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February 2010

Congratulations to **Moanalua High School's Varsity Football Team** for capturing the **2009 Oahu Interscholastic Association (OIA) Championship (Division II)** for the first time in the school's 37 year history! The team earned the title after a victorious 21-7 win against Aiea High School, which gave them the OIA record of 10-0 and overall 10-2, the best record in Moanalua High School's history. The triumph also qualified Na Menehune to the Hawaii High School Athletic Association's State Football Tournament for the second time in their school's history.

The success of Moanalua High School's Varsity Football Team is attributable to the cohesive and dedicated efforts of the entire team, including the coaches, statisticians, team managers and athletes. Nonetheless, equally contributing to this achievement are the members of the athletic department, school administration, faculty, custodial staff, booster organizations, the student body, parents of the players and families of the coaches. Pastor Cal Chinen, Moanalua Gardens Missionary Church and the entire Moanalua community have generously given back to the team, through their support of Moanalua High School and their athletics programs.

With the success of Moanalua's football program, Coach Martinez was voted 2009 Football Coach of the Year for the OIA White Division! Congratulations to all!



Moanalua High School's **Coach Arnold Martinez** – *2009 Football Coach of the Year for the OIA White Division*
Left: Senator Sakamoto congratulates Coach Martinez and his family, **Charlene (wife), Trinity and Tristan.**



Furlough Friday Rally & Bake Sale at the Capitol

This event on January 29 was coordinated by Hawaii Education Matters, Save Our Schools, Kanu Hawaii and The Learning Coalition. The rally involved sign-waving on Beretania Street and a drive-through bake sale intended to raise funds for teachers who want to return to the classroom.

2010 Legislative Session

Our committee is currently having hearings on some measures aimed at authorizing funds that would return public school students to the classroom. Our dedicated staff members to help answer questions and provide you with assistance are pictured below.



Back Row (Left to Right): Jacob Ng (former Committee Clerk & Senior Legislative Aide), **Joanne Swearingen** (Volunteer), **Caroline Julian** (Legislative Aide), **Robert Arakaki** (Volunteer), **Christin Wehrsig** (Legislative Aide), **Allen Aways** (Committee Clerk), **Valerie Ruiz** (UH Legislative Intern), **Carol Pang** (Volunteer), **Cherry Torres** (Office Manager), *Front Row (Left to Right):* Penny Sakamoto, Senator Norman Sakamoto, **Erin Conner** (Assistant Committee Clerk/Legislative Assistant)

****Official staff members – in bold**

Schedule of Community Meetings February & March 2010

Neighborhood Board Meetings

Aiea NB No. 20

Monday, February 8, 7:30 PM

Monday, March 8, 7:30 PM

Aiea Library Conference Room

Aliamanu/ Salt Lake/ Foster Village NB No. 18

Thursday, February 11, 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 11, 7:00 PM

Oahu Veterans Center

Kalihi-Palama NB No.15

Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 17, 7:00 PM

Kapalama Elementary School Cafeteria

Community & School Associations

Moanalua Gardens Community Association

Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 2, 7:00 PM

Moanalua Middle, Room B2

Aiea Pearl City Town Hall Meetings

State Budget

Thursday, February 11, 7:00 PM

Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria

Traffic and Transportation

Thursday, March 18, 7:00 PM

Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria

Other Meetings and Events That Senator Sakamoto Participated in January:

- Education Commission of the States Commissioner's Mtg
- Fourth Annual Hawaii Dental Association Breakfast
- Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan Informational Briefing
- The Hawaii Chapter American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA) Reception
- Hawaiian Island Ministries - Straight Talk Event
- Land Use Research Foundation Forum
- Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Briefing
- Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Legislative Breakfast
- Kainalu Elementary -Hawaii 3Rs Playground Dedication



**Kalani High School's Creative Visual Display
on Health Care**



**Astronaut
Ellison
Onizuka
Science Day
at the
University of
Hawaii at
Hilo.**

**Fantastic Fridays with Moanalua Middle School
Students and Supporters**



Furlough Fridays have turned into Fantastic Fridays!
Thanks to community supporters such as Ron Lockwood's Totally
Against Graffiti (TAG), the Painters Union, McDonalds of Hawaii,
the Honolulu Police Department and Representative Glenn Wakai.

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