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PUNAHOU SCHOOL  
**ACADEMY**  
**STUDENT AWARDS**  
**2026**

## 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.

<b>GRADE 10</b>	Sadie Holliday Juliana Kaniho	Emily Oliver Ren Taira
<b>GRADE 11</b>	Rylan Cooney Jake Davidson Zara Hostetler Claire Hubbard Heikura Hererangi Leong	Nakoa McCoy Kiana Ramos Jacob Rosemeyer Meridian Stanbro
<b>GRADE 12</b>	Ash Geil Tiffany Katsuda Halle Kinnear Joseph Lapinad Gregory Lippert	Aya Oda-Osman Haohong Ren Emily Sparks Gabriella Tanibe Cody Watanabe

## ATHLETICS

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### **BILLY WEAVER GRADE 9 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

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.

Dylan Buelow	Keelee Nogawa
Chloe Cloward	Tai Utoafili
Donovan Kilisi	Hayden Wong

### **NĀ WĀHINE PĀ'ANI AND PUNAHOU O-MEN GRADE 10 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

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

<b>NĀ WĀHINE PĀ'ANI</b>	Isabela Jube Aina Nakamura Alexa Takai
<b>PUNAHOU O-MEN</b>	George Koji Ho Amare San Diego Keola Todd-Perry

### **MCELDOWNEY-MATTHIAS GRADE 11 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

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

Owen Allison	Tanoaalofa Scanlan
Thompson Cheever	Mia Tom
Kūlia Heffernan	Owen Williams
Colbie Nakano	Rio Williams

### C. DUDLEY PRATT GRADE 12 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.

Hideo Barlag	Sophia Howell	Cayden Matsuoka	Synnove Robinson
Gavin Buelow	Dane Kellner	Hope McCarren	Emily Sparks
Ethan Chung	Allen Kudo	Lauren Oliver	Journei Webster
Eighla Fujitani	Brady Lau	Cameron Porter	Maya Yoshimura

## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

Design Technology is proud to celebrate the accomplishments of students who have demonstrated excellence in design fabrication, engineering, 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 requiring distinction in safety, mindfulness, mentorship and sustainable thinking.

<b>SUSTAINABLE ENGINEERING</b>	Sophia Jacobs, Grade 9
<b>ENGINEERING</b>	Travis Nalu Dumaran, Grade 10 Kaita Endo, Grade 12 Kaleo Fleming, Grade 12 Isabella Guerrero, Grade 10 Ava Miyasato, Grade 11 Elliot Penn, Grade 12 Lauren Phomsopha, Grade 11 Connor Ress, Grade 11 Andrea Shen, Grade 10 Cassius White, Grade 11 Dante Zuniga, Grade 12

## ENGLISH

The Academy English Department seeks to recognize students who consistently demonstrate excellence in reading, writing, and speaking during both semesters of English class in a given school year. Characterized by their curiosity and passion for studying literature and language, these students are tenacious in their pursuit of challenge. Excellent English students also promote a healthy classroom community by engaging, inspiring, and energizing others with their contributions. These students routinely go “above and beyond” our expectations by being, quite simply, “all in, all the time.”

<b>GRADE 9</b>	Thomas Abbe Bloem	Sabine Gendrano Ball	Hunter Robertson
	Olivia Ascalon	Finn Greenwell	Taliyah Ta’aga
	Angeline Befitel	Lola Heahlke	Marlie Takamatsu
	Max Berk	Luke Herring	Lea Watanabe
	Solana Brennan	Maile Hong	Brooke Watari
	Sarah Cao	Marlowe Lai	Aaron Ye
	Josh Chang	Kaylie Matthews	
	Skye Clarke	Cole P. Nakamura	
	Jacqueline Dao	Mary Isabel Pearson	
	Hanna Dziadurski	Emry Phillips	
	Mie Fong	Owen Richardson	

<b>GRADE 10</b>	Jariya Baum Kolby Chun Sebastian Cooper Ian Delse Travis Nalu Dumaran Caleb Dunn Chelsea Fujita Kai Gammarino Diya Jain Christian Ka’akua Aria Kim Tira Lai	Ada Levinson Madeline McDevitt Minh Chau Nguyen Olesya Noerper Kaydee Sakata Ren Taira Keola Todd-Perry Vivienne Uy Kiana Xu Ahina Yamamoto Ava Zoto
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<b>GRADE 11</b>	Kenton Chan Kaia Chaney Maile Dunn Andrew Kelii Philippou	Anna Reppun Aletheia Uchida Adeline Wong
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<b>GRADE 12</b>	Jacob Blaze Cabuhat Sophie Chan Maya Gaudiano Ash Geil Grace Hagino Albert Ko	Kilia Lawrence Gallagher Kahikina Marumoto Petra Ng-Osorio Parker Noland Kaci Reyes Miranda Yap
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## JROTC

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

<b>LET I CADET OF THE YEAR</b>	Sarah Cao, Grade 9
<b>LET II CADET OF THE YEAR</b>	Wyatt Endow, Grade 10
<b>LET III CADET OF THE YEAR</b>	Lauren Jewell, Grade 11
<b>LET IV CADET OF THE YEAR</b>	Katelynn Arakaki, Grade 12

## MATHEMATICS

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.

<b>GEOMETRY HONORS</b>	Thomas Abbe Bloem, Grade 9 Haruko Nagai, Grade 9 Charlie Schlieman, Grade 9
<b>ALGEBRA 2/TRIGONOMETRY HONORS</b>	Alexander Chung, Grade 10 Travis Nalu Dumaran, Grade 10
<b>ADVANCED PRE-CALCULUS HONORS</b>	Charlie Koh, Grade 11 Zachary Pang, Grade 11
<b>AP STATISTICS</b>	Coco Heahlke, Grade 10 Albert Ko, Grade 12 Lindsey Kouchi, Grade 11

Tira Lai, Grade 10  
 Vincent Lau, Grade 10  
 Andrew Kelii Philippou, Grade 11  
 Rei Rhymer, Grade 12  
 William Ruotola, 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:

Albert Ko, Grade 12  
 Kahikina Marumoto, Grade 12  
 Rei Rhymer, Grade 12

## MUSIC

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.

<b>ORCHESTRA EXCELLENCE</b>	Riya Krishnagopalan, Grade 12 Jibhum Lee, Grade 12 Lily Nomura, Grade 12	Daniel Schoen, Grade 12 Rylan Terayama, Grade 12 Alexander Woo, Grade 12
<b>NATIONAL SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AWARD</b>	Swan Kim, Grade 12 Albert Ko, Grade 12 Max Shinno, Grade 12	
<b>CHORAL EXCELLENCE</b>	Aspen Mau, Grade 12 Kai Reddy, Grade 12	
<b>NATIONAL SCHOOL CHORAL AWARD</b>	Alana Del Zotto, Grade 12 Pōhakumauikekuaola Figueira, Grade 12	
<b>BAND EXCELLENCE</b>	Safa Ahmed, Grade 12 Elia Belluzzo, Grade 12 Justin Chan, Grade 12 Ann Duchemin, Grade 12 Nalu Kam, Grade 12 Ioane Keehu, Grade 12 Kala'iuanoe'ula Kelekolio, Grade 12	Jayden Leung, Grade 12 Zoe Lewis, Grade 12 Jacob Miyamoto, Grade 12 Vincent Saito, Grade 12 Chase Tawara, Grade 12 Benjamin Watanabe, Grade 12
<b>LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ</b>	Kyle Nakagawa, Grade 12	
<b>JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AWARD</b>	Grace Hagino, Grade 12 Ashley Ikeda, Grade 12	

## OAHUAN

Created by 30 student volunteers over the course of 14 months, the 106th volume of the Oahuan includes all Academy students, faculty, staff, administration, academics, sports, and extracurricular activities.

The **OAHUAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** is earned by the top 10% of the yearbook staff nominees.

Sophie Chan, Grade 12  
 Chloe Liu, Grade 12  
 Elsa West, Grade 10

Earned by the highest votes of the yearbook team, the **OAHUAN EXCELLENCE AWARD** distinguishes a peer that made the biggest impact. The recipient dedicated a majority of their years in the Academy to the Oahuan and qualitatively made a difference in the style and content of our book.

Ava Zoto, Grade 10

## SCIENCE

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 process 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.

<b>BIOLOGY</b>	Owen Richardson, Grade 9 Taliyah Ta'aga, Grade 9
<b>BIOLOGY AND GEOLOGY OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS</b>	Olesya Noerper, Grade 10
<b>BIOLOGY HONORS</b>	Thomas Abbe Bloem, Grade 9 Finn Greenwell, Grade 9
<b>CHEMISTRY</b>	Ava Anderson, Grade 10
<b>CHEMISTRY HONORS</b>	Vincent Lau, Grade 10 Kalei Okike, Grade 10 Keli Tanaka, Grade 10
<b>PRINCIPLES OF PHYSICS</b>	Mia Takayama, Grade 12
<b>AP BIOLOGY</b>	Megan Ing, Grade 11 Luke Itomura, Grade 11 Madeline McDevitt, Grade 10
<b>AP CHEMISTRY</b>	Kotori Bilharz, Grade 10 Travis Nalu Dumaran, Grade 10
<b>AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE</b>	Sophia Westly, Grade 12
<b>AP PHYSICS I</b>	Kenton Chan, Grade 11
<b>AP PHYSICS I+II</b>	Charlie Koh, Grade 11
<b>AP PHYSICS C</b>	Kahikina Marumoto, 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:

Corey Farah, 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:

Luke Itomura, Grade 11

The **RENSELAER 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:

Kenton Chan, Grade 11

## SOCIAL STUDIES

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.

<b>GRADE 9</b>	Solana Brennan Zane Dalgamouni Carson Kage Tara Krishnagopalan Marlowe Lai	Taryn Nakamoto Emry Phillips Pi'ina'e Vaughan Brooke Watari Stella Zoto
<b>GRADE 10</b>	Jariya Baum Mehana Earle Nina Fan Paige Goya Del Guidry	Olesya Noerper Owen Roe Olivia Schmidt Ren Taira Theo Temple
<b>GRADE 11</b>	Ethan Camp Louisa Cole Jake Davidson Maile Dunn Claire Hubbard	Joshua Konno-Lum Scarlett Lai Chase Nam Lauren Phomsopha Nicole Scorch Zhai
<b>GRADE 12</b>	Sophie Chan Mari Dela Cruz Krislyn Ishibashi Gregory Lippert Jake Lucas	Kaci Reyes Daniel Schoen Asa Shimizu Charles Ye

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.

Albert Ko, Grade 12

Kamailelauli'i Shultz, Grade 12

## THEATRE

The **STAGECRAFT AWARD** recognizes student designers and technicians who made significant contributions this year 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.

Tiffany Katsuda, Grade 12

Andrew Kelii Philippou, Grade 11

Kekoa Ratchaworapong, Grade 10

Jax Roster, Grade 11

Cash Steele, 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.

Elizabeth Chee, Grade 12

Gemma Foo, Grade 11

Kara Corinne Lawas, Grade 11

Shiley Levinson, Grade 11

Mat Strombach, Grade 12

Siena Yeo, Grade 12

Nicole Scorch Zhai, Grade 11

The **KEAKA PO'OKELA AWARD** recognizes a Senior student who has demonstrated a high level of excellence as an on-stage performer or behind-the-scenes activist 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, drama classes and community events.

Grace Hagino, 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.

**SPANISH I** Elliana Fernandes, Grade 9  
**SPANISH II** Marlowe Lai, Grade 9  
**SPANISH III** Travis Nalu Dumaran, Grade 10  
**SPANISH IV** Everest Martinez, Grade 11  
**SPANISH V** Gemma Foo, Grade 11

**‘ŌLELO HAWAI‘I I** John-Luke Ho‘onanea, Grade 11  
**‘ŌLELO HAWAI‘I II** Jaren Arcano, Grade 9  
**‘ŌLELO HAWAI‘I III** Maile Dunn, Grade 11  
**‘ŌLELO HAWAI‘I IV** Cash Leimoku Steele, Grade 11  
**‘ŌLELO HAWAI‘I V** Pōhakumauikekuaola Figueira, Grade 12

**JAPANESE I** Kaylie Matthews, Grade 9  
**JAPANESE II** Lily-Ayn Kamano, Grade 9  
**JAPANESE III** Tai Malalis, Grade 10  
**JAPANESE IV** Andrew Kelii Philippou, Grade 11  
**JAPANESE V** Reilee Kuba, Grade 12  
**INTERMEDIATE HERITAGE JAPANESE** Mitsuka Terada, Grade 9  
**ADVANCED HERITAGE JAPANESE** Alexis Miyashiro, Grade 10

**MANDARIN CHINESE I** Miu Mori, Grade 10  
**MANDARIN CHINESE HERITAGE I** John Yoshida, Grade 9  
**MANDARIN CHINESE II** Honori Shinozaki, Grade 9  
**MANDARIN CHINESE III** Owen Richardson, Grade 9  
**MANDARIN CHINESE IV** Jessica Lee, Grade 11  
**MANDARIN CHINESE V** Sarah Kuo, Grade 11

**FRENCH I** Madison Roe, Grade 11  
**FRENCH II** Haruko Nagai, Grade 9  
**FRENCH III** Gabriel Kuvac, Grade 11  
**FRENCH IV** Seth Kaleo Midro, Grade 11  
**FRENCH V** Sophia Foster, Grade 12

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.

Mio Aranoff, Grade 11, Mandarin Chinese IV Honors & Japanese V AP  
Maya Gaudiano, Grade 12, French V AP & Spanish III H  
Allen Kudo, Grade 12, Japanese V AP & Spanish II H & Japanese TA  
Issin Shintani, Grade 12, Japanese V AP & Spanish V

## 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:

Donovan Kilisi, Grade 9  
Tara Aau, Grade 10  
John-Luke Twigg, 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:

Sebastian Dang  
Mia Pasion

## 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** Zane Dalgamouni  
Loreen Kauwelo  
Marlowe Lai  
Tay-Lina Nakagawa  
**GRADE 10** Nina Fan  
Christian Ka’akua  
Maddi Kimura  
Olesya Noerper  
Taino Stanbro  
Keola Todd-Perry  
**GRADE 11** Tahan Bapna  
August Chen  
Lauren Chen  
Simione Lakalaka-Sole  
Carter Nobuhara  
Luke Ogawa  
Sofia Pomares Sotomayor  
Julia Saines

# 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, persevere and achieve need no reward beyond the kind of life they lead. The President's Award, in this 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 they are capable of, inspired their peers and teachers, and given of themselves. You have been nominated by your classmates, faculty, and Deans to receive the President's Award for who you are and what you have given Punahou.

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 confidence that each of you will carry your spirit, energy, and vision beyond this campus and into your future lives. As you graduate from Punahou, we know that you embody the conscience, compassion, and commitment that reflect Punahou's values and that you will make the world a better place.

Katelynn Arakaki  
Gavin Buelow  
Sophie Chan  
Ka'aepa'akealaloa Chance-Gamundoy  
Chin Sofia Chi  
Cross Chow  
Maxwell De Witt  
Mari Dela Cruz  
Nicholas Flores  
Capri Greene  
Grace Hagino  
Logan Hange  
Krislyn Ishibashi  
Nalu Kam  
Albert Ko  
Caris Leong  
Kahikina Marumoto  
Riley Mishina  
Parker Noland  
Alicia Pearson  
Julia Savage  
Max Shinno  
Kamailelauli'i Shultz  
Rylan Terayama  
Kainoa Thorne  
Jake Tripp  
Silvia-Jane Wong-Taylor  
Alexander Woo  
Dante Zuniga



