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Dear Mānoa School 'Ohana:

There are so many examples of how our mission of, "Together we nurture, empower, and inspire all students" is actualized here at Mānoa School. Tomorrow (Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>), you will see what our amazing students are capable of at our annual Festival of Music following weeks of dedicated planning and practice. The Festival of Music and the family-friendly fair that follows would not be possible without the buy-in of the entire school community! A heartfelt mahalo to our fabulous staff and parent volunteers who help make this event such a memorable one for our keiki. Hope to see everyone tomorrow afternoon!

Many of you have read the previous message about how our Tiger Robotics teams proudly represented our school, state, and country and triumphantly came home from the VEX World Championships in Kentucky with five major competition awards. For more photos and highlights of the teams' experience, visit <http://www.manoaschool.com/vex.html>.

Let's highlight some of the other ways our students have taken advantage of different opportunities afforded to them and shone bright in the process. Although not an exhaustive list, here are some highlights from the past semester.



On Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Mānoa students flexed their math muscles at the annual Math Olympiad at Stevenson Middle School. Our math team (Aidan Gia-Diep, Austin Vanegas, Brendan Kajioka, Cole Takehara, Everest Martinez, Ian Jun, Kasyn Amazaki, Katherine Furuta, Luka Milincic, Rylan Gubatan, Daniel Ward, and Leland Hara) came home with the overall first place title!

Additionally:

- Kasyn Amazaki won 3rd place in the Hurdles Event,
- Katherine Furuta and Brendan Kajioka won 3rd place (tie) for the Sprint event,
- Rylan Gubatan won 3rd place in the Marathon
- Aidan Gia-Diep won 1st place in the Marathon, and
- Everest Martinez won 1st place in the Steeplechase

Congratulations to our math role-models and thank you to our all our volunteer coaches, including Mrs. Mitsuda, Mrs. Miyamoto, Mrs. Bondoc, Mr. Turbeville, and Mrs. Kajioka who helped make this possible!

The May 9th Honolulu Star-Advertiser's Keiki Day Edition showcased the newspaper's annual school award winners in various creative art and writing categories. Congratulations to first grader Ailee Uyechi for winning First Place in the Writer Category. Her piece was inspired by Mrs. Villamin's world peace circle discussions. Mrs. Villamin said, "We are so proud of Ailee taking initiative to share her powerful voice and using her stunning talents to touch many!"



More kudos for Mrs. Villamin's class whose Peace Project won First Place in the elementary division of the *E Ola Pono Campaign* that promotes peace and social-emotional-learning in Hawai'i public schools. For more information on this prestigious student-led project award, visit <http://www.growingponoschools.com/campaign-home>.

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, 13 Mānoa students participated in the annual Honolulu District Speech Festival at Kaimuki High School. Liana Chang, Preston Harada, Sue Lee, Kella Luke, Alana Rolovich, Ellie Sakai, Hope Shinsato, Cole Takehara, Ava Ferchoff, Kona Kealoha, Jaxelle Kim-Onuma, Cassidy Lung, and Michaela Zialcita practiced countless hours, honed their presentation skills and wowed the judges and audience in their respective categories. Thank you to Mrs. Fujino, Mrs. Fong, Mrs. Okano, Mrs. Secreto, Mrs. Bondoc, Ms. Carr, and Mrs. Miyamoto for working with all of our participants. Great job to all!

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, three Mānoa School students were invited to attend the 'Olelo Awards Banquet, the "Oscars of student video production." Leland Hara, Nicole Zhai, and Kate Furuta's video was a selected finalist in the "Be A Storm Water Hero" category. They created a video that showcased ways to minimize flooding and water pollution. Congratulations on a job well done! Thank you to GT advisor Mrs. Kajioka and Video Production teacher Mr. Nakasone for working with the team. See the video at <http://manoschoolgt.weebly.com/multi-media-projects.html>

