



PUNAHOU SCHOOL  
**ACADEMIC AWARDS**  
**2024**



# ART

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These Art Awards acknowledge students who engaged fully in the process of being artists, whatever their level of experience. They take risks in their learning and are willing to struggle to succeed in communicating visually. They are thoughtful in making decisions and in reflecting upon the outcome and they demonstrate a high level of commitment to art in their lives. The art department celebrates the excellence of the following students.

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| <b>GRADE 10</b> | Elizabeth Chee<br>Tiffany Katsuda                       | Ashlyn Shirota                          |
| <b>GRADE 11</b> | Maya Bulman<br>Gabriella Delgado<br>Perry Dye           | Ava Mackie<br>Lily Nagel<br>Jordan Quan |
| <b>GRADE 12</b> | Holly Chong-Gangl<br>Kaylyn Fukunaga<br>Atticus Gifford | Redmond Stehlik<br>Maria Weldon         |

# ATHLETICS

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## **BILLY WEAVER**

Given to outstanding Grade 9 student-athletes in memory of Billy Weaver's warm friendship and honest ways, which won the love and respect of all who knew him.

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| Kahiau Aina   | Tanoaalofa Scanlan |
| Makoa Cox     | Mia Tom            |
| Evelyn Kilisi | Zion White         |

## **NA WAHINE PA'ANI AND PUNAHOU O-MEN**

Given to the Grade 10 student-athletes who best meet the criteria of athletic ability, team spirit, dedication, and the support of others.

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| <b>NA WAHINE PA'ANI</b> | Kealohalani Cox<br>Synnove Robinson<br>Journei Webster |
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| <b>PUNAHOU O-MEN</b> | Kanalu Akana<br>Dane Kellner<br>Charles Parsons |
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## **MCELDOWNEY-MATTHIAS**

Given to the Grade 11 student-athletes who made the highest contributions in the areas of athletics, citizenship, and scholarship.

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| Taryn Ho   | Tatiana Paragas |
| Tanner Ige | Xeyana Salanoa  |
| Josiah Kia | Skyler Tjapkes  |

### C. DUDLEY PRATT ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Given to the Grade 12 student-athletes who demonstrate cumulative athletic achievement, team leadership, positive character, consistent coachability, solid citizenship, and sportsmanship.

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| Laule'a Ah Mook Sang | Payton Jim On   | Xehlia Salanoa |
| Rella Binney         | Andrew Lovell   | James Taras    |
| Kekai Burnett        | Logan Mansfield | Patiola Uluave |
| Carly Ann Cormack    | Evan Porter     | Elise Wong     |

## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

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Design Technology is proud to celebrate the accomplishments of students who have demonstrated excellence in design technology, engineering, fabrication, and computer science. Students who win these awards have excelled in creative and critical thinking by using the skills they learned to design and build solutions for complex problems. They worked tenaciously to perfect detailed designs through iteration and prototyping to realize their ideas as a product of their hard work, and by exemplifying the resourcefulness to produce high quality products in a state of the art lab requiring distinction in safety, mindfulness, mentorship and sustainable thinking.

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| <b>SUSTAINABLE<br/>ENGINEERING</b> | Charles Koh, Grade 9<br>Kyndra Leong, Grade 9<br>Ava Miyasato, Grade 9<br>Penelope Stay, Grade 9<br>Erika Tien, Grade 9   |
| <b>COMPUTER<br/>SCIENCE</b>        | Jessica Erwin, Grade 12<br>Alexander Goemans, Grade 12<br>Morgan Hom, Grade 10<br>Kaito James, Grade 10<br>Jayden Leung, Grade 10<br>Maximus Maehara, Grade 11<br>Wolf Marsen, Grade 12<br>Cayden Matsuoka, Grade 10<br>Chasen Matsuoka, Grade 12<br>Lauren Phomsopha, Grade 9<br>Max Shinno, Grade 10<br>Isaac Verbrugge, Grade 11 |
| <b>ENGINEERING</b>                 | Joshua Chung, Grade 12<br>Gabriel Edamura, Grade 10<br>Matthew Gould, Grade 11<br>Kala'iuanoe'ula Kelekolio, Grade 10<br>Liam Martin, Grade 10<br>Connor Ress, Grade 9<br>Charles Smith, Grade 10<br>Yinan Wang, Grade 10<br>Tyler Wee, Grade 10<br>Edward Zheng, Grade 12  |

# ENGLISH

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English Awards, given to students from each grade level, recognize those students who are outstanding in their ability to read compassionately, think exactly, write clearly and gracefully, and act with the compassion, exactitude, clarity and grace they derive from their engagement with the English language and its literature.

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| <b>GRADE 9</b>  | Ken Asakura<br>Kamaile Carpenter<br>Kenton Chan<br>Tatiana Chen<br>Louisa Cole<br>Maile Dunn<br>Emma Fuleky<br>Selena Hung<br>Megan Ing<br>Cody Kajioka<br>Liv Knutsen<br>Scarlett Lai<br>Kara Corinne Lawas | Aja Middleton<br>Chase Nam<br>Lauren Nobriga<br>Aya Okimoto<br>Zachary Pang<br>Andrew Philippou<br>Sofia Pomares Sotomayor<br>Keiko Shinha<br>Mia Taheri<br>Kiron Toma<br>Aletheia Uchida<br>Adeline Wong<br>Mia Wooden |
| <b>GRADE 10</b> | Safa Ahmed<br>Elia Belluzzo<br>Sophia Boivin<br>Elizabeth Chee<br>Chin Chi<br>Morgan Hom<br>Sophia Howell<br>Daniel Lin<br>Gregory Lippert<br>Banyan Little<br>Kahikina Marumoto<br>Cayden Matsuoka          | Elisabeth Misailidis<br>Sasha Pager<br>Cameron Porter<br>Asa Shimizu<br>Sofia Sinnett<br>Liam Snyder<br>Mallory Watanabe<br>Wes Yamaguchi<br>Miranda Yap<br>Qinglin Ye<br>Nathan Yu                                     |
| <b>GRADE 11</b> | Daniel Alam<br>Noelani Brennan<br>Ash Bu<br>Michael Gatbonton<br>Melchior Goldfarb<br>Reia Kimi<br>Emi Komatsu<br>Caleb Lee<br>Emi Matsuura<br>Shay Melton   | Hanalei Nesti<br>Dasha Nguyen<br>Jovie Okamoto<br>Pearce Phillips<br>Jay Rhymer<br>Makena Sakahara<br>Kainalupialoha Spear<br>Daniel Yoo<br>Edward Zhang  |
| <b>GRADE 12</b> | Atropa Choi<br>Holly Chong-Gangl<br>Emma Crago<br>Connor Davidson<br>Jessica Erwin<br>Gabriela Ewart<br>Kylee Hamamoto<br>Hannah Hunsaker<br>Colby Kurasaki  | Gianna Lee<br>Noelle Lezy<br>Logan Mansfield<br>Wolf Marsen<br>Piper McDermott<br>Max Nakano<br>Miya Peterson<br>Irene Zhong  |

# JROTC

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The JROTC Cadet Of The Year Award is presented annually to an outstanding cadet in each cadet level who demonstrated superior leadership skills, patriotism, scholastic excellence and dedication to the JROTC battalion.

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| <b>LET I CADET OF THE YEAR</b>   | Emma Romanishan-Maldarelli, Grade 9 |
| <b>LET II CADET OF THE YEAR</b>  | Brycen Lew, Grade 10                |
| <b>LET III CADET OF THE YEAR</b> | Emi Inouye, Grade 11                |
| <b>LET IV CADET OF THE YEAR</b>  | Luke Mamiya, Grade 12               |

# MATHEMATICS

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We acknowledge and appreciate those students whose performance in mathematics has been exemplary. Each of these students combined strong mathematical skills with curiosity to enthusiastically explore each new idea. Their accurate and insightful solutions to challenging questions demonstrated mastery of the course material. They set a standard of excellence that inspired all those who work with them to stretch and reach for a depth of understanding that comes from focus, concentration and dedication. Best of all, these young mathematicians enjoy the elegance of sophisticated ideas and the beauty of mathematics.

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| <b>GEOMETRY HONORS</b>               | Kenton Chan, Grade 9<br>Jessica Lee, Grade 9<br>Keiko Shinha, Grade 9  |
| <b>ALGEBRA 2/TRIGONOMETRY HONORS</b> | Albert Ko, Grade 10<br>Rei Rhymer, Grade 10<br>Nathan Yu, Grade 10   |
| <b>ADVANCED PRE-CALCULUS HONORS</b>  | Doyoung Kim, Grade 11<br>Brooke Machado, Grade 11  |
| <b>AP STATISTICS</b>                 | Anna Sophia Dao, Grade 11<br>Emma Fujitani, Grade 12<br>Logan Hange, Grade 10<br>Colby Kurasaki, Grade 12<br>Piper McDermott, Grade 12<br>Crystina Young, Grade 12 |

The **Francis A.I. "Miki" Bowers, Jr. AP Calculus BC Award** honors students who achieved the greatest academic excellence in Advanced Placement Calculus. This year we honor:

Edward Becker, Grade 12  
Chasen Matsuoka, Grade 12  
Nicholas Sharawy, Grade 12

# MUSIC

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There is no culture that has no music. Its capacity to evoke every facet of human emotion, with or without words, makes it a truly universal form of expression. To become an accomplished musician takes years of individual work and dedication. To make music together with others is one of the richest expressions of what it means to be human.

Tonight's honorees have achieved a huge milestone in their individual musical development; they also developed a strong bond with others through friendships forged through years of performing together in the Punahou music ensembles. They have contributed generously to their bands, orchestras and choruses by sharing their talent and showing, through example, their love and dedication to music by providing musical and organizational leadership and the spark that ignites the spirit of each of these organizations.

**BAND EXCELLENCE** Lisa Chan, Grade 12  
Rylee Hosoda, Grade 12  
Arden Okino, Grade 12  
Joshua Oyadomari-Chun, Grade 12  
Kelsey Ann Sato, Grade 12  
Tony Son, Grade 12  
Emma Tamashiro, Grade 12  
Claire Vann, Grade 12

**JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AWARD** Esther Chan, Grade 12  
Cora Saito, Grade 12

**LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ** Brandon Yamashiro, Grade 12

**CHORAL EXCELLENCE** Serene Kim, Grade 12  
Brennan Sing Chow, Grade 12

**NATIONAL SCHOOL CHORAL AWARD** Luke Van Rafelghem, Grade 12

**ORCHESTRA EXCELLENCE** Conrad Cao, Grade 12  
Matthew Ikeda, Grade 12  
Gianna Lee, Grade 12

**NATIONAL SCHOOL  
ORCHESTRA AWARD** Ian Ahn, Grade 12  
Cassidy Sakamoto, Grade 12

# SCIENCE

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This evening the Science Department honors and congratulates the following students for demonstrating academic excellence in science. These students have been chosen for their exemplary performance in their coursework and their effectiveness in using the methods and processes of science to problem solve. We are impressed with their boundless curiosity, their creativity, their detailed analysis of data and their strong reasoning skills. They are innovative, insightful, inquisitive and actively becoming life-long learners.

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| <b>AP BIOLOGY</b>                                      | Brooke Machado, Grade 11<br>Hanalei Nesti, Grade 11                           |
| <b>AP CHEMISTRY</b>                                    | Evan Delse, Grade 10<br>Nicole Tshako-Inouye, Grade 11<br>Nathan Yu, Grade 10 |
| <b>AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE</b>                        | Max Nakano, Grade 11  |
| <b>AP PHYSICS 1</b>                                    | Vivian Tu, Grade 12   |
| <b>AP PHYSICS 1+2</b>                                  | Doyoung Kim, Grade 11   |
| <b>AP PHYSICS C</b>                                    | Esther Chan, Grade 12   |
| <b>BIOLOGY</b>   | Everest Martinez, Grade 9<br>Robert Mitchell, Grade 9                         |
| <b>BIOLOGY AND GEOLOGY OF<br/>THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS</b> | Kilia Lawrence Gallagher, Grade 10  |
| <b>BIOLOGY HONORS</b>                                  | Megan Ing, Grade 9<br>Scarlett Lai, Grade 9                                   |
| <b>CHEMISTRY</b>                                       | Pöhakumauikekuaola Figueira, Grade 10   |
| <b>CHEMISTRY HONORS</b>                                | Albert Ko, Grade 10<br>Kahikina Marumoto, Grade 10                            |
| <b>PRINCIPLES OF PHYSICS</b>                           | Brynn Chang-Kanoa, Grade 12   |

The **Jeremiah Johnson Award** honors students whose qualities reflect the spirit of late Academy teacher Jeremiah Johnson, who was lost in a diving accident during a student trip to the island of Lana'i. Today, we honor a student whom we feel embodies Mr. Johnson's love and respect for the Hawaiian environment:

Sabina Funasaki, Grade 12

The **Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award** is presented annually to a Grade 11 student who is an exceptional student of science. Recipients demonstrate passion in the pursuit of understanding, dedication to their studies, and mastery of multiple scientific disciplines. This year we honor:

Parker Muench, Grade 11

The **Rensselaer Medal Award** honors an outstanding Grade 11 student who has excelled in both science and mathematics. Recipients display exceptional facility with mathematical and scientific thinking and an intense desire to broaden and deepen their understanding of scientific and mathematical principles. This year we honor:

Doyoung Kim, Grade 11



# SOCIAL STUDIES

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The students we recognize today have distinguished themselves this year as creative and critical thinkers, insightful writers and thoughtful commentators on history and the human condition. They excelled in the skills we most value as a department.

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| <b>GRADE 9</b>  | Chloe Alison Agapay<br>August Chen<br>Lauren Chen<br>Sydney Chung<br>Gemma Foo | Jessica Lee<br>Everest Martinez<br>Sofia Pomares Sotomayor<br>Julia Saines                    |
| <b>GRADE 10</b> | Safa Ahmed<br>Mari Dela Cruz<br>Maya Gaudiano<br>Albert Ko<br>Chloe Liu        | Kahikina Marumoto<br>Daniel Schoen<br>Kamailelauli'i Shultz<br>Sofia Sinnett<br>Wes Yamaguchi |
| <b>GRADE 11</b> | Ella Alexander<br>Noelani Brennan<br>Ash Bu<br>Kahn Ho<br>Brooke Machado       | Emi Matsuura<br>Nessa Michaud<br>Hanalei Nesti<br>Pearce Phillips<br>Crow Villanueva          |
| <b>GRADE 12</b> | Maxwell Chun<br>Tai Demura-Devore<br>Gabriela Ewart<br>Reina Gammarino         | Mika Hiroi<br>Max Nakano<br>Miya Peterson<br>Iris Xu  |

The **Peter A. Powlison Award** is given by the Social Studies Department in celebration of our long association with a teacher who was greatly admired by his colleagues as well as his students. So it is appropriate that the award be made to the student who most possesses the characteristics which Peter both admired and embodied: COURAGE—not only to perform great deeds, but the greater courage to do small deeds well; COURTESY—that quality which makes people feel welcome, important, even loved; CURIOSITY—of the sort which drives the interested person to explore a place and an idea to the fullest; COMPASSION—to be open to, not just tolerate, difference.

Connor Davidson, Grade 12

# THEATRE

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The **Stagecraft Award** recognizes student designers and technicians who made significant contributions in drama classes, theatre productions, and technical support for other campus events beyond theatre. This award honors the countless hours devoted on behalf of all “techies” to the larger Punahou community.

Grace Hagino, Grade 10  
Jasmine Lau, Grade 11  
Kiana McCully, Grade 12  
KG Pan, Grade 11  
Makena Sakahara, Grade 11  
Kaitlyn Scrivner, Grade 12  
Madilyn Tada-Portuondo, Grade 12  
Riyo Williams, Grade 11

The **Actor Award** recognizes students whose superior work on stage in leading or supporting roles were worthy models of leadership for all aspiring young actors, especially to those who shared the distinction of being fellow cast members. This award honors the significant and dedicated service to the Punahou Community performed by each recipient in a curricular and co-curricular theatre activity.

Kanit Baum, Grade 10  
Preston Chi, Grade 11  
Sophie Choy, Grade 11  
Alana Clayson, Grade 12  
Ethan Jackson-Shirey, Grade 12  
Juna Kazim, Grade 11  
Caris Leong, Grade 10  
Shane Nishimura, Grade 11  
Sofia Pomares Sotomayor, Grade 9  
Jax Roster, Grade 9  
Julia Saines, Grade 9  
Mehana Stone, Grade 11  
Mikaela Takeya, Grade 11  
Kainoa Yuen, Grade 12

The **Director’s Choice Award** recognizes students who have demonstrated a high level of excellence as on-stage performers or as behind-the-scenes activists in support of theatre at Punahou School. This award honors the individual whose contributions include leadership in multiple areas such as theatre productions, technical theatre and drama classes.

Yuxiang Liu, Grade 11  
Christa Shibayama, Grade 12

# WORLD LANGUAGE

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Language Awards are given to students who have demonstrated the capacity and skills for effective written and oral communication in their respective languages. They are resourceful, responsible and respectful students who have a deep understanding and appreciation for diversity and cultures. They are engaged citizens who are able to connect and contribute to the community both in and beyond the classroom. This award is given to one student per level of each language at the academy. We congratulate each language award recipient.

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| <b>HAWAIIAN 1</b>                     | Mia Pasion, Grade 9                   |
| <b>HAWAIIAN 2</b>                     | Cassius Steele, Grade 9               |
| <b>HAWAIIAN 3</b>                     | Pōhakumauikekuaola Figueira, Grade 10 |
| <b>HAWAIIAN 4</b>                     | Elana Kawai, Grade 11                 |
| <b>HAWAIIAN 5</b>                     | Hunter Brown, Grade 12                |
| <b>JAPANESE 1</b>                     | Kiana Ramos, Grade 9                  |
| <b>JAPANESE 2</b>                     | Aya Okimoto, Grade 9                  |
| <b>JAPANESE 3</b>                     | Grace Hagino, Grade 10                |
| <b>JAPANESE 4</b>                     | Mika Hiroi, Grade 12                  |
| <b>JAPANESE 5</b>                     | Shane Komeiji, Grade 12               |
| <b>INTERMEDIATE HERITAGE JAPANESE</b> | Selena Hung, Grade 9                  |
| <b>ADVANCED HERITAGE JAPANESE</b>     | Jennifer Emerick, Grade 10            |
| <b>MANDARIN CHINESE 1</b>             | Adeline Wong, Grade 9                 |
| <b>MANDARIN CHINESE 2</b>             | Jessica Lee, Grade 9                  |
| <b>MANDARIN CHINESE 3</b>             | Albert Ko, Grade 10                   |
| <b>MANDARIN CHINESE 4</b>             | Meilin Hong, Grade 12                 |
| <b>MANDARIN CHINESE 5</b>             | Haohong Ren, Grade 10                 |
| <b>FRENCH 1</b>                       | Claire Hubbard, Grade 9               |
| <b>FRENCH 2</b>                       | Ellie Chung, Grade 9                  |
| <b>FRENCH 3</b>                       | Swan Kim, Grade 10                    |
| <b>FRENCH 4</b>                       | Sophia Boivin, Grade 10               |
| <b>FRENCH 5</b>                       | Ada Kisselgoff, Grade 11              |
| <b>SPANISH 1</b>                      | Ilyas Hage, Grade 9                   |
| <b>SPANISH 2</b>                      | Gemma Foo, Grade 9                    |
| <b>SPANISH 3</b>                      | Kahikina Marumoto, Grade 10           |
| <b>SPANISH 4</b>                      | Wes Yamaguchi, Grade 10               |
| <b>SPANISH 5</b>                      | Johanna Zeebe, Grade 11               |

The **Multi-Language Award** is given to students in the Language Department who showed exceptional commitment to the study of multiple languages beyond their native tongue. Recipients of this award exhibit a love of language learning and a keen appreciation of other cultures. These outstanding students and others at Punahou who chose to study more than one language are commended for their commitment to broaden their perspectives of the world. Their efforts will surely be rewarded as they enter into the global community beyond Punahou.

Emma Rappoport, Grade 12

## JOHN F. FOX ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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Initiated in 1989 by former Punahou President John F. Fox, this award of partial Punahou tuition remission recognizes accomplishments in academics, athletics or extra-curricular activities of students at any grade level. This year, we honor:

Qinglin Ye, Grade 10  
Jariahlyn Rhoades, Grade 11

## MICHAEL MCPHEE AWARD

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Initiated in 1989 to honor the memory of Michael McPhee, the late brother of former Punahou President Dr. Roderick McPhee, this award goes to a Junior boy and girl who exemplify the character, leadership, scholarship, enthusiasm and zest for life which was so much a part of Mike's own personality. These students make a difference to their classmates at Punahou. It is our pleasure to honor:

Carson Holt  
Mehana Stone

# PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

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The Principal's Award is presented each year to students from grades 9, 10, and 11. The selection process begins with informal nominations from students and faculty. Final selection is made by faculty groups in concert with the Deans of each class.

The award recognizes underclassmen who demonstrate qualities of leadership, citizenship and service to some area of our community such as student government, athletics, drama, service organizations or community projects. Many of the recipients are active in several fields. All distinguish themselves by their exceptional attitudes, their positive outlook, their responsibility and their willingness to give of themselves.

This year's Principal's Award recipients are:

- GRADE 9**    Chloe Alison Agapay  
                  Kenton Chan  
                  Scarlett Lai
  
- GRADE 10**    Ilyana Alba  
                  Kaison Aquino  
                  Grace Hagino  
                  Vincent Saito  
                  Tyler Wee
  
- GRADE 11**    Chani Chung  
                  Anna Sophia Dao  
                  Jordan Halagao  
                  Jisue Hong  
                  Kyla Nakashima  
                  Pearce Phillips  
                  Kainalupilialoha Spear

# PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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The President's Award is more than a commendation presented to those who have asserted themselves in scholarship and leadership. This is because people who are dedicated, who persevere and achieve need no reward beyond the kind of life they have made for themselves. The President's Award, in a sense, is for those people who do not need it. It goes to the students who have realized their full potential, delivered the best academic performance that they are capable of, inspired their peers and teachers, and continually given of themselves. You have been nominated by your classmates and the faculty, and finally chosen by your teachers and Deans to receive the President's Award for who you are, for what you have given Punahou, and for what you have given us individually. This award reflects the enthusiasm and respect you engender in us, and the trust we know we can put in you. Finally, the President's Award reflects our hope and assurance that each of you will carry your spirit, energy, and vision beyond the walls of this campus and into your future lives. As you graduate from Punahou, we know that you will continue to embody the conscience, compassion, and commitment that reflect Punahou's values, and that you will make the world a better place.

Laule'a Ah Mook Sang  
Benjamin Brown  
Esther Chan  
Atropa Choi  
Connor Davidson  
Camden Fujimoto  
Reina Gammarino  
Kyle Hasegawa  
Josef Hatcher  
Sean Jung  
Shane Komeiji  
Kelsey Kominck  
La'iku Layaoen  
Julia Leong  
Kolton Leong  
Jason Leung  
Taylor Marie Lindsey  
Piper McDermott  
Lexi Namba  
Miya Peterson  
Christa Shibayama  
Keilani Stewart  
Tasiana Taufahema  
Tayson Tiitii  
Katherine Viola  
Elise Wong  
Albert Zheng  
Irene Zhong  
Ivey Zhong



