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Aloha Friends:

I hope that you and your families are well.

As this school year comes to a close, we celebrate the accomplishments of our students. These students are moving on to the next chapter of their lives, and I wish every one of them the very best in their endeavors.

With the school year coming to an end, please remember that many children will be out at play. Please be aware of your surroundings, especially while driving. The safety and welfare of our keiki are most important.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of being your voice in the House of Representatives. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 586-8500, or via email at [rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Malama Pono,

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES!

2016 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UH-West Oahu celebrating excellence in higher education. I am very proud that my first priority upon being elected, was building the UH-West Oahu campus. In 2012 we opened our doors for an institution of higher learning, which had been promised to us for 40 years. As many of you know, I have been working on the development of a creative media center at UH-West Oahu. I am pleased to report that this year's budget included \$35 million in funding for a new creative media center at our West Oahu campus. As our students on the west side excel in creative media, I believe this creative media center will benefit our students for years to come.



Left: Rep. Har, Student Speaker Tiffany Shelton, and Valedictorian Ana Lisa Lillis, with Mistress of Ceremonies Marousha Moore and Haylie Culp.

Center: Dr. Vince Todd, Legislative Intern Kevin Fong, Legislative Aide Kamana Levy, Rep. Har and Office Manager Wendee Wilson.

I would like to wish a special congratulations to my Legislative Intern, Kevin Fong as a member of the 2016 graduating class at UH—West Oahu. Kevin was a key team member of our office this session, as he coordinated our 2016 Kapolei Keiki Wellness Day. My office and I wish Kevin the very best in his future endeavors as we know that he will succeed in all of his dreams.



Below: Rep. Har celebrated graduation at Kapolei High School with 2016 graduate Klaryssa Kado.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 VALEDICTORIANS OF KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL

- Ashley Cobbs
- Anolani Viloría
- Chelsea Briggs,
- Arianna Claveria
- Gabriel Undan
- Selena Vanapruks
- Lauren Alejo
- Jamie Valdez
- Joshua D'Andrea
- Sarah Kim
- Kiana Fernandez
- Nathan Horiuchi



# KAPOLEI MIDDLE SCHOOL'S 2016 PO'OKELA AWARDS

Each year, I have the privilege of attending and participating in Kapolei Middle School's Po'okela Awards! Po'okela means "best of the best," or "champion." These students have exemplified excellence in the areas of STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This year's awardees include three Kuli`a I Ka Nu`u winners, **Ashley Membre, Jaeden Chang, and Taryn Morikawa**. Congratulations to our 2016 Po'okela Awardees :

## Grade 6:

- Ramsey Damien Agustin
- Ava Marie Alvarez
- Amethyst Alvaro
- Noah Anderson
- Nia Ramos Araiza
- Jayse Arcalas
- Princess Caitlyn Ballesteros
- Keira Batara
- Arianna Brunson
- Kealaula Cabilao
- Lilikoi Camp-Madiganon
- Josiah Paul Caparas
- Elizabeth Carey
- Faith Chhe
- Reilly Peter Choo
- Alexis Copp
- Coleton Deeley
- Kaitlyn Marie Domingo
- Alexis Domingsil
- Makena Enhada
- Travis Figueroa
- Ari Fo
- Zachary Fujioka
- Gabriel Galios
- Sonja Garcia
- Aryn Rae Hufana
- Maria Hatten
- Alexander Heinze
- Piper Kennedy
- Jesselynn Koko
- Kylie Konrai
- Joshua Lingad
- Aaron Liwanag
- Loko Maikai Lynch
- Chloe Makinney
- Josmin Manog
- Rylan Morikawa
- Kealaka`ilu`ukai Moses-Gomera
- Nicholas Myung
- Brenden Nelson
- Camilla Nguyen
- Calogero Pata
- Irie Peterson
- Aidan Pope
- Camille Quindica
- Emily Respicio-Enomoto
- Maia Santa Monica
- Trinity Smith
- Naleia Jazelle Tacadena

## Grade 6 continued:

- Makoa Tandy
- Cydney Thrash
- Kaylah Toves
- Cyrille Keith Valdez
- Jesse Viernes
- Harlee Wong
- Evelyn Young
- Janella Mari Zamora

## Grade 7:

- Caitlin Jayne Agnes
- Ryan-Nicole Amorin
- Isaiah Ancheta
- Chelsea Bayudan
- Keanu Belford
- Jason Frank Camarillo Jr.
- Cayleigh Rose Cole
- Zachery D'Andrea
- Trisha Anne Dayrit
- Anastasia del Banco
- Karley Gabayo
- Cristen Jian Gadich
- Imani Garnett
- Allayna Grande
- Sara Gregory
- Tyerra Kaaialii
- Chanice Kaulili-Duhaylonsod
- Malisa Lo
- Shayezah Manabe
- Keoni Mabini
- Olivia Maddock
- Maile Magpoc
- Gabriel Manninen
- Haley Nadig
- Alayna O'Brien
- Branden Paul Pagurayan
- Rayden Palakiko
- Eric Quemado
- Xavier Rabatin
- Alexis-Rachelle Ramel
- Roxanne Ruscio
- Mystic Josiah Sampaga
- Ellie Sampson
- Julia Samson
- Staecia Silofau
- Trinity Solis
- Jade Tamashiro
- Timothy Uriam
- Kaitlyn White
- Aaron Yeung

## Grade 8:

- Ritch Agustin
- Colbie Erwin Arcalas
- Jada Arcalas
- Kamryn Asuncion
- Geraldine Averion
- Adrianna Biete
- Daniel Bustamante
- Hunter Comstock
- Jordan Corpuz
- Angelica Devers
- Mikaila Rai Domingo
- Lia Edwards
- Maya Enhada
- Summer Eslava
- Kalei Fale
- Rayla Galvan
- Rose Garcia
- Riley Gaspar
- Ryleigh Gates
- Abigail Gruver
- Jhenaya Hampton
- Adam Hartford
- Annie Heinze
- Dayna Hidaro
- Breeana Hong
- Shanelle Inouye
- Gillen Vale Jusi
- Cleary Kaahanui
- Rebecca Kim
- Kauai Konrai
- Melia La Fleur
- Ashley LaFleur
- Soraya Lippert
- Cody Liu
- Mataio Malana
- Jerome Marquez
- Jessica McNeil
- Taelor Mesa
- Jay Miller
- Shannon Mills
- Tristan Mitchell
- Sheela Nair
- Madeleine Nguyen
- Angeleia Ordenez
- Chanland Padello-Amodo
- Jaren Park
- Jenna Park
- Casey Pasion
- Honu Pata

## Grade 8 continued:

- Uelese Gregorio Patu
- Angelina Pires
- Lacey Queen Booze
- Taylor Rufo
- Royce Sapalasan
- Grace Sapolu
- Madison Stephenson
- Jasmine Swazer
- Larissa Vina Tabion
- Jeremiah Taylor
- Xander Van den Berg
- Dedric Bryant Tolentino
- Kayleigh Toyama
- Caitlin Tynanes
- Dylan Valentine
- Abigail Villanueva
- Alyssa Watarida
- Mia Yanase
- Bryana Yoshida
- Breeana Zubrod



Above: Rep. Har surprises Kapolei Middle School Principal Bruce Naguwa with a congratulatory certificate from the Hawaii State House of Representatives, for being named the National Distinguished Principal of 2016 by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. This honor is presented each year to principals across the nation in both public and private schools, for their exemplary achievements.