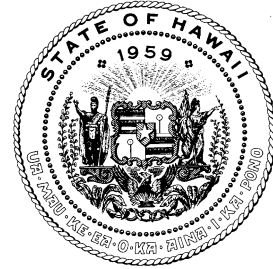


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KAUAI LEGISLATORS MEET WITH CHIEFESS KAMAKAHELEI MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, along with Representatives James Tokioka and Derek S.K. Kawakami, presented students from Chiefess Kamakahahelei Middle School (CKMS) with legislative certificates commending them on their achievement at the Jr. SkillsUSA Convention Construction and Technology Challenge. The Jr. SkillsUSA Convention Construction and Technology Challenge was held at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu on February 20 to 21. After the competition, the CKMS students and their advisor, Robyn Herbig, met with members of their Kauai Legislative Delegation at the Hawaii State Capitol. Participating in this year's event included: Ben Brady, Sydney Brady, Kaylee Braun, Seeley Byers, Scott Cushnie, Mariflor Delos Santos, Kiyib (Erina) Garbphin, Ku'ulei Ikeda, Camron Navor, Ryan Smith, Rina Takabayashi, and Shirying Tay.

A non-profit student organization serving more than 300,000 student and professional members, SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. The organization hosts annual local, state, and national competitions in which students demonstrate occupational and leadership skills. It also provides students with leadership, teamwork and character development.

(Photos Courtesy: The Office of Senator Ronald D. Kouchi)

Photo caption: (Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Representative James Tokioka, Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, advisor Robyn Herbig, and students from Chiefess Kamakahahelei Middle School.)

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