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## Hawaii Baptist Academy

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# A Message from the President



## Aloha Friends,

What a year it has been! I want to commend all of you for your perseverance and commitment to our school. It has been an unforgettable year for us all as we faced new challenges at home and in our educational environment.

The Class of 2021 is no exception. No one could have ever imagined that these seniors would experience such an unusual school year. There was no guarantee of athletics, final performances, and so many other milestones that students look forward to in their last year of high school. Despite the uncertainty, they rose above their circumstances and made the most of what they could. One way they did this was by honoring the memory of one of their classmates. During the school year, they designed a hoodie sweatshirt with every seniors name on it, including the name of a classmate who unexpectedly passed away before the start of freshman year. The students contacted his family and requested permission to include their classmate's name. Upon receiving the request, the father felt a tremendous sense of relief and hope because his son was not forgotten. The weight of his son's loss was lifted from his shoulders, and he was free! Both the father and mother agreed to have their son's name included on the sweatshirt. Overwhelmed with gratitude, they also created a special scholarship that will be awarded every year to one male and one female graduating senior.

It is moments like these that I cherish. This simple act of remembering led to healing and freedom, which reminded me of the importance of remembering and releasing. When I reflect on God's goodness and faithfulness in my life, it allows me to release my plans, cares and concerns to Him. This act of releasing causes me to pause and remember that in all areas of my life, I know that I perform for an audience of one. Jesus Christ is the only one for whom I perform because He alone is worthy of all praise and glory. I encourage you to take some time to reflect and remember that the foundation of your identity is in Christ. As the Bible tells us in 1 Peter 5:7, release your worries and anxieties to Him because He deeply cares for you, and that is how you will find true peace and freedom.

In this edition of *Soaring Eagle*, we celebrate the Class of 2021 and their accomplishments, as well as the achievements of our other talented and working students. I am amazed at the resiliency of our students who continue to dream big and achieve their goals, despite the challenges they've endured over this past school year. I also want to acknowledge our families and friends who have supported our students and teachers, whether it was with extra tutoring at home on the dining room table or prayers from afar. Your partnership, especially during this year, has been crucial to every child's academic success and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for being a part of HBA's story, and in doing so, a part of God's story.

Sincerely,

Ron Shiira '75  
PRESIDENT

Nathanael Aiu







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**On the front cover:** Catelyn and Nathan Jochim. **Cover photo and all Class of 2021 commencement** by Derrek Miyahara for Island Digital Imaging.

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(1) Grayson Becker, (2) L-R Johanna Seng and Len Silva, (3) Joy Maehara, (4) Jaden Aloy, (5) Noah Hanohano, (6) Adia Ainsworth, (7) Amy Vorderbruegge, elementary school principal, (8) Gavin and Tamryn Yamamoto, (9) Johnson Lin.



President Ron Shiira presents Sydney Senter with the H.P. and Mary McCormick Distinguished Founders Award.

**THE CLASS OF 2021** celebrated their achievements at HBA's 68th Commencement Ceremony on May 29 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu.

The valedictorian was **Johnson Lin**. Lin is the son of Jun and Silei Huang Lin. His sister, Jessie, is a graduate from the Class of 2018. This fall, he is attending Princeton University to study molecular biology. The salutatorian was **Dayna Okazaki**. Okazaki is the daughter of Lloyd and Karen Okazaki. Her brother, Brandon, is a graduate from the Class of 2019. She is attending the University of Washington to study biology.

Fifty-three students graduated with highest honors and 20 with honors. **Sydney Senter** was awarded the H.P. and Mary McCormick Distinguished Founders Award for consistently exemplifying Christian character during her years at HBA. Twenty-one students were recognized as Sons and Daughters of HBA, for attending the school since kindergarten. Another 21 students were also recognized as alumni Legacy Graduates.

**Senior advisors** Isaac Duncklee, Jennifer (Chang) Duncklee '00, Michael Hu, Jennifer (Marshall) Garriss '90, Garrett Omoto '79, Wing Taketa, Alexandra Taylor and Juri Yamashita delivered the commencement address.

Congratulations to all 125 members of the Class of 2021!

Salutatorian Dayna Okazaki with her parents Lloyd and Karen Okazaki





# Valedictory

The valedictory was delivered by **Johnson Lin**. Lin is the son of Jun Lin and Silei Huang. This fall, Lin will attend Princeton University.



I would first like to preface this speech by congratulating everyone on pushing through what seemed like an impossible school year. It definitely feels surreal to speak to a crowd in-person and not through my one-megapixel camera.

I think there's often a misconception surrounding valedictorians. Being the top student in my class does not automatically mean that I possess exceptional wisdom beyond my age and invaluable insight into a perfect student lifestyle. I'd actually like to argue that it's quite the opposite: there's much, much more to learn, academically or socially, than simply what a GPA number reflects. Especially during these complicated times when the most important values do not seem to focus solely on education, there are greater opportunities to focus on personal growth beyond the classroom.

For example, a lesson that we have all learned during the pandemic is the value of connection and camaraderie, feelings that bridge personal divides when social interactions nowadays are limited to boring Zoom meetings. As much as our class has lost in terms of in-person experiences, whether it be a grandiose senior trip or the small yet meaningful lunches on the twelve-seater cafeteria tables, it is not to say that we haven't encountered a fair share of self-improvement. This is demonstrated by the resilience and determination that has gotten everyone through an abnormal senior year; demonstrated by the sheer talent this class holds from the numerous varsity trophies to the intellectual aptitude each class member holds; demonstrated by the fact that there is a graduation ceremony in the first place.

“... if we are to work towards tolerance and respectful understanding between parties seemingly at war with one another, we must develop thoughtfulness, learn to listen to each other, and educate ourselves to grow social awareness. Those are the most powerful lessons we have learned in high school.”

Perhaps the greatest lesson we all experienced but never fully recognized is the relentlessness of time, an uneasy feeling that has always been present since freshman year and much more magnified when we grew distant from each other. I remember telling my friends that it would be exciting and welcoming to finally have online school for a week or two. Little did I know that it would extend for an entire year, and little did I know that my perception of time could be so distorted. This dreadfully confusing understanding of time is a byproduct of anxiety, stress, and emotional detachment that students across the world, including our class, struggled with; it's also a mental health discussion that hasn't been brought up too often. Combined with the college pressures, disheartening news coverage, and shifting social values, time is not just relentless: it's also quite bleak. And so, if there's anything that we learned through such challenging adversities, it's that we must learn to spend time taking care of ourselves and to cherish our friends even if it's through a computer screen.

And while we may reminisce and long for the days of high school, if we are to move forward from the small, Christian, high school bubble, and into a greater society, we must also remember to put ourselves in someone else's shoes, something that has been quite the challenge when we lack such meaningful in-person interactions. In an age when political divides dramatically antagonize the other party, and the feeling of separated identities have heightened beyond contrasting ideologies, it is difficult



for us to see eye-to-eye when division seems to strike more than it has ever done. Surely, we can champion social justice and develop a nuanced worldview, but can we ever reconcile personal differences and strive for peaceable respect and find altruism? With such a diverse array of students that can bestow a wide range of narratives, the future holds great potential to promote inclusivity after we seemingly lost the powerful and comforting touches of human connection.

I'd like to end with a quote from human rights activist Marsha P. Johnson, who rhetorically asked, "How many years has it taken people to realize that we are all brothers and sisters and human beings in the human race?" Obviously, there may not have been a definitive answer back in the 60s at the height of civil reform,

and we as an audience may not have one either. But if we are to work towards tolerance and respectful understanding between parties seemingly at war with one another, we must develop thoughtfulness, learn to listen to each other, and educate ourselves to grow social awareness. Those are the most powerful lessons we have learned in high school.

And even if the shift away from high school will come with its own difficulties, with a completely new atmosphere, remember to welcome and relish the opportunities that arise and diversify your perspectives. It may be painfully awkward at first, seeing that in a few months we would all go on our separate paths, but this wouldn't be the first time we've faced a challenge. Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

## Commencement Address

The Class of 2021 advisors presented the commencement address, where they answered the question, "What advice would you give to your 18-year-old self?" Below are excerpts from their responses.

**"Get Connected!** Be present where you are. If you get to class early, put down your phones and talk to the people around you. Go to your professor's office hour; I mean you want to get your money's worth for all that college tuition, right? Mr. Dunklee and I connected with a history professor, which led to us studying abroad for a semester in Vienna, Austria, where we made memories to last a lifetime. So you never know where your connections will lead," **Jennifer (Chang) Dunklee '00**.

**"One thing I wish my 18-year-old self understood better was the power of prayer.** When Mrs. Dunklee and I look back on our past and think of all the times we have been blessed through prayers of our own, from those of our family, and from our community, we recognize that prayer has been crucial at certain points in our lives," **Isaac Dunklee**.

**"Be kind to yourself.** We all make mistakes (except for my wife). Nothing is tragic. It might appear so at the time but we can all recover. I take great solace in Jeremiah 29:11 when God says, 'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.' Some of you have my certificate of failure, and it says that even though we might fail, we are still good people. We are still loved and cherished by our families, our friends and our God. So, take risks, try new things, go to new places, and meet new people. It will enrich your life, broaden your horizons and allow you to see the grand plan life has in store for you," **Michael Hu**.

"The first thoughts of what advice I would give to my 18-year old self, naturally gravitated toward warnings. ... But as I reflected on those times of failure, disappointment and struggle, I realized that there is a reason why we don't have the power to know our future, or to go back in time to course correct. The times when I've struggled or failed have given me an empathetic view on situations, allowed me to help friends and built a deeper



The Class of 2021 Advisors. **Front row, L-R:** Michael Hu, Juri Yamashita, Alexandra Taylor and Garrett Omoto '79. **Back row, L-R:** Isaac Dunklee, Jennifer (Chang) Dunklee '00, Jennifer (Marshall) Garriss '90, and Wing Taketa. Photo courtesy of Juri Yamashita.

relationship with God by relying on Him. ... So, what advice would I give? **It would be to tell myself to pray to God first in all matters and keep close to Him," Garrett Omoto '79.**

**"Opening your heart to Jesus** will lead you to find the meaning and the answers you're looking for because God created you for a purpose and His plan. So, I hope that you'll open your heart to receive His love," **Wing Taketa**.

**"God made you in His image to be exactly the person He created you to be.** You are loved and treasured just as you are, and I wish for you that you not waste any time trying to be someone you are not, and to listen to the Holy Spirit before you make any decisions with permanent consequences," **Alexandra Taylor**.

**"Everything we did then leads us to the person we are today.** Pay attention to the present, even if you don't know what to make of it at the time. Be willing to learn from your past as you move forward. Every experience you've stored away will inform you on the choices you make. Finally, you make your choices—be willing to live with them and learn from them," **Juri Yamashita**.



## Hawaii Baptist Academy

# Class of 2021

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

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ▼★ Angela Marie Amoroso Abinales | Nalea Ku'uleialoha Sachi Ka'aikala | ▼★ Jasmine Maya Oki                 |
| ♦ Rebecca Mari Aberilla          | ★ Logan Wray Kakugawa              | Nicholas Charles Okimoto            |
| Phoenix Ichiro Aguada            | ♦ Logan Maeko Kalena Kaneshiro     | Maci Masako Ono                     |
| Jared Isaac Shazuang Ahu         | Kyra Taylor Kawamoto               | ♥♦ Jeremy Alan Oyer                 |
| ★ Ethan Kazuo Aimoto             | Kai Shibuya Keuning                | Celine K. Palenske                  |
| ★ Adia Christiane Ainsworth      | ♥★ Jacob Seiji Kikuta              | Jonathan Makana Punohu-Freeman      |
| ♦ Nathanael Victor Apato'a Otera | Cade Kawelakai'olu Kilbey          | ★ Arianna Joy Casino Raping         |
| Puloutau Ole Olataga Aiu         | Matthew Shozo Kirimitsu            | ★ Johanna Sarah Seng                |
| ♥ Jaden Elizabeth Leinaala       | ♥♦ Hunter-Logan Kazuko Kobayashi   | ♥▼★ Sydney Ayako Senter             |
| Passion Aloy                     | Kayle Niko Kodama                  | ♥♦ Daniel James Shiraishi           |
| ▼★ Jonathan David Aoki           | Sydney Nohealani Komoda            | ♥ Matt Takurou Shiraishi            |
| ★ Grayson Hunter Na'auali'i      | ♥ Noah Kealoha Takeo Koshi         | ♥★ Reiko Katelyn Shiraishi          |
| Naipo Becker                     | Reese Noah Akira Kunitake          | ♥ Evan Kiyoaki Shishido             |
| ♦ Nicholas Alika Brooks          | ♥ Christian Kekoa Tsutomu Kuwaye   | ★ Len Tomio Silva                   |
| William Keola Brooks             | Ethan Jiro Kwak                    | ♦ Jace Kenta Lock Sugimoto          |
| ♥ Peter Anthony Chung            | ♦ Davin Ho Yun Kwan                | ▼★ Ryden Masayuki Sumi              |
| ▼★ Asja Aliyah Lani Deai         | ▼★ Lydia Lan                       | Emma Shae Kasumi Sumida             |
| Hunter Lee DeMello               | ★ Bryanna Mieke Lau                | ★ Karissa Reiko Kim Tabadero        |
| ▼★ Elisabeth Jean Sueme Dennis   | ♥★ Meredith Grace Lau              | ▼★ Kellie Natsuko Takai             |
| ♦ Jaeda Alexis Badua Doctolero   | ♦ Nicole Tien Le                   | Davis Luke Takemoto                 |
| Adam Christian Castillo Domingo  | ▼★ Aimee-Louise Jialan Lee         | ♥★ Richard Paul Teruya              |
| ♥ Tristan Riley Dung             | Cailey Ann Lee                     | Jake Eiji Tokujo                    |
| Jason Seichi Fook Ebesu          | Ethan Isaac Lee                    | ♥★ Logan Reid Tom                   |
| ▼★ Ryan Pohokano Encarnacion     | ♥★ Rylie Nanea Lee                 | Megan Etsuko Tomas                  |
| ★ Mia Mei-Ying Eshima            | ▼★ Summer Tian Lee                 | ♦ Marisa Jean Sui Moi Yuriko Tonaki |
| Kira Sumie Ferguson              | ★ Hinson Shun-Heem Leung           | ★ Grace Mai Yun Mei Toyama          |
| Abraham Malamanui Fujimoto       | ★ Matthew Chung Kai Li             | ▼★ Kylie Mei Yieu Trang             |
| Caleb Shyoichi Fukumoto          | ▼★ Johnson Lin                     | ♥ Kaylin Mei-Li Urata               |
| Zachary Hiroshi Fukumoto         | ★ Jordyn Akiko Oi Lan Liu          | ★ Caden Alexander Weaver            |
| Melanie Kimiko Gushi             | ★ Amber Sa Bin Loo                 | ♥★ Landon Mitsuki Wong              |
| ★ Braden Luke Hall               | ♥ Micah Kaleikaumaka Low           | Logan Jung Mung Takeo Wong          |
| ★ Tiffany Kiyori Hamada          | ★ Collin Casey Domingo Lucas       | ♦ Isaac Ward Teuira Wrobel          |
| Noah Keali'imaika'i Hanohano     | ★ Joy Chun Ai Maehara              | ♥★ Christine Kokomi Yamamoto        |
| ♦ Sophie Mai Hepton              | ★ Shayli Naomi Maruya              | ★ Gavin Tetsuro Yamamoto            |
| Alyson Masako Hew                | ★ Kai Robert Edwin Matsusaka       | ▼♦ Jessica Takeko Yamamoto          |
| Trent James Kaipo Higa           | Enzo Teiichi Mazzulli              | ★ Tamryn Kimiko Yamamoto            |
| ★ Caleb Chai Hilacion            | Mari Yi Shan Monico                | ♥ Kyra Emiko Yamashiro              |
| Matthew Shokatsu Ishihara        | ♦ Nicole Aimi Nakagawa             | ★ Parker Graham Yara                |
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| Lindsey Michele Yiyi Jaeger      | ★ Tila Phung Nhi Nguyen            | Troy Akira Yoshida                  |
| ▼★ Catelyn Hue Jochim            | ★ Jacob Miyoshi Norimoto           | ★ Brenna Noelle Yoshioka            |
| ♦ Nathan Dang Jochim             | ★ Taylor Anne Naomi Oda            | ♥★ Tani Angeline Yoshioka           |
| ♥★ Daniel Maciej Jurek           | ▼★ Dayna Kimi Okazaki              |                                     |



# CLASS OF 2021

## Legacy Graduates

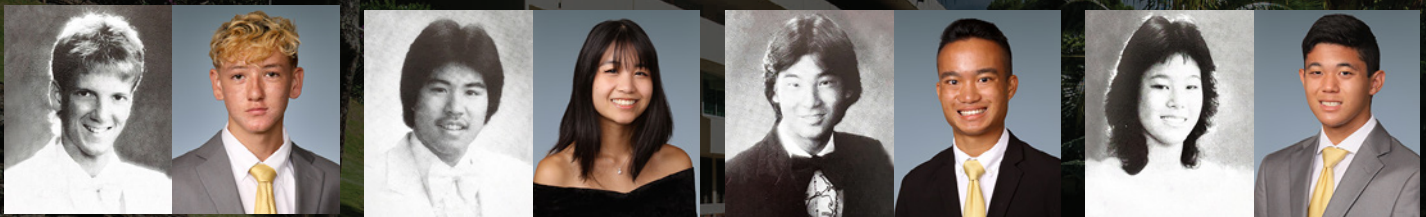
Legacy graduates are students whose parents are HBA alumni. To celebrate our Legacy families, both the student and parent are recognized with a special pin that they wear at the commencement ceremony. Here are the Class of 2021 Legacy Graduates:



Carolyn (Yasunaga) Aoki '87 Johnathan Aoki Robin (Hirasa) DeMello '87 Hunter DeMello Sheri-Ann (Ifuku) Dennis '89 Elisabeth Dennis Lester Hew '83 Alyson Hew



Sidney Higa '81 Trent Higa Jewel (Yamaki) Kaneshiro '96 Logan Kaneshiro Brian Kawamoto '93 Kyra Kawamoto Tasniya (Los Banos) Kawamoto '93



David Keuning '85 Kai Keuning Michael Komoda '84 Sydney Komoda Philip Koshi '83 Noah Koshi Naomi (Uyeno) Kuwaye '85 Christian Kuwaye



Glenn Oyer '86 Jeremy Oyer Renaye (Yokoyama) Oyer '86 Nikki (Murayama) Senter '89 Sydney Senter Lynn (Takiguchi) Silva '84 Len Silva



Derik Takai '86 Kellie Takai Lorrie Ann (Luke) Takemoto '85 Davis Takemoto Staci (Wong) Teruya '84 Ricky Teruya Tracy (Teruya) Tokujo '84 Jake Tokujo



Vicky (Ma) Toyama '87 Grace Toyama Ralen Yamashiro '89 Kyra Yamashiro Jolene (Chun) Yoshioka '78 Tani Yoshioka



# Class of 2021 Honors Memory of Classmate

Seniors Sydney Senter, middle left, and Len Silva, middle right, are the first recipients of the Evan Jonah Won Memorial Scholarship. The award was presented by Ethan Won, left, and Ron Shiira, right, on May 12.



**IN THE SUMMER OF 2017**, after completing eighth grade at HBA, **Evan Jonah Won** passed away unexpectedly, peacefully in his sleep. Those who knew him remember him for size and strength, gentle heart and humble spirit. In a school journal entry, he wrote: "To be meekly strong is to be strong in not doing things that are bad for you or other people. Even though you can do something you don't." He was able to accept good from God, and also adversity without complaint. He was described by his family as being quiet, happy and had a sense of humor. He was everything his loved ones could have hoped for in a son, brother and friend.

During the fall of 2020, the Class of 2021 unveiled a custom designed sweatshirt with every classmate's name, including Evan. The logo on the front of the sweatshirt also celebrated Evan's legacy. Two hands come together to form the shape of a W for Evan's last name. They also represent the wings of an angel, reminding the class that he is looking down from heaven and watching over them. The significance of the sweatshirt was explained through a video since they were not able to meet in-person due to the pandemic. The students sent the video and a sweatshirt to Evan's family.

"I could not bring anything good from Evan's death that I could say. But once I watched the unforgettable video made by the class of 2021, and how the class honored and remembered Evan, it really healed me," shared Ethan Won, Evan's father. "Now every morning when I wake up,

[his death is] not the first thing on my mind. I don't worry about how he died. I'd rather people ask the question, 'How did he live?' And he lived a good life, so this was really a gift to our family, that the class remembered him and included him in their graduating year."

With a heart filled with gratitude, members of the Won family established a special scholarship acknowledging those who may have overcome difficult times in their lives with self-control, faithfulness, and goodness in a joyful way. This scholarship is

awarded to one female and one male from the respective year's graduating class. The first recipients of this annual scholarship were announced during the President's Senior Luncheon on May 12 where Mr. Won was able to congratulate Len Silva '21 and Sydney Senter '21.

"To me, this could only be the work of the Holy Spirit because he's our comforter and I believe that the Holy Spirit is with the class of 2021."





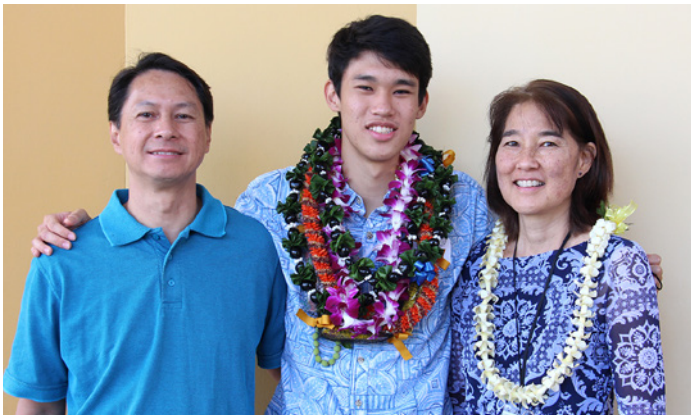
# Mr. & Miss HBA

Len Silva and Johanna Seng Elected Mr. & Miss HBA 2021



**LEN SILVA AND JOHANNA SENG** were elected Mr. and Miss HBA for 2020–2021 school year. The award, which is the school's highest honor, recognizes one male and one female senior who typify the best in HBA students, including their contributions to school life through leadership, extracurricular activities and in their character. The award was established in 1955 and has continued to be a cherished tradition, with the winners being elected by their peers.

**Silva entered HBA in sixth grade.** In seventh grade, he joined the school's worship team as the drummer. In high school, he accompanied the Soldiers of Light select choir as their drummer, while continuing to play drums for weekly chapel services and at grade level camps. He also played tuba for the Symphonic Wind Ensemble all four years of high school, and was the section leader during his junior and senior years. In May 2019, he received the PTF High Achievement Award for earning straight As throughout high school. In October 2020, he received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program (NSMP), which honors students who are among the 50,000 top scorers for the PSAT and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST). Silva also played varsity volleyball all four years of high school, and served as the team captain his senior year. Silva is the son of Michael and Lynn (Takiguchi) Silva '84.



Len with his parents, Michael and Lynn (Takiguchi) Silva '84.

**Seng entered HBA in eighth grade.** She made an immediate impact in track and field by winning three ILH titles. Her success continued into high school. As a freshman, she placed second overall at the state championship. She was named an Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) all-star as a freshman, sophomore and junior, and she helped HBA to its first ever ILH Championship her junior year. Seng also led HBA to consecutive state championships her sophomore and junior years. In track

and field, she was the ILH silver medalist in the 1500 meter run and bronze medalist in the 3000 meter run her sophomore year. She capped off that season by winning the state championship in the 3000 meter run by 16 seconds over the state runner-up. She suffered nagging injuries that hampered her sophomore and junior cross country seasons. Then, the majority of her junior track and field season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Her faith in God, and her well-rounded character, carried her through. In her senior year, she took on the role of editor-in-chief for the school's newspaper, the *Eagle Eye*. Through the



Johanna with her parents, Jordan and Soyna Seng.

uncertainties and difficulties brought about by COVID-19, she successfully led the staff and together they won Best-in-State for the state journalism awards, continuing the paper's seven-year winning streak. She was also recognized for her outstanding academics. In February, Seng advanced to the finalist round of the NMSP. She is now among 15,000 finalists in the nation who are being considered for scholarships. To qualify, Seng was one of the top 16,000 high school students who scored the highest in their state in the PSAT and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Ministry is also an important part of Seng's life. She has led Bible studies for middle school girls at HBA. She also teaches Sunday School and has spoken for online services at her church, Bluewater Mission. In her sophomore year, she founded and coordinated the Justice Run 5K, which raises funds to aid and rehabilitate victims of human trafficking. She organized a second run her junior year. Seng is the daughter of Jordan and Soyna Seng.



# High School Awards

## GRADE 12

### Bible

**Excellence in New Testament**  
Jasmine Oki  
Caden Weaver

### English

**Outstanding English 12 Student**  
Joy Maehara  
Caden Weaver

**Outstanding AP English Language and Composition Student**

Johanna Seng  
Tani Yoshioka

### Journalism

**Eagle Eye's Most Valuable Staffer**  
Johanna Seng

**Excellence in Commentary Writing**  
Johanna Seng

**Excellence in Illustration**  
Daniel Jurek

**Excellence in Yearbook Layout**  
Asja Deai

**Service Award for 8 Semesters of Yearbook**  
Jacob Norimoto

### Mathematics

**Outstanding Student in Calculus Foundations**  
Grayson Becker

**Outstanding Student in Introduction to Statistics**  
Reiko Shiraishi

**Outstanding Student in AP Statistics**  
Joy Maehara  
Len Silva

**Outstanding Student in AP Calculus AB**  
Collin Casey Lucas  
Dayna Okazaki  
Sydney Senter

**Outstanding Student in AP Calculus BC**  
Joy Maehara  
Len Silva

**Outstanding Student in Introduction to Programming**  
Meredith Lau

**HBA Mathematics Team Most Valuable Member**  
Davin Kwan

**Maria Gaetana Agnesi Mathematics Service Award**  
Johnson Lin  
Ryden Sumi

### PE & Health

**Outstanding Student in Weight Lifting**  
Nathanael Aiu  
Malama Fujimoto

### Science

**Outstanding Student in Physics**  
Amber Loo

**Outstanding Student in AP Physics 1**  
Dayna Okazaki

**Outstanding Student in AP Physics 2**  
Matthew Li  
Joy Maehara

**Outstanding Student in AP Environmental Science**  
Bryanna Lau  
Johnson Lin

**Outstanding Student in Environmental Sustainability**  
Ryden Sumi

**Outstanding Student in Intro to Engineering Design**  
Lindsey Jaeger  
Jacob Norimoto

### Social Studies

**Outstanding Student in Economics**  
Rylie Lee  
Johnson Lin

**Outstanding Student in Psychology**  
Sydney Senter

**Outstanding Student in Hawaiian History**  
Nathanael Aiu

**Outstanding Student in AP US History**  
Caden Weaver

**Social Science Scholar**  
Logan Kakugawa

## Visual & Performing Arts

**Outstanding Craftsmanship in Ceramics**  
Asja Deai

**Outstanding Craftsmanship in Ceramics 3**  
Aimee-Louise Lee

**Outstanding Artist in Advanced Drawing & Painting**  
Grace Toyama

**Outstanding Achievement in Advanced Placement Art & Design**  
Tani Yoshioka

**Outstanding Filmmaker in Intro to Filmmaking**  
Rebecca Aberilla

**Outstanding Filmmaker in Advanced Filmmaking**  
Marisa Tonaki

**Outstanding Photographer in Advanced Photography**  
Kira Ferguson

**Outstanding Student in Theater**  
Caden Weaver

**Outstanding Student in Wind Ensemble**  
Isaac Wrobel

**Outstanding Leadership in Wind Ensemble**  
Len Silva

**Excellence in Service & Development of the Band Program**  
Jeremy Oyer

## Schola Cantorum Award

Hunter DeMello  
Sydney Komoda  
Micah Low  
Nicole Nakagawa  
Daniel Shiraishi  
Len Silva  
Marisa Tonaki

**Ke Kukui Ho'oheno**  
Tiffany Hamada

## World Languages

**National Merit Scholarship (Finalist)**  
Adia Ainsworth  
Johanna Seng  
Christine Yamamoto

## School Awards & Scholarships

**"It Takes a Dream" Scholarship**  
Amber Loo

**Mallory Kathryn Ellis Soldier of Light Leadership Award**  
Nicole Nakagawa

**Rev. O.W. "Dub" and Grace Efurd Memorial Scholarship**  
Sophie Hepton

**Stacie and Julie Lee Scholarship**  
Karissa Tabedero

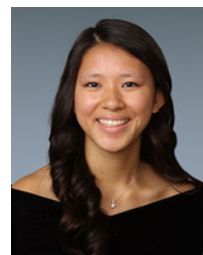
**Sue Nishikawa Family Scholarship**  
Aimee-Louise Lee

## PTF Awards

**PTF High Achievement Award**  
Aimee-Louise Lee  
Logan Tom



Sophie Hepton



Aimee-Louise Lee



Amber Loo



Nicole Nakagawa



Karissa Tabedero



Logan Tom



## GRADE 11

### Bible

#### Excellence in Christian Thought

Aaron Omon  
Reese Yoshikawa

### English

#### Outstanding English 11 Student

Emma Chun  
Emi Wada

#### Outstanding AP English Language and Composition Student

Connor Malinger

#### Shakespearean Recitation Competition

Madison Duren

### Journalism

#### Excellence in Profile Writing

Connor Malinger

#### Excellence in Photography

Justin Mayeshiro

#### Most Valuable Yearbook Staffer

Aaron Yoshida

### Mathematics

#### Outstanding Student in Algebra 3

Amanda Warren  
Melanie Young

#### Outstanding Student in Trigonometry

Amanda Warren

#### Outstanding Student in Pre-Calculus

Kaitlyn Hasegawa

#### Outstanding Student in Introduction to Programming

Kelly Tam

#### Maria Gaetana Agnesi Mathematics Service Award

Kai Moriyama  
Aaron Omon  
Samantha Sebastian

#### HBA Mathematics Team High Scorer

Kisa Tamai

### PE & Health

#### Outstanding Student in Weight Lifting

Sarah Kawakami-Williams

### Science

#### Outstanding Student in Anatomy & Physiology

Breanna Chun  
Evan Yoshishige

#### Outstanding Student in AP Chemistry

Emma Chun  
Kai Moriyama

#### Outstanding Student in AP Physics 1

Connor Malinger

#### Outstanding Student in Environmental Sustainability

Sarah Ushigome

#### Rensselaer Medal Award

Jordyn Ajimine

#### Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

Samantha Sebastian

### Social Studies

#### Outstanding Student in Modern World History 11

Justin Do  
Kaitlyn Hasegawa

#### Outstanding Student in AP Modern World History

Sarah Kawakami-Williams

#### Outstanding Leadership in Mock Trial

Kya Clanton

### Visual & Performing Arts

#### Outstanding Artist in Advanced Drawing & Painting

Kaylee Ann Tani

#### Outstanding Student in Theater (Fall)

Bailey Pantil  
Kiani Vidaurri

#### Outstanding Student in Theater (Spring)

Madison Duren

#### Outstanding Leadership in Wind Ensemble

Rachel Harris

### World Languages

#### Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 3

Chloe Wut

#### Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 3 Regular

Kai Iwamura

#### Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 3 Honors & Japanese 4

Amanda Sato

#### Overall Excellence in Japanese

Kisa Tamai

#### Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 3

Aaron Omon  
Micah Shibuya

### Japanese National Honor Society Inductees

Victoria Luk  
Slater Nitta  
Samantha Sebastian  
Amanda Warren  
Taylor Won

### School Awards & Scholarships

#### HBA Alumni Association Eagle Pride Scholarship

Kai Moriyama

#### Endurance Scholarship

Rylie Kihara  
Aaron Omon  
Evan Yoshishige  
Reese Yoshikawa

### PTF Awards

#### PTF High Achievement Award

Jordyn Ajimine  
Kaitlyn Hasegawa  
Ashlie Kiyabu  
Kaden Kobashigawa  
Connor Malinger  
Aaron Omon  
Kaylee Ann Tani  
Emi Wada  
Evan Yoshishige  
Kelsey Zane

#### PTF Service Award - Grade 11

Madison Duren  
Justin Mayeshiro

## GRADE 10

### Bible

#### Excellence in Old Testament

Kira Baker  
Timothy Shimizu

### English

#### Outstanding English 10 Student

Sera Gavin  
Trislyn Maeda

### Journalism

#### Excellence in Infographic Design

Megan Lee

### Mathematics

#### Outstanding Student in Algebra 2

Ella Lim

#### Outstanding Student in Algebra 2—Honors

Kacie Agena

### PE & Health

#### Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health

Lily Leano  
Marissa Watanabe

### Science

#### Outstanding Student in Chemistry

Lyndsy Mashino  
Joel Tanoue

#### Outstanding Student in Physics

Ian Kubo

### Social Studies

#### Outstanding Student in US History 10

Hannah Dela Cruz  
Timothy Shimizu

### Visual & Performing Arts

#### Outstanding Achievement in Animation

Jordy Davenport

#### Outstanding Achievement in Basic Art

Katie Chen  
Lily Leano

#### Outstanding Achievement in Basic Mixed Media

Sarah Kirimitsu  
Jolie Wong

#### Outstanding Craftsmanship in Sculpture 1

Blu Wong-Ogata

#### Outstanding Photographer in Basic Photography

Samantha Cerda

#### Outstanding Student in Concert Band 2

Miya Yukumoto

### World Languages

#### Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 2

Lisa Zheng

#### Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 2

Sera Gavin  
Lyndsy Mashino

#### Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 2

Hannah Dela Cruz  
Timothy Shimizu

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## Japanese National Honor Society Inductees

Kacie Agena  
Kira Baker  
Minori Batara  
Caley Chun  
Kalysta Fujihana  
Sera Gavin  
Noah Hu  
Elyse Kaneshiro  
Sarah Kirimitsu  
Cadi Komenaka  
Kyle Kumasaka  
Christina Toyomura  
Lyndsy Mashino  
Cori Matsumoto  
Aaron Murai  
Ayda Okano  
Jacie Sakaino  
Justin Sumiye  
Kelly Tada  
Lauren Toda  
Kaiya Tom  
Rachel Tsuchiya  
Jolie Wong  
Miya Yukumoto

## School Awards & Scholarships

### Endurance Scholarship

Kira Baker  
Noah Hu  
Ella Lim  
Joey Lin

## PTF Awards

### PTF High Achievement Award

Rachel Cheung  
Caley Chun  
Sarah Davenport  
Hannah Dela Cruz  
Kalysta Fujihana  
Sera Gavin  
Noah Hu  
Elyse Kaneshiro  
Lily Leano  
Megan Lee  
Ella Lim  
Joey Lin  
Trislyn Maeda  
Lyndsy Mashino  
Noelle Nagaishi  
Cameron Pien  
Timothy Shimizu  
Abigail Sumida  
Kelly Tada  
Kaiya Tom  
Christina Toyomura  
Jolie Wong  
John Yamamoto  
Miya Yukumoto  
Lisa Zheng

### PTF Service Award—Grade 10

Trislyn Maeda  
John Yamamoto

## GRADE 9

### Bible

#### Excellence in New Testament

Taylor Malingier  
Ryan Wong

## English

### Outstanding English 9 Student

Hannah Cheng  
Taylor Malingier

## Mathematics

### Outstanding Student in Geometry

Taylor Malingier

## PE & Health

### Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health

Cerra Leong  
Riley Lorenzo  
Taylor Malingier  
Jadynn Wong

## Science

### Outstanding Student in Biology

Euodia Lan  
Taylor Malingier

## Social Studies

### Outstanding Student in Ancient World History 9

Hannah Cheng  
Guanming Hong

## Visual & Performing Arts

### Outstanding Achievement in Basic Drawing

Cerra Leong  
Taylor Malingier

### Outstanding Craftsmanship in Ceramics 1

Lindsey Toda

### Outstanding Student in Concert Band 1

Ezekiel Lum

## World Languages

### Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 1

Taylor Malingier

### Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 1

Guanming Hong  
Jadynn Wong

### Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 1

Leina Chu  
Sean Tanji

## School Awards & Scholarships

### Endurance Scholarship

Madison Callo  
Hannah Cheng  
Ryan Wong  
Zoe Yee

## PTF Awards

### PTF Service Award—Grade 9

Brendan Aoki  
Cerra Leong

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# Middle School Awards

## GRADE 8

### Bible

#### Excellence in Bible 8

Kenshin Casamina  
Jessica Doiguchi

### English

#### Outstanding English 8 Student

Jaden Oki  
Kiani Shiroma

### Mathematics

#### Outstanding Student in Algebra 1

Brady Katano  
Amanda Tsuha

### PE & Health

#### Outstanding Student in Physical Education and Health

Sarah Chang  
Lydia Halcomb

### Science

#### Outstanding Student in Earth Science 8

Brenden Ahuna  
Natasha Kubo  
Robert Nordin

### Social Studies

#### Outstanding Student in American History 8

Jessica Doiguchi  
Jaden Oki

## Visual & Performing Arts

### Outstanding Artist in Middle School Art 8

Ally Ann Low

### Outstanding Student in Fine Arts 8

Sage Shiroma  
Zen Wong-Ogata

### Outstanding Student in Middle School Band

Brady Katano  
Amanda Tsuha

### Outstanding Middle School Filmmaker

Kiani Shiroma

### Outstanding Student in Middle School Drama

Kaylee LaBarre  
Yuxiang Liu

## PTF Awards

### PTF Service Award – Grade 8

Randie Lueder  
Jaden Oki

### ESLR Award—Humility

Lydia Halcomb

### ESLR Award—Curiosity

Robert Nordin

### ESLR Award—Love

Mia Takahashi

### ESLR Award—Commitment

Brenden Ahuna

### Endurance Scholarship

Asia Dela Cruz



## Overall Excellence

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

Kenshin Casamina  
Amanda Tsuha



Kenshin Casamina



Amanda Tsuha

## Science

**Outstanding Student in  
Science 7**

Calla Pien  
Tia Takekawa

## Social Studies

**Outstanding Student in  
Geography**

Sarah Alonzo  
Hannah Jung

## Visual & Performing Arts

**Outstanding Artist in  
Middle School Art 7**

Micah Biggers  
Tia Takekawa  
Kira Tanaka

**Outstanding Student in  
Fine Arts 7**

Sarah Alonzo  
Colton Gallano

**Outstanding Student in  
Middle School Beginning Band**  
Madison Ogawa  
Jason Okutani

## PTF Academics & Service Awards

**PTF Service Award – Grade 7**  
Madison Ogawa

**ESLR Award—Humility**  
Callie Kawaguchi

**ESLR Award—Curiosity**  
Tyler Yamanoha

**ESLR Award—Love**  
Maya Galvez

**ESLR Award—Commitment**  
Zoë Naso

**Endurance Scholarship**  
Tyler Fujimoto  
Brody Tran  
Logan Wagner

## GRADE 7

### Bible

**Excellence in Bible 7**

Hannah Jung  
Samuel Moka

### English

**Outstanding English 7 Reader**

Hannah Jung

**Outstanding English 7 Writer**

Sarah Alonzo

### Mathematics

**Outstanding Student in Math 7**

Maya Galvez  
Tia Takekawa

### PE & Health

**Outstanding Student in  
Physical Education and Health**

Hannah Jung  
Tia Takekawa

# Sixth Grade Aloha Celebration

**The Class of 2027** celebrated their achievements and bade farewell to the Richard Bento Elementary Campus on May 21 at the Sixth Grade Aloha Celebration. The celebration was held in-person in the elementary campus courtyard. Only parents and sixth graders were allowed to attend due to health and safety concerns.

Six students received the President's Award for Academic Excellence. To qualify, students must have an A average or better and scored in the 85th or higher percentile on a standardized math and reading test. They were Hannah Garces, Max Okazaki, Chase Okihara and Noelle Watase.

Six students were elected by their peers for the JOY award, which recognizes those who embody the qualities of JOY: Jesus first; Others, second; and Yourself, last. They were Katherine Butay, Hannah Garces, Callie Kam, Anela Murata, Max Okazaki and Rylee Sato. Six other students were also recognized with the Expected Schoolwide Learning Results award, which celebrates students who strive to attain the values of humility, curiosity, love and commitment in their daily lives. They were Jeremy Giles for Humility; Bryan Watanabe for Curiosity; Tevor Chvosta, Kysen Lee and Katie Matsumoto for Love; and Hiwalani Pau for Commitment.



Receiving the JOY Award at Sixth Grade Aloha Celebration on May 21 were Rylee Sato (**top left**), Callie Kam (**top center**), Katherine Butay, left, and Anela Murata (**top right**) and Max Okazaki, left, and Hannah Garces (**above**).



# Athletic Awards

**The Robert Fulford Scholar-Athlete Award** is given to one male and one female graduating senior who have participated in varsity athletics and also had an outstanding academic record. In addition to a trophy and lei, each student is given a \$1,500 cash scholarship. This year's recipients are **Dayna Okazaki** and **Len Silva**.

Okazaki is the Class of 2021 salutatorian. She participated in HBA's tennis program for six years. She was a member of the varsity team for the last three years and helped lead the team to ILH division titles in 2019 and 2021.

Silva played varsity volleyball all four years of high school. This year, he was the team's primary left side hitter and helped lead the team to a 6-6 record—the team's best record while competing in ILH Division I. Silva was also elected Mr. HBA by his peers.

HBA also notched ILH Division 2 titles for boys and girls varsity tennis, while our boys varsity golf team defended their ILH Division 1 championship for golf. **Josh Hayashida '22** claimed the individual ILH golf championship as well. He is HBA's first individual golf titleist since 2000.



Dayna Okazaki



Len Silva



Joshua Hayashida

## Eagle Eye Continues State Journalism Award Streak

**The staff of the *Eagle Eye***, HBA's student news source at the high school, has claimed its seventh-consecutive state title while operating under a pandemic.

"I believe that a lot of credit goes to the students themselves and our teaching team at HBA. A student doesn't just suddenly become a strong writer, illustrator, photographer or filmmaker when they show up at my News Production class; for example, they have been taught how to read and write well—and think critically—in their English classes. Or when we have students who have taken photography or filmmaking courses, they come

well-equipped to put their skills to work for the *Eagle Eye*. Also, I've been fortunate to have students who are willing to try new things, are very receptive to feedback, and ultimately willing to put in the hard work to get something done," said Eunice Sim, journalism teacher.

Sim was hired as the journalism teacher in 2013. Since then, she has consistently led the team to the state title. Despite the challenges brought about by COVID-19, Sim continued to run her classes with the same purpose in mind. She adjusted by scaling down the number of projects.

"I believe it's OK to do less (in terms of volume), as long as we continue to do excellent work."

The *Eagle Eye* received \$600 from the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, the Hawaii Publishers Association and Trade Media Hui for placing first in the Best in State, photo and design categories.

The Hawaii High School Journalism Awards is an annual competition that recognizes journalism programs across the state. This year, 12 high schools participated in the virtual competition which was co-sponsored by the Hawaii Publishers Association, the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* and the University of Hawaii at Manoa's school of communication.

The *Eagle Eye* Staff celebrates after receiving the news they placed best-in-state for the seventh consecutive year. Photo courtesy of Eunice Sim.







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*Virtual*  
**Alumni Week**

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**JOIN US ONLINE** on HBA's YouTube channel at 12 Noon HST July 5-8 to hear from your favorite teachers, alumni business spotlights, giveaways and more. We will conclude our festivities with a live streamed Ho'olaule'a event that will premiere on HBA's YouTube channel on Friday, July 9 starting at 7:00 p.m. HST. If you miss any of the shows they will be made available on our website [www.hba.net/alumniweek](http://www.hba.net/alumniweek) at the end of each day. Go Eagles!

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**2001**  
**2006**  
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