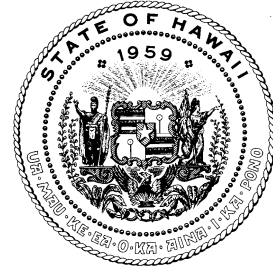


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Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School Students Take Home Top Awards in State Competition

OAHU – Thirteen students from Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School (CKMS) won first and second places in the SkillsUSA Convention Technology Challenge Contest held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, in Honolulu.

SkillsUSA is a non-profit educational association which serves high school and post-secondary school students. The organization hosts annual local, state, and national competitions in which students demonstrate occupational and leadership skills. The association works to provide quality educational experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development.

CKMS students participating in the SkillsUSA contest were Keala Iwasaki, Scott Cushnie, Keegan Loo, Sean Ebueng, Trevor Fruedig, Branden Remegio, Scott Ota, Saedy Tumaneng, Marissa Martinez, Sarah Matsunaga, Sydney Brady, Marilyn Clement and Elizabeth Makizuru. CKMS teachers Justin Carvalho and Robyn Herbig accompanied the group.

While in Honolulu, the CKMS students and their teachers met with their Kauai Legislative delegation, Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Representative James Tokioka, Representative Dee Morikawa and Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami. Each student was presented with a legislative certificate commending them on their achievement at the SkillsUSA Convention.

(Photo caption #1: Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Representative James Tokioka, Representative Dee Morikawa, Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, teachers Justin Carvalho and Robyn Herbig, and students from Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School.

(Photo caption #2: Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, Representative James Tokioka, CKMS teacher Justin Carvalho, Senator Ronald D. Kouchi. Bottom row: Representative Dee Morikawa, CKMS teacher Robyn Herbig)

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