

Senator Michelle Kidani

(D) Senate District 18 – Serving Mililani Town, Waipio Gentry, Waikele, Village Park, Royal Kunia



Aloha friends and neighbors,

A major road rehabilitation project got underway earlier this week. The Department of Transportation has been assuring us for months that resurfacing of a major portion of Kam Highway is "coming soon" - and that day has finally arrived.

This heavily used portion of the highway from Ka Uka Boulevard in Waipio to Waihau Street just beyond Mililani Town will finally receive much-needed attention to improve highway safety for

drivers and their vehicles. The total project includes reconstruction and resurfacing, guardrail safety improvements, traffic signal modifications, some pedestrian safety improvements and new traffic signs.

The contract to Grace Pacific totals \$13.3 million - funded 80 percent by the Federal Highway Administration and 20 percent by State funds. Roadwork will be done mainly during daylight hours, but there will be at least a month of nighttime construction - including full closure of Kipapa Bridge - during the final phase of the project.

Watch for announcements and warnings about detours and reduced speed limits in the roadwork zones. Lane closure information for this project and the many other highway improvements currently underway is available online at hidot.hawaii.gov.

The State Transportation Department says "Mahalo for your patience . . ." The French philosopher Rousseau said: "Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet." And that means one day all of this traffic work will be done!

Me ke Aloha Pumehana,



Important dates:

- ◆ **Primary election** voter registration deadline – **July 10**
- ◆ Early walk-in voting begins **July 28**
- ◆ Primary Election Day: **Saturday, August 9**
- ◆ **General Election** voter registration deadline – **October 6**
- ◆ Early walk-in voting begins **October 21**
- ◆ General Election Day: **Tuesday, November 4**

Early walk-in voting sites will again be at Honolulu Hale and Kapolei Hale. For information, call 453-VOTE (453-8683)



Kaleiopuu



Kanoelani



Kipapa

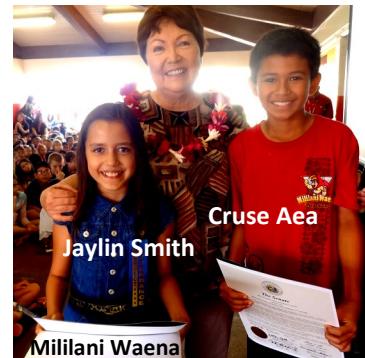


Mililani Uka

Again this year, I asked each of the elementary schools in my district to select two outstanding 5th or 6th grade students for special recognition. Five of the six schools in District 18 participated this year.

The students are selected by teachers of the "graduates" as they move on to their respective Middle schools. Each student receives a Certificate of Congratulations from the Hawaii State Senate along with a gift card - and a heavy hint that they stock up on summer reading material!

Congratulations to this year's honorees!



Mililani Waena

In Our Communities . . .

Congratulations to the Waipahu High School Class of 2014!



I was in the audience of families, friends and fans of the 505 graduating seniors at the Blaisdell Center last month to celebrate their successes and wish them well on the next chapter in their lives. Center front row (applauding), **Maria Jurado**, national prize winner for her science studies this year, and Senior Class President **Jomari Salud**.



Mililani High School Athletic Director **Glenn Nitta** and I were delighted to congratulate Varsity Softball Coach **Rose Antonio** for being named 2014 **Female Coach of the Year** at the OIA awards banquet last week. Coach Rose led the Trojan girls to the 2014 State Championship for which she was also named **All-State Coach of the Year** by the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*.

Let's do it again next year!

Operating Engineers Local 3 ~ Celebrating 75 years in 2014!



OE3 Apprentice Training Center in Kahuku

I was among legislators invited to a briefing at the **Operating Engineers Local 3 Apprentice Training Center** in Kahuku. The center is located in a remote area where trainees can practice using heavy equipment without disturbing neighbors. **OE3 will accept applications for the next apprentice class for a few more days.** The details and an application form are online at <http://www.oe3.org/training/hawaii.html>.



Photo upper left, a presentation by OE3 Apprenticeship Director Mitchell Kealoha. Above, during our visit I had a chance to try one of the center's excavator simulators.



With HTA CEO Mike McCartney, Chief Lee Donohue and wife Lucille

*At left, the Honolulu Police Community Foundation honored the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii (VASH) for its close work with HPD to assist visitors who have been victims of crimes. VASH is funded by the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA). Former HPD Chief **Lee Donohue** now heads the Police Community Foundation.*

*At right, I shared the excitement of the Hawaii Academy of Recording Artist's Na Hoku Hanohano Awards with my friend and Office of Hawaiian Affairs Maui Trustee **Hulu Lindsey**. Hulu received a Hoku award as **Female Vocalist of the Year**. **Congratulations!***



**With Hulu Lindsey ~
Female Vocalist of the Year**