



KA NUHOU NO NA MAKUA

A PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

December 2012

Message from the Principal

Aloha Warrior Community,

The first semester has drawn to a close and the holiday season is upon us. I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the entire WHS faculty and staff for your hard work and dedication to Waiakea High School. It is through all of your efforts that help our students become great.

As we look forward to 2013, there are many exciting events on the horizon; culminating in graduation at the end of the school year. As you set goals for the New Year, always strive for the best, and realize that you are an important part of sustaining Waiakea High School's commitment to greatness.

I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a well deserved break.

Sincerely,
Kelcy Koga



**Wishing you a safe
and wonderful
holiday season!
From the staff
and faculty of
Waiakea High School**

Message from the Registrar

Course Registration for 2013-2014 School Year

Course Registration for next school year is scheduled for December 7, 2012 – January 14, 2013. Each student will receive a registration packet from his/her Period 2 teacher. Registration packets for students without a Period 2 class are available for pick-up in the Registrar's Office. Parents and students are reminded to review the course offerings and suggested course sequences for specific academic programs. A Graduation Requirement Planning Sheet (goldenrod) is enclosed in the catalog packet to chart student's academic progress. The color-coded registration form is to be completed with teacher and parent signature and turned in to the Period 2 teacher on Monday, January 14, 2013.

Current 9th grade WHS students must select one of the following academies: Business, Engineering, Science and Technology (BEST) Academy; Health Services Academy (HSA); Public Services Academy (PSA); or Sustainability through Traditions, Arts and Recreation (STAR) Academy. Please refer to catalog pages 13-19 for complete academy descriptions.

After Hours Registration Counseling Service is available for students and parents Jan 7- Jan 11 (2 - 5:30 PM) in the school library. Please stop by to have one of our staff members assist you in planning your high school coursework.

Students who fail to register by the deadline will be programmed by their counselor and forfeit their right to program changes.

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:

SENIORS: Please pay close attention to deadlines for your college/university or scholarship applications which require official transcripts. During the Winter Break, the Registrar's office will be open during the following days and times only:

Dec 21 8 AM – 12 noon
Dec 28 8 AM – 12 noon
Jan 2 8 AM – 12 noon

STUDENT TRANSFERS: Any student NOT returning for semester 2 must have his/her parent or legal guardian come in to the Registrar's office in A202 to sign the school release form (preferably BEFORE Dec. 14, 2012). If your notification is after the 14th, please allow 1 week to prepare the release packet.

Makahiki Games Festival 2012

Complex-wide Interdisciplinary performance –based Project

The Makahiki season was a time to come together in lōkahi (unity) to pū'ai (share) and ho'omaika'i (celebrate) the many pilina (relationships). It took laulima (teamwork) to mālama (care for) each other and is the kuleana (responsibility) of everyone to participate or watch the games. The Makahiki Games were created to build relationships. On Friday, November 30, the students of Waiakea High played host to both Hilo and Waiākea Intermediate students as they participated in the 2012 Makahiki Games. Over 400 students interacted through the teaching and learning of ancient Hawaiian games that included 'ulu maika, haka moa, ku kini, lei ki, moa pahe'e, and kāpala kī. The Waiākea High Hawaiian language students under the direction of kumu **Kāwika Urakami** were able to plan, practice, and execute a memorable experience for the younger generation in the Hawaiian style of 'ohana men-



torship and learning. In addition to athletic games, students could also choose to create tribal designs and print with 'ohe kāpala. As a global action project, PAAC Global Studies after-school class students, under the direction of Kumu Andy Frias, also took the opportunity to educate students about aquaponics as well as how we impact our Waiākea ahupua'a natural resources. These kinds of activities and learning experiences will hopefully increase in the coming years as more young people strive to make sure our ahupua'a communities continue to thrive. Mahalo to all teachers who continue to nurture this culturally appropriate healthy lifestyle; **Jodie Urakami, Tyson Tomono, Rachelle Tamiya, Chase DeSa, Tamaru Brilhante, Randi Hayashida, Jason Saturno, and Yvonne Torres** from Hilo Intermediate, as well as **Leonard Ramboyan, Candace Paul, Lia Pe'a, Chad Lawson** and **Ryan Moreau** from Waiākea Intermediate.

WAIAKEA HIGH ROBOTICS

Waiakea High school just competed in the 21st annual International Micro Robot Contest in Nagoya Japan for the schools sixth time. This year over 130 robots from six countries (Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan and the United States) vied for victory in seven categories including one cubic centimeter speed race and hill climb, one cubic inch autonomous and remote control, bipedal robot performance and timed challenge and multi-legged robot challenge. Having already won the contest in several categories over the years, in spite of the almost all-University comprised field, Waiakea High had its best showing in the just completed contest held at Nagoya University from November 3-4. The results were:

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| Wataru Hayashi | 2nd place Cubic Centimeter robot |
| Kaci Olive | 3rd place Cubic Centimeter robot |
| Akil Marshall / Hajime | 1st place Cubic Inch autonomous robot |
| Nick Winters/ Kain Yogi | 2nd place Cubic Inch autonomous robot |
| Nick Winters / Kain Yogi | 1st place Cubic Inch remote control robot |
| Akil Marshall / Hajime Hayano | 3rd place Cubic Inch remote control robot |

The other three Waiakea teams finished 5th, 6th and ninth out of a field of 25

Nick Winters / Hajime Hayano / Kaci Olive - "Best Performance" Bipedal Performing robot

Deion Cua - "Best Design" Bipedal Performing robot

Besides Micro Robots, We spent one day at Jiyu Gakuen High School in Tokyo where we ran a "Brushbot" workshop after school for a turn away crowd of over 50 students. We were also able to show our micro robots and do our robot performances for them. They badly want us to come back next year to do more workshops.

Besides the above activities, six students: Juniors **Hajime Hayano, Reyn Mukai** and **Abe Sylvester** along with Seniors **Akil Marshall, Deion Cua** and **Kain Yogi** also represented the United States as 1 of 19 countries (Iran, Russia, Singapore, Korea, Thailand, United Kingdom, UAE, Kenya and more) in the 10th annual Ritsumeikan Super Science Fair. They presented their project titled "Ground Truthing on a Hawaiian Volcano" in front of a panel of judges and in a poster exhibition. They also performed a cultural presentation where they filled the stage with dancing students during their rendition of "Surfin' Bird". They spent the week doing science activities with students from all over the world and discovered how much we all have in common. The goal of this program is to create global leaders in Science. These six young men represented Waiakea High, Hawaii and the United States so very well.

BUSINESS COURSES

Be Prepared For Your Future!



- Learn these Skills for Success in Business:**
- **Job-Search Process**
 - **Personal Finance**
 - **Communication**
 - **Teamwork**
 - **Time Management and More!**

BUSINESS COURSES OPEN TO ALL!

Recommended for ALL STUDENTS at Waiakea High

KEYBOARDING 1 (TGG1200) / INTRO TO BUSINESS COMPUTER APPS (TGG1202) FOR ALL CAREER PATHS! Excellent course that will benefit you throughout high school, college, and your career!

OR

KEYBOARDING 2 (TGG1201) AND/OR BUSINESS COMPUTER APPS (TGG1203)

Recommended for Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

WORK-BASED LEARNING: EMPLOYMENT TRAINING (TGG1500): Learn the Job Search Process! Resume writing, job applications, interviewing skills/attire, cover letters, follow-up calls and more will be introduced in this EXCITING class!

FINANCE (TBU3310): Learn how to budget your own money, pay taxes, purchase stocks and other investments, and make large purchases (house/car).

Congratulations to Jamie Nekoba.

Thank you for the many years of hard work, dedication and excellent service you have provided here at Waiakea High. You exemplify the true meaning of a Warrior. We wish you well!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Attendance Concerns

Does supplying a doctor's note for an absence automatically excuse it? Believe it or not, it doesn't. If you don't know what type of absences are considered excused, please refer to the attendance policy in the student handbook given to students at the beginning of the year, or on the school website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Attendance Coordinator, **Lori Kiyonaga**, at 974-4888 ext. 233.



The cafeteria no longer accepts checks for lunch deposits. Cash and money orders only.

Early release of students:

Note signed by parent. Include telephone number for verification. Note should be presented to the office before school starts or during recess.

Deliveries:

Waiakea High School will not accept any deliveries of flowers, balloons, stuffed animals, food, etc. to students.

Messages to students:

Messages to students should be by parent/guardian and for emergency purposes only. Afterschool arrangements and reminders for appointments should be done prior to coming to school. Students are **NOT** allowed to leave campus for lunch.

From Waiakea High School Office:

Office Hours:

7:00 am - 4:30 pm
(School Days only)



7:30 am - 4:30 pm
(Vacations, Intercessions, Breaks)

Dates to Remember

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| December 14 | last day of school for 2 nd semester |
| December 18 | Winterball, 6:30pm-10:00pm, WHS gym, doors close at 7:00pm |
| Dec 17- Jan 1 | NO SCHOOL Winter Break |
| January 2 | NO SCHOOL Teacher DLWOP |
| January 3 | Students return to school |
| January 7-11 | After hours registration counseling, 2:00- 5:30pm, school library |
| January 21 | NO SCHOOL Holiday-Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| February 18 | NO SCHOOL Holiday- Presidents Day |