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## Congratulations Graduates Class of 2020!

By Vice Principal Rodney Sanbei

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the lives of people around the world, especially in the world of education. School campuses are closed in the state of Hawaii, and students are engaged in distance learning for the remainder of the school year. As we approach the end of the school year, many seniors are wondering what will become

of their graduation program.

On May 23, 2020, Waiialua High and Intermediate School's (WHIS) graduating class of 2020 will hold its graduation program. While many schools are choosing to conduct their graduation program virtually, WHIS will be conducting their graduation program live; it will be in a "drive-in" style format.

Students with their families will park in the WHIS gym parking lot (one car per graduate and family). The graduation program will be simultaneously broadcast over an FM station, thus allowing families to listen to the program in their vehicles. Graduates will exit their cars by row, approach the stage (while adhering to social distancing guidelines), pose for a picture, and return to their car. Also included in the graduation program will be student speakers as well as a class song.

We wish the very best for the Class of 2020!

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i nā haumāna o  
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Dr. Todd Okazaki  
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**Congratulates  
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Aloha,

I wanted to first take this time to congratulate the Class of 2020 for its hard work and diligence in reaching this great milestone. Your graduation is an exceptional one due to the unique challenges you faced. I wish you all the very best and look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish in the future. I would also like to sincerely thank faculty, teachers, family and friends who have supported the Class of 2020 during these unique times. It takes a village and you all have done a great job in supported our future leaders.

I would also like to provide updates on community projects that have been completed or are currently ongoing in the North Shore. The Honolulu Fire Department has acquired a property for the relocation of the Waiialua Fire Station that was recommended through a feasibility study conducted by the City. As you know, the Waiialua Fire Station is in a flood zone and has been long overdue for relocation and necessary improvements to better serve the North Shore communities. I look forward to working with the Honolulu Fire Department and the community as we move forward with planning, design and construction.

Waiialua District Park will be getting new field lights through a project that was funded by the District 2 office. As many have noticed, the light poles were installed and we are hopeful that any adjustments, as well as contractor obligations like restoring the park to city standards are completed quickly so the lights can be turned back over to the Department of Parks and Recreation and become fully operational for the benefit of the community and park users. I would like to thank the City's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Design and Construction for their efforts in moving this project forward.

Long awaited improvements to Haleiwa Beach Park have been completed. The shower and seawall by Puena Point have been replaced and repaired, respectively. The previous shower was in disrepair and the way it drained caused the deterioration of the seawall. I was happy to work the city administration on behalf of the community to have the shower moved to a more appropriate place and am so grateful that the shower is now up and running. The reconstruction of the seawall is also complete, another great improvement to the area. Attached photos highlight these improvements. Again, a big MAHALO to the City's Department of

Parks and Recreation and the Department of Design and Construction for all their efforts. It is truly appreciated.

Finally, I wanted to give an update on projects and other funding we worked to appropriate for the North Shore for the upcoming fiscal year starting in July. We included funding for three grounds maintenance positions dedicated to Haleiwa and North Shore parks due to a concerns relating to the high usage of North Shore beach parks. These positions will greatly assist in regular maintenance and ensure parks are safe and clean for the public. We also appropriated \$6 million to repair Anahulu Bridge as there have been concerns about the condition of this highly utilized roadway.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have at 768-5002 or email me at [htsuneyoshi@honolulu.gov](mailto:htsuneyoshi@honolulu.gov). Please stay safe and be well. MAHALO!



Waiialua District Park

**HO'OMAIKA'I  
CLASS of 2020!**

Remember lessons learned and embrace all the new experiences that will come.



Wishing You All the Very Best,

Councilmember  
Heidi Tsuneyoshi

# Sunset Sharks are Resilient

*Principal Eliza Elkington*

With the unprecedented events of a pandemic dramatically changing the familiar rhythms of our school year, the students and teachers at Sunset Beach Elementary school have proven to be resilient.

The way our Sixth Grade Sharks have adapted to the interruption, shows that they are prepared for learning in the 21st century. While students have expressed their disappointment at not having their moment as the Royal May Day Court, or participating in the much anticipated graduation ceremony and end-of-the-year dinner dance due to school shutdowns, they have still had a memorable year.

In December, the sixth grade class shined with the grand finale performance at our Winter Program bringing the show to a dramatic close. In February, these problem-solving Sharks made lasting memories at their Camp Palehua overnighter. These students impressed teachers and staff as they dominated the low-ropes course and showed incredible team spirit. They built paper roller coasters, wrote choose your own adventure stories, mentored Kindergarten reading-buddies, and cooked foods from around the world in project-based learning.

Congratulations to the Sunset Beach Elementary sixth grade Sharks! We are proud of you!



“To all our 6th Grade students at Sunset Beach Elementary School: We know this last quarter of school has not been easy with Distance Learning, but we are so very proud of your accomplishments. It’s been a great year, and we want to say CONGRATULATIONS on your graduation and best of luck to all of you. GO SHARKS!”



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# HIDOE Closing Out 2019-20 School Year

## Online Registration System Available to Register New Students for Fall

May 28 officially marks the end of the 2019-20 school year for Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) students. Schools have reached out directly to parents to arrange for the pickup of any supplies that were left behind when school facilities closed on March 19, as well as the return of any borrowed HIDOE property such as library books and borrowed equipment. The Department continues to work with schools on plans for summer programming and currently has 18 sites that will be offering summer school via distance learning, in addition to E-School.

“As we close out the school year, I want to thank our students and families for their patience and resilience throughout this unprecedented journey. I also want to thank our teachers, staff and leadership for their innovation, collaboration and commitment in supporting our school communities beyond the classroom, through grab-and-go meal service, telehealth work, door-knocking, device distribution and more,” Superintendent Dr. Christina Kishimoto said.

“Together, we have stepped up on behalf of our haumana to deliver on what the power and promise of public education means to this community, this state and this nation. By the end of the month, we

will finalize our summer learning plans, ensuring equity and access to all students. We look forward to applying our new and innovative approaches to blended learning to summer learning, the next school year and beyond.”

Due to the abrupt closure of school facilities, refunds are being provided for services that were prepaid and not received for transportation and after-school programming. Parents and legal guardians will receive a prorated tuition refund for March for A+ programs (refunds were calculated based on the extended spring break and two school closure days in March). Refund amount information and the refund request form is available online, and should be submitted to the appropriate site coordinator or private provider to initiate the refund process.

School bus coupon holders will receive refunds based on the unused portion of paid bus pass coupons purchased on or after March 1. Unused bus coupons must be returned to the school office from which they were purchased in order to be eligible for a refund. Refund checks will be mailed directly to the payee of record.

As we transition out 11,000 graduates, we look forward to welcoming our new students. An online registration system is available to enroll students for the upcoming school year. The system allows for the enrollment of new students who were not enrolled at a public or charter school during the 2019-20 school year. Visit [bit.ly/HIDOE-enroll](http://bit.ly/HIDOE-enroll) for more information and step-by-step instructions.

Student enrollment forms and required documents will still be accepted by mail. Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact their school for office hours and additional instructions. Student transfers and withdrawals as well as charter school enrollment will need to be addressed directly with the respective school.

HIDOE COVID-19 updates will continue to be posted on the Department’s website and social media.

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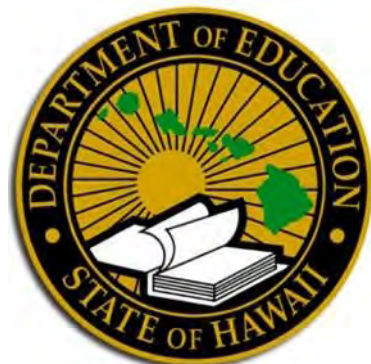
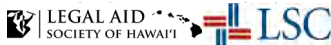
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Aloha friends and neighbors!

Every year I'm so proud of our community's graduates and know that they will go on to accomplish great things. But this year in the midst of a pandemic, our graduates have shown a remarkable resiliency and dedication to their learning. Students have leapt to participate in distance learning, organized virtual campus life graduation activities, and shown that even these difficult times can't dampen their high spirits. If you know a graduate, congratulate them for everything they've done these past few months to finish strong. Graduates, you make your community proud!

I also wanted to provide a quick legislative update as we're back for a short session to pass the budget and some other measures to address the COVID-19 crisis. There are several issues that the legislature has made its priority to ensure that Hawaii is equipped to tackle the pandemic and has a foundation for a quick recovery. First, the legislature is looking at allocating funds in the capital improvement budget (CIP) for shovel-ready construction projects as well

as other investments like a complete overhaul and modernization of the unemployment insurance system. Second, the legislature will be allocating millions of dollars from the \$1.25 billion cash infusion from the federal CARES Act. The allocation will go directly to counties, disaster response, and other programs to help the State respond to the pandemic. Third, we will be passing a supplemental budget like in previous even-number years. The supplemental budget will make adjustments to the operating budget based on updated revenue projections. Finally, as of right now, we are not looking at any pay cuts, especially for teachers and first responders. I've been vocal about working hard to ensure that we don't have any pay cuts for our hard working state employees and I'm happy to announce as of right now in our current budget plan, we don't have any plans to cut public employee pay. Instead, pay raises for government employees, including the legislature, Governor and his cabinet, and other public employees will be frozen. Although other appropriations and measures may pass out of this abbreviated session, this represents the bulk of the legislature's priorities to help our state combat the economic and public health crisis brought on by the pandemic.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns about happenings in our community. You can reach me at (808) 586-9490 or at [repmatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repmatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov).

# Congratulations Waialua High School Class of 2020



I am so proud of each and every one of you! In times of adversity you have shown resilience that will help you in all of your future endeavors. While you might not have the typical graduation, you can be sure that the Waialua Class of 2020 will always be remembered!



**REPRESENTATIVE LAUREN CHEAPE MATSUMOTO**



# Ride that wave of the future!

## Congratulations Class of 2020!

### Waialua and Kahuku High Schools

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## Seniors



## 2020

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Cobi Ah Puck  
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Sanya Hanchat  
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Keania Kaio

Mileen Kaka  
Estella Kalima  
Elias Kalua  
Tatianna Kamae  
Keaupunilani Kamake`eaina  
Ka`onohiakala Kaniho  
Hailey-Jean Kaniho-Lindsey  
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Destiny Nafanua  
Kapule-Siilata  
Ace Kaufusi  
Malavina Kealoha  
Keonaonaku`upuaihalihali`iamai  
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Aaron Khouthong  
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**Congratulations, Seniors!** This is an extraordinary year for an extraordinary class. Use this challenging time to forge your character and be good to those around you. We are proud of you, Class of 2020! And remember Red Readers for Life! —Kahuku Public and School Library

## REPRESENTATIVE SEAN QUINLAN

*Kūlia I Ka Nu'u  
Strive To Reach The Summit*

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# North Shore Students Helping the Community During COVID-19 With One Computer at a Time

What is the digital divide? The concept is that people in the world are not able to access, use, or understand the realm of the internet and technology. Which is a growing problem in schools, students, and communities. Aloha, my name is Liam Kula Van Asperen. I am a senior at Waialua High School and president of the Waialua High School Computer Science club. My understanding of the digital divide started to develop during my childhood years. Many students in my class had difficulty understanding how to use a computer and all of the benefits technology can offer in the field of education. This sparked a desire within me to close the knowledge gap between society and technology, as I had seen the benefits of technology firsthand. After contemplating the different avenues I could take to help my fellow classmates, I decided that there were actions I could take as a student to educate others on technology. Furthermore, with the help and enthusiasm of my professor, David Thompson, I brought the Computer Science Club back into existence at my school.

The club started with students simply wanting to play video games, but I wanted something more. Before long, the club was able to start competing in the Air Force Association's Cyber Patriot competitions. The purpose of these competitions is to essentially "un-hack" a computer. The students found these competitions to be enticing and it has been something that the club has rallied around. Today, the club has won the Silver Division for over three years.

The major goal of this project was to create an environment where students from all grades, cultures, and backgrounds could come to discover the wonders of technology. I was able to successfully teach students how to build, fix, and use computers. To my surprise, teachers and adults asked to join our club. Before long, the community started to see the impact this club was making. I met a military member who was working for a government agency called NOAA at Pearl Harbor. After visiting our group and talking about his experiences with cybersecurity, he informed us that he was willing to donate computers to our club that the agency was no longer using. It was amazing to see how one small idea to share the benefits of technology with my classmates had spiraled into a fully operating computer club.

Although there were many successes to the computer club, there were also challenges that had to be overcome. In order to utilize the computers that had been promised by the military member who previously spoke at our group, we had to get special permission. This actually involved getting a paper signed by the President, authorizing that we could have the equipment. Once we were granted the equipment, the club went straight to work. As a whole, the computer club managed to fix about 100+ computers and gave them to students who could not

afford them. Though now with the recent events of COVID-19, a lot of the ways we used to work have massively changed. For one, our main goal of giving out computers has been a lot more difficult. A lot of our students are under quarantine, but we've haven't stopped giving out computers to students in need. We've just needed to be a lot safer. The experience of catapulting our school's computer club and being able to donate some of our efforts to the community gave all of us a sense of appreciation of who we are and what we do.

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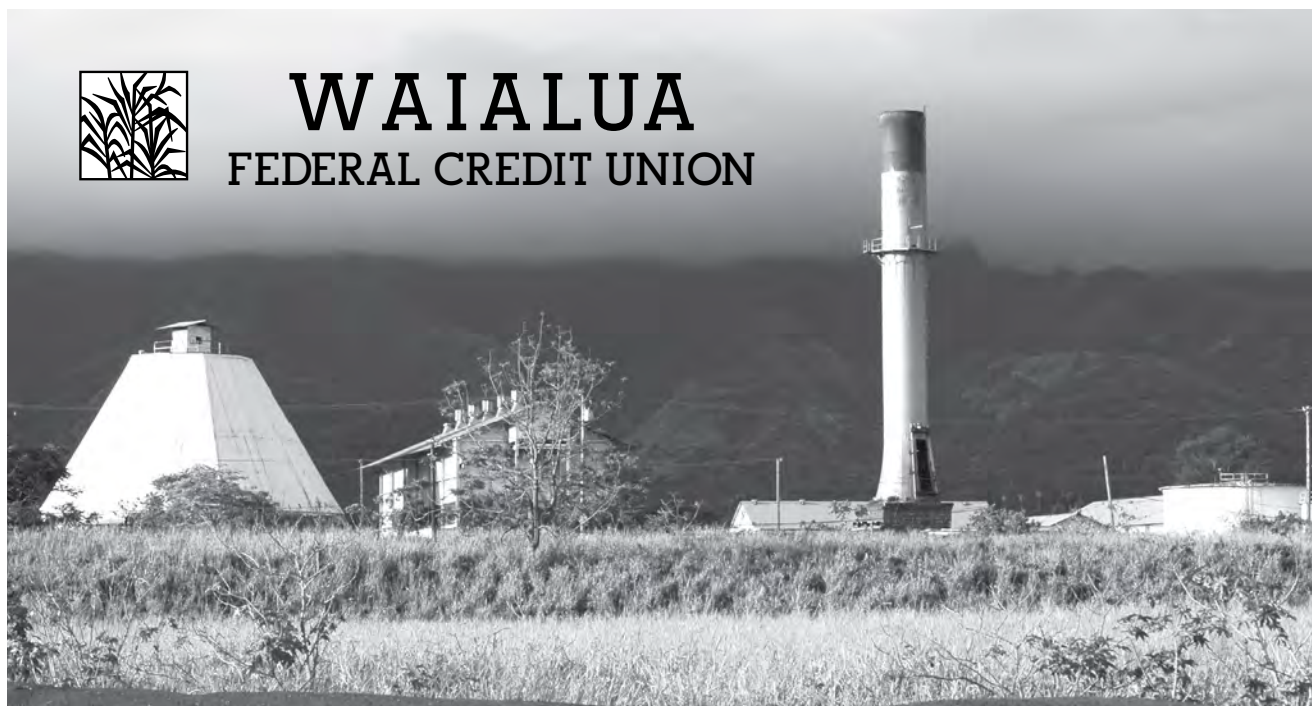
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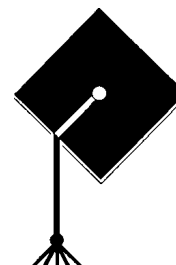
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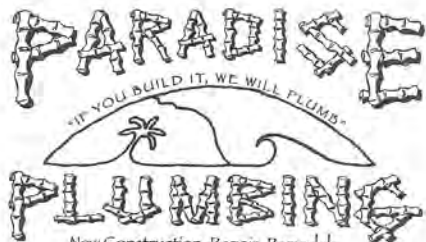
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# Keeping Kapo‘o Abundant

By MPW Staff

Kapo‘o, also known as Sharks Cove, is part of the protected Pupukea Marine Life Conservation District, and is a refuge for fish and other marine species. It provides critical habitat for a diverse array of marine life including many species of fish, invertebrates, sharks, sea turtles, and the endangered Hawaiian Monk Seal.

Since the marine area was first protected in 1983, visitors increasingly come to swim, snorkel, and dive this spectacular coastline. Visitor numbers increased by double recently, until the Covid-19 pandemic, which has been devastating for so many, gave our natural ecosystems an unexpected break from human impacts. In fragile areas like Kapo‘o, thousands of visitors each week can negatively affect the marine environment. Too many people disturb marine life, cause footpath erosion that kills coral, leach toxic sunscreen chemicals into the water, and push fragile reef habitats to the brink of destruction.

With the shutdown and drop in visitors, the marine environment in Hawai‘i, including at Kapo‘o, has seen a noticeable increase in health and abundance – proving that nature is resilient and that human-overuse threatens our nearshore ecosystems.

“In the MLCD, limu is now forming on rocks in the tide pools where they are usually scrubbed away by thousands of feet. These algae are the basis of the food chain in the ocean” said Jenny Yagodich, Director of Educational Programs for Malama Pupukea-Waimea. “Juvenile fish counts in the tide pools have increased. In just one area, the number of juvenile Manini (Convict Tang) increased ten-fold from January to May 2020. We’re also seeing new critters coming out of hiding – an indication that people’s presence disturbs the marine life cycle.”

As we move towards reopening our parks and beaches, we can all help our nearshore environment continue to rebound by following pono practices – good habits that help move toward abundance in this and other marine areas.

Some tips:

- Step only in sandy areas. Submerged rocks are covered in microscopic marine life.
- Keep your distance from marine life. Getting too close changes their behavior. Touching or moving marine life can injure or kill them.
- Only use sunscreens that contain zinc oxide or titanium dioxide. Chemicals like oxybenzone, avobenzone, and octinoxate can cause substantial harm to corals.
- We are grateful to the community members who enjoy marine life responsibly and are leaving a legacy of abundance for our future. Mahalo!

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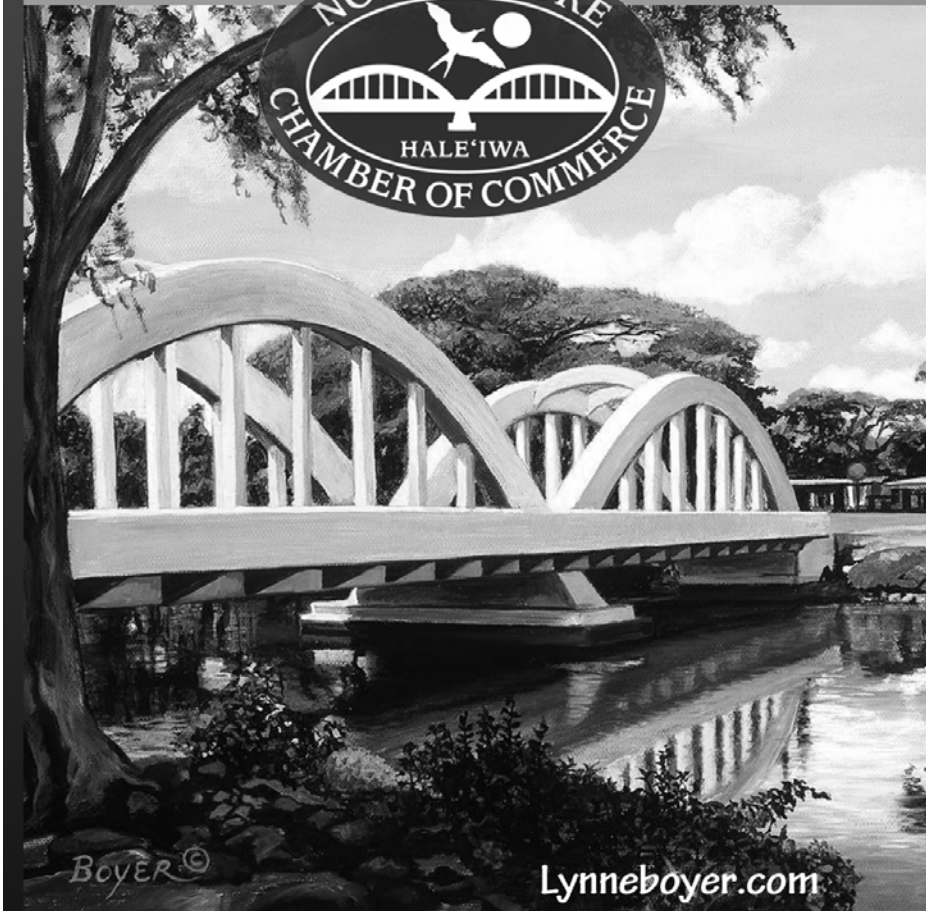


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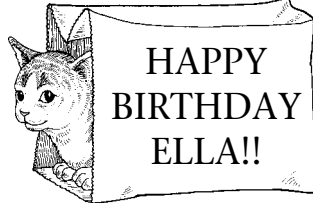
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