding Artist in CGI & 3D Animation
Blake Nakamura

Outstanding Artist in Animation
Blake Nakamura

Outstanding Artist in Advanced Painting
Kira Tanaka
Sophie Dukelow



HBA Math Team at the O'ahu Mathematics League (OML) meet in April 2026. Special kudos to senior Kyler Hasegawa '26 (holding trophy at right), who recieved the OML Senior Merit Award.

Commitment & Craftsmanship in Ceramics 2
Callie Kawaguchi

Commitment & Craftsmanship in Adv. Ind. Ceramics
Miah Nakamura
Kate Iida
Joelle Lum

Scholastic Silver Key
Lily Ames
Chloe Harada

Scholastic Honorable Mention Award
Vivien Wong
Kira Tanaka
Joelle Lum

World Languages

Outstanding Achievement in AP Japanese Language and Culture
Daniel Nagao

Overall Excellence in Japanese
Aaron Brock

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Evan Jonah Won Memorial Scholarship
Prescott Yamanaka
Trinity Vong

Rev. O.W. "Dub" and Grace Efurd Memorial Scholarship
Olivia Kim

Sue Nishikawa Family Scholarship
Anika Chang

Lee Family Scholarship
Miah Nakamura

Deanna Aoki Memorial Scholarship
Vanessa He

The "It Takes a Dream" Scholarship
Logan Wagner

The Community Builder Scholarship
Kate Iida

HBA Alumni Association Eagle Pride Scholarship
Anika Chang
Vanessa He

PTF AWARDS

PTF Service Award—Grade 12
Anika Chang
Callie Kawaguchi

GRADE 11

Bible

Excellence in Introduction to Christian Thought
Hannah Garces
Jeremy Giles

English & Journalism

Outstanding English 11 Student
Maile Castillejos
Ellie Sakai



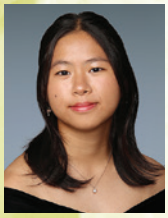
HBAAA Eagle Pride Scholarship recipients Anika Chang '26 and Vanessa He '26

2026 SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS


Prescott Yamanaka


Trinity Vong


Olivia Kim


Anika Chang


Miah Nakamura


Vanessa He


Logan Wagner


Kate Iida


Callie Kawaguchi

High School Awards

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Outstanding AP English Language and Composition Student
Zoe Lim

Shakespearean Recitation Competition
Verily Coryell

Math

Outstanding Student in Trigonometry
Raymee Ontai

Outstanding Student in Pre-Calculus
Allison Kusuda
Zoe Lim

Outstanding Student in AP Pre-Calculus
Lexi Kamikawa

HBA Mathematics Team Top Scoring 11th Grader
Max Okazaki

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team
Max Okazaki
Lexi Kamikawa
Nina Magtoto

PE/Health

Outstanding Student in Weight Lifting
Sydney Moore
Kirah Wong

Science

Outstanding Achievement in Physics
Zoe Tawata
Logan Honbo

Outstanding Achievement in AP Environmental Science
Cassidy Mark

Outstanding Achievement in AP Physics 1
Emily Fukui
Max Okazaki

Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award
Janel Lee

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Innovation Award
Janel Lee

Rensselaer Medal Award
Max Okazaki

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in AP Modern World History
Kylie Lee

Outstanding Student in AP Psychology
Ashley Storm

Outstanding Student in AP US History
Jeremy Giles

Outstanding Student in Modern World History 11
Hannah Garces
Zoe Lim

Visual & Performing Arts

Excellence in Service & Development of the Band Program
Ryden Kawano

OBDA Select Band Member
Brandon Ogimoto

Commitment & Craftsmanship in Ceramics 3
Rylie Sakumoto

Outstanding Artist in Basic Drawing
Lexie Kadooka

Outstanding Photographer in Advanced Photography
Faith Matsukado

World Languages

Overall Excellence in Chinese
Louis He

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 3
Dylan Taing

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 3 Regular
Austin Faildo

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 3 Honors & Japanese 4
Zoe Tawata

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 3
Katherine Butay
Mie Kaneao

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish
Kaitlyn Cheah

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

Endurance Merit Scholarship
Hannah Garces
Lexi Kamikawa
Janel Lee
Faith Matsukado
Sydney Moore

PTF High Achievement Award
Emily Fukui
Logan Honbo
Lexi Kamikawa
Janel Lee
Zoe Lim

PTF Service Award—Grade 11
Ivan Liang
Jeremy Giles

National Honor Society Inductees
Mari Casamina
Maliah Flores
Kaylee Kato

Japanese National Honor Society Inductees
Maya Kim
Emma Lee

GRADE 10

Bible

Excellence in Old Testament
Ariana Carreira
John Harada

English & Jounalism

Outstanding English 10 Student
Tory Eleola
Noah Pfeiffer

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David Sakoda (Grade 10), Outstanding Student in US History 10

Excellence in Editorial Cartoon Drawing
Maya Wong

Excellence in Photography for the Eagle Eye
Ava Quinlan

Math

Outstanding Student in Algebra 2
Sora Neves

Outstanding Student in Algebra 2 with Trig
Elias Kwak

HBA Mathematics Team Top Scoring 10th Grader
Sarah Byrer

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team
Sarah Byrer

PE/Health

Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health
Ariana Carreira
Olivia Custer
Brayden Lau

Science

Outstanding Student in Chemistry
Elvy Chun
Elias Kwak

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in US History 10
Abigail Kim
David Sakoda

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Student in Concert Band 2
Jovie Kawaguchi
Tamsey Owen

Commitment & Craftsmanship in Ceramics 1
Tory Eleola
Bethany Hofacker
Keira Chang

Outstanding Artist in Basic Drawing
Sophia Tung

Outstanding Artist in Advanced Drawing
Ariana Carreira
Mia Huang
May Shiraishi

Outstanding Artist in Animation
Alex Fujimoto

Outstanding Photographer in Basic Photography
Keira Liew
Henry Lee

Scholastic Gold Key Award
Keira Chang

Scholastic Silver Medal (National Level)
Keira Chang

Scholastic Silver Key
Keira Chang
Sophie Tran

Scholastic Honorable Mention Award
Mia Huang

World Languages

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 2
Elvy Chun

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 2
Keira Liew
Kaitlyn Legawa

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 2
Reese Lueder
Abigail Addington

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 1
Logan Yuen

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

Ruby Sakoda Nakahara Scholarship
Keira Liew

Willis and Roberta Tassie Merit Scholarship
Alex Fujimoto
Sasha Moritomo
Sophia Tung

Endurance Merit Scholarship
Sarah Byrer
Keira Chang
Kaitlyn Legawa
Reese Lueder
Noah Pfeiffer
May Shiraishi

PTF High Achievement Award
Sarah Byrer
Keira Chang
Elvy Chun
Alex Fujimoto
Elias Kwak
Kaitlyn Legawa
Keira Liew
Sasha Moritomo
Noah Pfeiffer

National Honor Society Inductees
Bethany Hofacker
Jovie Kawaguchi
Kayla Kaya
Elias Kwak
Benjamin (Ben) Menks
Stephanie Shoho

Japanese National Honor Society Inductees
Sarah Byrer
Keira Chang
Camille Choy
Aaron Corpuz
Sachiko Doi
Max Guo
Kaycie Hayashi
Kaydi Kaapana
Jovie Kawaguchi
Kayla Kaya
Leone Kwak
Keira Liew
Mary Matsukura
Benjamin (Ben) Menks
Ella Minami
Shiloh Mitsui
Sasha Moritomo
Kace Okinaka
Tamsey Owen
Stephanie Shoho
Tiffany Shoho
Kelsie Takeuchi
Kayla Teruya
Emily Tomasso
Ronin Viloria
Taichi Wong

GRADE 9

Bible

Excellence in New Testament
Luke Maas
Sarah Menks

English

Outstanding English 9 Student
Anri Seminara
Demi Chae


Outstanding 10th graders (L–R) Ella Minami, Blair LaBarre, Olivia Custer, and Reese Lueder.

High School Awards CONTINUED FROM PAGE 24

Math

Outstanding Student in Geometry
Jack Okazaki
Demi Chae

Outstanding Student in Computer Science 1 & 2
Devyn Ames

HBA Mathematics Team Top Scoring 9th Grader
Kole Hashimoto
Jack Okazaki

PE/Health

Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health
Riley Mack
Isaac Cai

Science

Outstanding Student in Biology
Demi Chae
Anri Seminara

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in Ancient World History 9
Misha Douglas
Luke Maas

Outstanding Student in Government 9
Benjamin Fujita
Destiny Vong

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Student in Concert Band 1
Nyla Shae Kurihara

Outstanding Artist in Basic Art
Emma Lee
Sophie Tran

Outstanding Artist in Basic Painting
Zoey Cheung
Pressly Reign Stevenson

Outstanding Filmmaker in Intro to Filmmaking
Misha Douglas

Outstanding Filmmaker in Advanced Filmmaking
Mason Simmons

Scholastic Gold Key Award
Aila Krekel

Scholastic Silver Key
Emma Lee

Scholastic Honorable Mention Award
Kai Nakanishi

World Languages

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 1
Amy Siu

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 1
Katana Viloria
Zoey Cheung

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 1
Nakia Uch

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

Willis and Roberta Tassie Merit Scholarship
Tobi Tengan

Endurance Merit Scholarship
Sophie Brassfield
Demi Chae
Mei Thomas

PTF Service Award—Grade 9
Demi Chae
Kaila Farmer

National Honor Society Inductees
Sophie Brassfield
Demi Chae
Kaila Farmer
Sarah Menks
Jack Okazaki
Amy Siu
Tobi Tengan
Mei Thomas
Nakia Uch
Destiny Vong

Middle School Awards

GRADE 8

Bible

Excellence in Bible 8
Alyssa Wong
Bryce Enomoto

English

Outstanding English 8 Student
Lydia Miyashiro
Kala Tsugawa

Math

Outstanding Student in Algebra 1
Elizabeth Lum
Titus He

MATHCOUNTS Honolulu Chapter Team
Brandon Quan (Hawaii State Qualifier)
Elizabeth Lum (Hawaii State Honorable Mention)
Titus He
Channer Lo
Kysen Morikawa
Bryce Enomoto

PE/Health

Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health
Alyssa Wong
Bryce Enomoto

Science

Outstanding Student in Earth Science 8
Elizabeth Lum
Brandon Quan

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in American History 8
Kala Tsugawa
Elizabeth Lum

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Student in Fine Arts 8
Paige Arasaki
Bryce Enomoto

Outstanding Student in Middle School Band
Kai Matsuoka
Ethan Yasui

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Art Basics B Mixed Media
Kylie WuChang
Evie Watkins

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Painting Basics
Miharu Fong
Channer Lo

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Drawing
Zoey Schlais

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Cartooning
Abby Anderson

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

Endurance Merit Scholarship
Blaize Agena
Abigail Anderson
Kaila Brownfield
Bryce Enomoto
David Okawara
Brandon Quan
Kaylin Yuen

Soaring Eagle (Overall Excellence in Middle School)
Cassia Lee

PTF Service Award—Grade 8
Kysen Morikawa
Alyssa Wong

GRADE 7

Bible

Excellence in Bible 7
Emma Crawford
Kellan Onaga

English

Outstanding English 7 Reader
Grace Koki

Outstanding English 7 Writer
Travis Tonouchi

Math

Outstanding Student in Math 7
Kainoa Hale
Andrew Sasaki

MATHCOUNTS Honolulu Chapter Team
Jian Choo
Andrew Sasaki

Middle School Awards CONTINUED FROM PAGE 25

PE/Health

Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health
Zoey Gibo
Nadia Reynolds

Science

Outstanding Achievement in Science 7
Andrew Sasaki
Tristan Ogi

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in Geography
Travis Tonouchi
Jensen Wong

Visual & Performing Arts

Outstanding Student in Fine Arts 7
Bryce Chu
Zoey Gibo

Outstanding Student in Middle School Beginning Band
Tristan Ogi

Outstanding Student in Middle School Drama (Fall)
Evelyn Lui

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Drawing
Hartlyn Taniguchi

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Sculpture
Lauren Dragavon
Lincoln Mendes

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Cartooning
Aurie Okuna

Outstanding Middle School Filmmaker
Ava Choy

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

Willis and Roberta Tassie Merit Scholarship
Ella Hu
Kaylee Liang
Titus Tsui
Christian Yang

Endurance Merit Scholarship
Mailani Dzao
Kyle Hashimoto
Ethan Lee
Tristan Ogi
Madeleine Robinson

PTF Service Award—Grade 7
Sophia Honzaki
Andrew Sasaki

Elementary School Awards

Scholarships & Other Recognitions

Willis and Roberta Tassie Merit Scholarship
Bliss Tengan (Grade 6)
Henry Wynes (Grade 6)
Juliette Brownfield (Grade 5)
Noelle Brownfield (Grade 5)
Suvi Hanson (Grade 5)
Hannah Okawara (Grade 4)
Amber Veomett (Grade 4)
Giselle Yan (Grade 4)
Mavis Ganiron (Grade 3)

Endurance Merit Scholarship
Kate Mak (Grade 6)
Kaelyn Tabata (Grade 6)
Theodore Whitaker (Grade 6)
Lila Grace Gosiaco (Grade 5)
Hannah Scanlon (Grade 5)
Meleana Dial (Grade 4)
Starlit Takehara (Grade 4)
Arthur James Whitaker (Grade 2)


Grade 6 scholarship recipients (L–R) Kate Mak, Henry Wynes, Theodore Whitaker, Bliss Tengan, and Kaelyn Tabata.

HBA Students Feted at Annual Varsity Athletic Awards Banquet



The Varsity Athletic Awards Banquet was held May 23 at the Generations Ballroom at the Japanese Cultural Center.

A crowd of about 310 students, coaches, parents and guests gathered at the annual event that recognizes all of the HBA students who participated in varsity sports during the past school year for HBA, PacFive or other combination teams.

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 four teams were honored for winning their respective ILH Division 2 Championships. These were girls tennis, girls basketball, boys bowling and Pac-Five softball.

Three teams won HHSAA Division 2 State Championships this year; girls basketball, Pac-Five girls soccer and Pac-Five softball. HBA's boys volleyball team qualified for their first ever Division 1 State Championship tourney and won three matches to finish in fifth place. Pac-Five baseball likewise qualified for their first Division 1 State Championship tourney and finished as the State Runner-Up.

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).

In all, over 120 students were presented with certificates, letters, pins and team awards.

2026 Varsity Athletic Awards

PAC-FIVE AWARD WINNERS
- Kamalei Canionero—ILH Shooter of the Year (air riflery)
- Vanessa He (canoe paddling)
- Jaxson Cadiz & Colton Gallano (baseball)
- Jaxson Cadiz (soccer)
- Joelle Lum (judo)
- Kate Iida (softball)

SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS

Eagle Awards (3 varsity sports)
- Kyson Oumi (cross country, soccer, track & field, surfing)
- Kate Iida (volleyball, basketball, softball)
- Lauren Okuda (bowling, basketball, flag football, surfing)
- Miah Nakamura (bowling, canoe paddling, flag football)
- Kylie Ancheta (volleyball, canoe paddling, surfing)
- Stella Leong (cross country, soccer, track & field)
- Kaycie Hayashi (cross country, soccer, track & field)

Ken & Rosemond Street Sportsmanship Awards
- Male—Prescott Yamanaka (track & field)
- Female—Joelle Lum (judo)

Athletes of the Year
- Male
  - Tanner Hankey (basketball, volleyball)
  - Jaxson Cadiz (soccer, baseball)
- Female
  - Lauren Okuda (bowling, basketball, flag football, surfing)
  - Kate Iida (volleyball, basketball, softball)

Robert Fulford Scholar Athlete Awards (Top cumulative GPA. Each winner presented with a scholarship of $3,000)
- Male—Cade Matsumoto (cross country, surfing)
- Female—Vanessa He (canoe paddling)

The 25th Annual HBA Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament

The 25th Annual HBA Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament was held June 22 at the Pearl at Kalauao Golf Course in ʻAiea.

120 golfers were treated to a day of wonderful weather and clean course conditions. A record 41 participants were HBA alumni. The event was the first of several events during the annual HBA Alumni Week.

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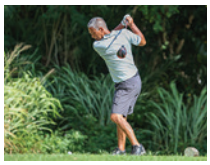
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5 Quentin Macheda, Scott Meichtry, Evelyn Hata
6 Micah Kosasa, Roque Pun, Stephen Sueda
7 Jensen Park, Connor Lopes, Nicole Lopes
8 Jordan Tottori, Isaac Hayashi, Karin Carido
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10 Dominic Dugo, Paul Naso, Tammy Texeira















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2026 ALUMNI WEEK **OPEN**





June 25, 2026

Alumni Legacy Dinner

MORE THAN 30 ALUMNI LEGACY FAMILIES GATHERED on June 25 for the annual Alumni Legacy Dinner, a special evening celebrating the generations of Eagles who have made Hawai'i Baptist Academy part of their family's story.

As HBA concludes its 76th year, the event recognized the lasting impact of an HBA education and the more than 350 multi-generational families that make up our HBA 'ohana. Guests included alumni from some of HBA's earliest graduating classes alongside current students, highlighting a legacy that now spans three generations for many families.

The evening also celebrated the 11 Legacy Seniors from the Class of 2026 and honored alumni who continue to live out their faith, lead with courage, and make a difference in their communities. It was a meaningful celebration of the enduring legacy of Hawai'i Baptist Academy and the families who continue to carry it forward.











Alumni Week


























Johnny Suite



June 27, 2026

Alumni Hoʻolauleʻa


President Ron Shiira ’75

FROM RECENT GRADUATES TO ALUMNI CELEBRATING MILESTONE REUNIONS, generations of Eagles returned to campus for the 2026 Alumni Hoʻolauleʻa. The annual gathering highlighted the enduring connections of the HBA community and showcased the many ways alumni continue to serve, create, and lead long after graduation.

Guests enjoyed food from Alicia’s Market, Aloha Creamery, and Aloha Cones, entertainment by DJ Tom Slick, and live music from Johnny Suite. A highlight of the evening was the Alumni Pop-Up Marketplace, featuring 14 businesses and organizations led by HBA alumni and their families, while Harvest Family Life Hawaiʻi, led by Brad ’86 and Esther ’86 McDaniel, was recognized as this year’s featured alumni nonprofit by the HBA Alumni Association.

The event also celebrated the friendly competition of the Alumni Class Challenge, with the Classes of 1980, 1982, 1978, 2001, and 1954 earning top honors for their participation and support. Hoʻolauleʻa served as a reminder that while Eagles may leave campus, HBA will always be a place they can call home.



Harvest Family Life Hawaiʻi recognized as alumni nonprofit of the year




Susan Utsugi ’82




Members of the Class of 1986 with Ronald and Clarice Kumura, parents of their late classmate, Travis’86, and Aaron ’89.



HBAAA's contribution to the HBA Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment Fund

ALUMNI CHALLENGE RESULTS

PLACE	CLASS	AMOUNT
1st	1980	$88,500
2nd	1982	$61,250
3rd	1978	$15,050
4th	2001	$14,772
5th	1954	$10,181

49 out of 72 classes have given



Every Day Better Hawai'i



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Alicia's Market


Aloha Creamery


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Choco le'a



Mana 'Ohana

HO'OLAULE'A 2026 ALUMNI POP-UP VENDORS

Bairy Sweet Treats
Cara Bair '06

Mana 'Ohana Boutique
Jerrica Cremer '05

Something Fishy Co.
POC: Ashlee Cole '23

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Lilacs and Baubles
Cindi Murakami (Shaun '95)

Glimmer Hawai'i
Valerie Coryell '88

808 Sweet Sentiments
Cheri Takeshita '90

Featured Alumni Non-Profit

Simply Sparkle Designs
Tracie Isara '98

Every Day Better Hawai'i
Eric Yamashita '84

Hulali Glass
Tani Takushi '18

Choco le'a
Erin Uehara (Chris '02)

Bionic 808 Shop
Chloe Yamamoto '25

Charm School Hawai'i
Kelli Rakta-Ueoka '99

3T Acupuncture & Wellness
Cherie Martyn '91

Harvest Family Life Hawai'i
Brad '86 & Esther '86 McDaniel

Food Vendors

Alicia's Market
Kam 'Ohana (Chris '04, Brad '08, And Alex '19 Kam)

Aloha Creamery
Justin Matsukawa '05

Aloha Cones
In memory of founder, Aaron Kumura '89



Chloe Yamamoto '25, founder of Bionic 808 Shop


Aloha Cones (sushi and poke bowls)

Alumni Spotlights

From business and ministry to entrepreneurship and the arts, HBA alumni are making a difference across the globe. Featured during Alumni Celebration 2026, these five stories are a reminder that the HBA experience extends far beyond graduation and continues to inspire generations of Eagles to soar.



Susan (Miyamoto) Utsugi '82

Group Senior Vice President & Division Manager of Business Banking, Central Pacific Bank

Susan Utsugi '82 has spent more than 35 years in banking, including the past 24 years at Central Pacific Bank, where she leads Business Banking. A passionate advocate for small businesses, she has received numerous honors for her leadership and community impact. Susan and her husband, Jim, are proud parents of Noel '12 and Sara '15.



Chris '02 **and Erin Uehara**

Founders, Choco le'a

Chris '02 and Erin Uehara are the founders of Choco le'a, an award-winning gourmet chocolate company built on faith, family, and community. Since launching the business in 2012, they have inspired others through their mission to bring peace to the world, one chocolate at a time, while raising their two children, including Aubrey, an incoming HBA sixth grader.



Dee (Palmer) Cook '75

CEO, Indigenous Ministries International

Dee Cook '75 serves as CEO of Indigenous Ministries International, a global organization she co-founded with her late husband, John. Through refugee outreach, humanitarian aid, education, and church planting, the ministry continues to share the Gospel and transform lives across India, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia.



Leiton Chinn '62

International Student Ministry Mobilizer

For nearly 50 years, Leiton Chinn '62 has helped churches and ministries reach international students with the Gospel. Inspired by his time at HBA and the faithful investment of his teachers, Leiton has dedicated his life to equipping believers to minister to future leaders from around the world.



Akemi Santiago '18

Session Manicurist

Akemi Santiago '18 is a Los Angeles-based session manicurist whose work spans editorial, runway, and red-carpet projects around the globe. Her artistry has been featured in publications including Vogue, People, and Essence, and her clientele includes celebrities, musicians, and industry leaders across entertainment and fashion.

Class Reunions



CLASS OF 1976

50th Reunion, Maui Brewing Co., June 26, 2026

Front Row: Ernest Miyamasu (Associate), Chester Chong (Associate), Norris Uehara, Edward Thompson, Robert Sproule, Jerry Okimoto, Chris Yamada, Jon Groves, Wendell Jung (Associate). **Back Row:** Carole (Torgerson) Pollard, Lorene (Osumi) Maki, Melynda (Moyes) Brant (Associate), Francie (Sayre) Eichelberger, Janet (Weaks) Ihne, Lynne (Miyasato) Nakamura, Allison (Takara) Arakawa, Janice Yoder

CLASS OF 1981

45th Reunion, Natsunoya Tea House, July 10, 2026



RIGHT—Front Row (L–R): Cheryl (Furusho) Yoshioka, Lisa (Leder) DePonte, Jamie (Yamashiro) Almarez, Tin Shing Chao, Keri (Sumida) Kobayashi, Cheryl Takaki, Ruby (Hidano) Fukuji, Lauzanne (Fung) Oshiro. **Back Row (L–R):** Myles Horiuchi, Kurt Nishiguchi, Paul Yoder, Megan (Howarth) Billinger, Mark Dangler, Jon Hosaka, Kris Uyehara.



CLASS OF 1986

40th Reunion, Side Street Inn, June 28, 2026

LOWER LEFT—Seated (L–R): Kevin Arakaki, Brian Infante, Dennis Galolo, Josh Hekekia, Yvonne (Lau) Kanoholani, Becky Schroeder, Glenn Oyer, Deren Oshiro. **Standing (L–R):** Melissa Young, Cynthia (Chong) Yoshida, Kim Nakashima, Ryan Higashi, Michelle (McCallum) Granson, Cathy (Okuhara) Yamane, Lex Tam Ho, Lisa (Hirahara) Mitchell, Merritt Hinton, Steph (Tanoue) Tsumoto, Kelly (Sakamoto) Ichimura, Laura (Ikeda) Widmer, Julene Brenner, Renaye (Yokoyama) Oyer, Eric Kaneda, Esther "Raff" (Quilit) McDaniel, Chuck Joy, Dayna (Yanagida) Teruya, Maya (Fujii) Harada.

Missing: Julie (Yonamine) Schell and Bruce Teruya.

Mahalo to Our Retiring Faculty

AFTER FAITHFULLY SERVING Hawai'i Baptist Academy for a combined 179 years, we celebrate and honor six beloved faculty members whose dedication has impacted generations of students and families. Thank you, Dayna Nakamura, Arlene Huster, Jeri Rawlings, Cheryl Higa, Karen Iseri, and Garrett Omoto '79, for your faithful service, lasting legacy, and commitment to the HBA mission.

Scan the QR code to watch their appreciation video and hear more about the incredible impact they have made throughout their years at HBA.



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Campaign for Transformation Update

The Campaign for Transformation continues to shape the future of Hawai'i Baptist Academy.

The Hugh & Mary McCormick Innovation and Discovery Center has earned both a 2026 ALA/IIDA Library Interior Design Award and the 2026 AIA Honolulu DesignAward of Excellence in the Institutional Category as well as the Hawai'i Energy Award for Excellence in Energy Efficiency Design. Mahalo to G70, HBA's architecture partner.

With the completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2, HBA now looks ahead to the opening of Phase 3, The Aviary, in Fall 2026.

Hugh & Mary McCormick Innovation and Discovery Center



Rooftop Deck



The Aviary