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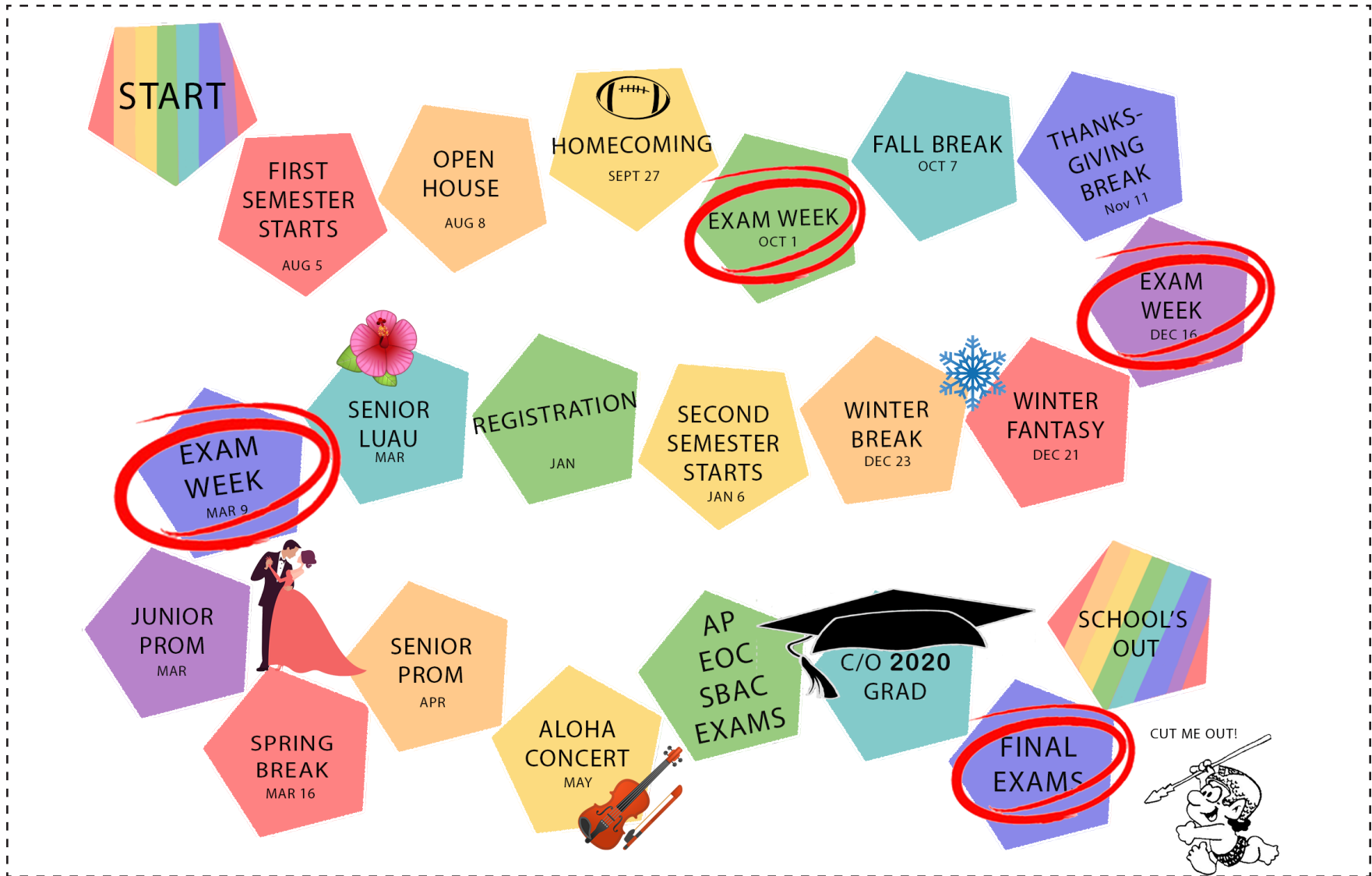


# UP, UP & AWAY!

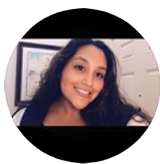
Seniors (from left to right) Samantha Chang, Kam Yan Wong, Carol Wong & Amy Giang took time out of their summer to paint parts of the banner, in preparation for this year's Homecoming week, with the theme "Up, Up & Away".



# LET'S HEAD DOWN THE MENE-TOWN ROAD



## “WHAT CLASS ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MOST THIS YEAR?”



@ox.viv.xo  
 “Weight training, because Coach Pete is the best and weight training is fun!”



@disdannyj  
 “Film and culinary because film is fun and I love food”



@kaylinrielle  
 “I’m looking forward to dance because I’ve wanted to take it since freshman year”



@aimee.toyama  
 “Art and graphics, I can build my portfolio for college”



@haileymedlock  
 “Marketing! Cause that’s what I want to major in!”



@sc\_hazel  
 “Creative Writing!! We STAN Ms. Chavez!”



# FIND YOUR CLUB

VISIT OUR WEBSITE, [NAHOKUNEWS.COM](http://NAHOKUNEWS.COM), FOR THE FULL LIST OF CLUBS!

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Clubs can be an amazing way to benefit your future by improving your extracurricular activity record and giving your college applications that extra boost. The first acclaimed high school club was made at Sacramento high school in 1925, this started an increase of extracurricular activities to be created at different schools across the United States. You will get to meet new people, while learning new skills you will potentially use for resumes, jobs, or the rest of your life.

Whether it's a well known club like HOSA or a ethnic club like Chinese Club, Moanalua offers over 20 potential clubs to choose from.

If you are interested in the health and science field, HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) may be a good choice to jumpstart your knowledge and love of the medical field and helping those in need. HOSA promotes getting a career in the healthcare industry.

FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) is another good option if you are interested in family and consumer science. You participate in community service projects and prepare to compete in nationwide events.

If your focus is on business, then DECA (Distributive Education Club of America) may be the association for you. DECA encourages building business and leadership skills by having members participate in conferences and competitions.

If there's no specific interest that catches your eyes, LEO Club (Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity) will get together to build leadership qualities. In LEO club, students participate in social activities that are centered around service projects.

Another club that is lesser known is the fashion club, created in 2018 a relatively new club made for art expression and representation of the different styles and cultures of the school. This club teaches the different genres of art and fashion and the many ways to create different styles of clothes with sewing and creative platforms.

Those are just a few of the many clubs that are offered at Moanalua. Take note of the clubs that interest you, and keep informed of the meeting dates on the morning bulletin. Throughout the month of August attend interest meetings and find out what activities work for you. Enjoy finding your new family.



# CAMPUS SAFETY: IT'S ON US TO KEEP EYES PEELED

OPINION

NA HOKU STAFF

The beginning of a school year always opens with promise: the promise of good grades, good friends, and good memories. No one thinks about violence.

By violence, the Centers for Disease Control lists as examples bullying, fighting, cyberbullying, and gang activity, in addition to weapon use. The CDC said that more than 8 percent of students have witnessed violence on their campuses, and more than 7 percent skipped school to avoid it. The level of school violence across the nation is a persistent problem that stu-

dents, parents and school staff have yet to solve. The "smaller" acts of violence are more prevalent, while the more extreme ones, including school shootings, are less so. Still, any act of violence negatively impacts the feeling of security students deserve to enjoy while at school.

Moanalua High School--actually all of Hawaii--has been fortunate in that the images in the news of students evacuating campus with their hands in the air while police teams rush inside with assault weapons have not made it to these shores.

Those instances are tragic. But again, not all disruptions on a school campus need

to be that extreme in order to be disruptive and dangerous. A disagreement between students, an idea for a prank, or a plan to disrupt a school event can easily escalate into a situation where innocent people get hurt.

Moanalua has nearly 2,000 students. It has about 200 faculty, staff and administrators. At a ten-to-one ratio, that's not a lot of adult eyes per student. That's where you come in.

If you know of any possible situation that might threaten the school in any way, tell an adult on campus.

Moanalua High School Principal Robin Martin said the administration has followed

up on possible dangers in the past and has averted conflict, as well as dismissed threats that were not true. The school works with state, county, and--if necessary--federal agencies to ensure student safety. It's better to be extra cautious than filled with regret. If you have information but are uncomfortable talking to an adult, call Student CrimeStoppers at 955-8300.

So again, if you know something, tell someone at the school. Not your parents at home, not your neighbor down the street.

It's not snitching. It's protecting. All of us.

# ALA ILIMA CROSSWALK REMOVED

NA HOKU STAFF

It was there, and then it wasn't. With a swish of black paint, the crosswalk at Ala Napunani and Ala Ilima streets is no more. Students driving and walking to school this year now need to cross at the traffic light at Salt Lake Boulevard or further down the road at the Likini Street roundabout.

"The Moanalua School Community Council had been advocating to eliminate the crosswalk at (that) intersection for the safety of our students," SCC Chair Byron Nagasako said.

Nagasako said the city studied the traffic patterns for two years before the Honolulu Police Department's Traffic Division, the Salt Lake Neighborhood Board, and the city's Department of Transportation Services agreed that the crosswalk was a hazard to both drivers and pedestrians.

"We hope it will provide improved safety for the students now that they have to use crosswalks where the traffic is forced to go slower," Moanalua High School Principal Robin Martin said.

Martin said it might also help with traffic flow in the student parking lot, especially

No means no: The city removed the crosswalk at Ala Ilima and Ala Napunani streets in June to enhance student safety and improve traffic flow, especially during peak school hours.

after school, when many students exit at the same time. "Personally, I'm kind of upset about it because I live on the street that the crosswalk was on," junior Vivian Hui said. "So for it to be removed it's kind of a big pain. . .since I have to take a couple extra minutes to walk down to the roundabout to cross the street or go to the other side."

Senior Renee Yano said the removal of the crosswalk will likely "make it more complicated for [her] to ride her bike



Na Hoku photo home from school" because she used the old crosswalk to get into the correct bicycle lane. With cars driving fast down the hill, and through the roundabout, the crosswalk "served as a buffer around the intersection," she said.



# NEW TEACHERS JOIN FACULTY



The Mene Stars Universe just got brighter. Moanalua High School welcomed 16 new teachers during a two-day orientation in late July. Bottom row from left: Jenny Lundahl (ELL), Debbie Cox (ELL), Lisa Oka (Counseling), and Taryn Tongg (Counseling). Middle row: Patricia Soeda (Japanese), Dana Brue (Science), Layla Rippey (Special Education), Jennifer Dellinger (Science), Avenue Tsukayama (Social Studies), and Laura Ambrosechio (Language Arts student teacher). Top row: Yatska Henning (ELL and World Language), Eric Bentkowski (Social Studies), Adam Kalma (Language Arts), Ellie Stineman (Math), Chris Blanchard (Special Education), and Michele San George (Science).

Lyrh Panarigan photo

The Student Association officers organize school-wide events such as Homecoming, School Spirit Week and the Winter Fantasy. There are also committees students may join. See Student Activities Coordinator Sherwin Pang in the SA office next to the College and Career Center to get involved. The officers were inducted at the Awards Assembly in May. Top row left to right: Vice President Dwight Joo, President Suzanne Tran, Treasurer Brandon Mendoza, Hawaii State Student Council Representative Jack Schwab. Bottom row: School Community Council Representative Kane Ruiz, School Community Council Representative Kristen Yamate, Recording Secretary Kayla Gurtiza, Clerk Christopher Pham, and Recording Secretary Vivian Hui.



Na Hoku photo

# FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE

## HUNGRY?



GET LUNCH IN THE CAFETERIA OR COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER



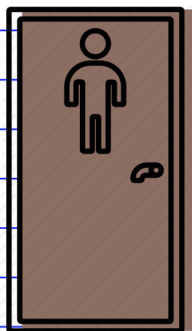
GRAB A SNACK AFTERSCHOOL! MENEMART IN ROOM G303

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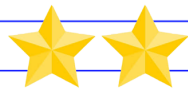


USE YOUR SCHOOL I.D TO GET LUNCH IN THE CAFE, BORROW BOOKS, USE THE COMPUTERS & PRINT ASSIGNMENTS IN THE LIBRARY!

## BUSIEST RESTROOMS [RANKED]



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M BUILDING



GYM

(TRY TO USE THE RESTROOM DURING BREAK OR LUNCH!)



PURCHASE A LOCKER AND STORE EXTRA SCHOOL NEEDS!



BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO KEEP HYDRATED!

**DECLASSIFIED**



# I DREAMED, DARED & DID.

A WEEK STACKED OF LIFE-LONG LESSONS & MEMORIES, ALL IN THE HEART OF AMERICA'S CAPITOL.

BY LYRAH PANARIGAN  
Editor in Chief

Al Neuharth, founder of the first nationwide newspaper, USA Today and the Freedom Forum Institute, was the champion of his own motto: Dream, Dare, and Do. Neuharth dreamed of a national paper that defied conventional journalism tactics, dared against the many critics who mocked his vision, and did a newspaper that forever changed the way America would receive its news.

I was given the opportunity to represent Hawai'i as a scholar in the Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference, an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C held in June. I was alongside fellow rising high school scholars from each state (including the District of Columbia) to gain insight from some of the most respected journalists in the field. It was a dream of mine that came true, a once-in-a-lifetime experience to learn more about a love of mine from others who were just as passionate - if not more.

In the heart of American Democracy, came the First Amendment that granted rights to freely express religion, speech, press, assembly and petition. The conference, sponsored by the Freedom Forum Institute, was centered around those five rights. Speaker after speaker, lecture after lecture constantly pressed and inscribed in 51 teenage minds the importance of journalism in upholding those rights for future generations. They dared us to be out of our comfort zone, to make connections with the people we met, to speak truth and to push for transparency, a mission that still needs to be accomplished in this day and age.



All those presentations and lectures have only equipped and made us ready to dig deep in the next feature, column or investigative story for our schools and in our future. Not only was I given the challenge in a journalistic sense, I was dared to make 50 new friends in one week. Not only did I connect through the common bonds of political parties, journalism styles or current event topics, I was able to connect with people from various backgrounds. It's rare to meet someone from every single U.S state, let alone be friends and know each individual personally.

▲ Pictured with Jan Neuharth, daughter of Al Neuharth, Panarigan received a medal from the Newseum and the Freedom Forum.

51 Representatives from each state (including D.C) smile at the steps of the U.S Capitol. ▶

Maria Byrk photos

One quote that stood out to me from that week was from Charles Haynes, founding director of the Religious Freedom Center. As he spoke passionately on the podium, discussing the importance of protecting religious rights, he uttered "Tomorrow is today, it is the fierce urgency of now". It rang to me the importance of urgency in not just journalism, but in my life as well. It gave me a newfound reason to concentrate on daily tasks and to tackle challenges head-on rather than saving it for a later day. This is my new, life-lasting task - to do.

In the future, I hope to one day be the journalist that the world needs, that reports with accuracy and good reason. But as for now, I can say that I dreamed, dared and did at the Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference.



*Be a part of this year's...*

*Homecoming  
Court*

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

August 7:

Applications available in SA Room

August 19:

Mandatory meeting for all applicants in SA Room

August 20:

Applications due

September 3:

Court Elections

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**Our mission** is to report news within Moanalua High School and the surrounding community as impartially as possible, while maintaining transparency and accountability as journalists. Being members of the media, we exercise our first amendment rights to free speech and a free press. Our core principles follow the society of professional journalists code of ethics, centering around seeking the truth, treating members of the school and community with respect, serving the school, and taking responsibility for our actions.

**As Na Hoku O Moanalua**, we pledge to truthfully document our school and community's history and highlight the achievements and excellence of our students, staff, and members of the community.