

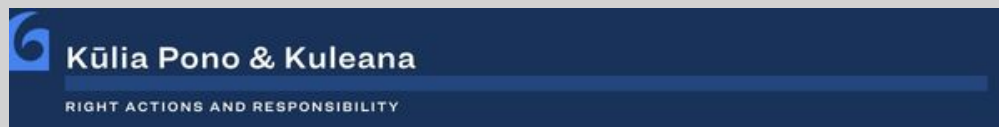
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Mahalo For Your Service, KS Maui Veterans and Active & Retired Service Members

In honor of Veteran's Day, KS Maui reached out to our alumni who are currently or have previously served in the military to get their reflections on alaka'i lawelawe (servant leadership) and what role a Kamehameha Schools education played their life's journey.

We mahalo all of our KS Maui veterans, active and retired service members for their bravery and self-less giving.



My time at KS Maui taught me to always be respectful, instilled discipline in everything that I do, and be willing to serve others and

those in need. These values, among many others, have been the most important to me during my time in the military. KS Maui also taught me to be comfortable with the uncomfortable and be able to adapt to any situation quickly and efficiently.

CODY FELIPE

Kamehameha Schools Maui, Class of 2008
United States Space Force



Growing up my mom told me to "Be a credit to my race. Be proud to be Hawaiian and be an example for other Hawaiians." I knew I did not want to go to college immediately after high school but I wanted to see what the rest of the world had to offer. ... My schooling taught me respect and really helped with my career when I was a liaison with foreign military.

PUANA'ALA KA'ŌPŪIKI AMANO

Kamehameha Schools Maui, Class of 2008
United States Navy





When I entered the military, I got to see the true importance and impact that sincere servant leadership can have on a unit or organization. I was able to see how beneficial it could be towards fostering a strong and healthy organizational culture, and how it impacts each individual both personally and professionally.

KAI'EA HOKOANA

Kamehameha Schools Maui, Class of 2013
United States Air Force



When September 11 occurred, I definitely felt a pull to serve in any way that I could. After graduating high school, I decided to go to college but after two years, it wasn't satisfying. So then, I decided to join the US Air Force and was able to get job in Fire Protection. I've always felt that I wanted to join the military at some point.

MATTHEW PIRES

Kamehameha Schools Maui, Class of 2006
United States Air Force Reserve



I think joining the Marine Corps was my desire to be a part of something greater. The war in Afghanistan and Iraq were still raging on and I felt that I needed to do my part. Joining the Marines felt like the best option at the time. ... Pauahi's life example of putting service before self gave me something to emulate.

KEANU KA'A'A

Kamehameha Schools Maui, Class of 2009
United States Marine Corps. (Retired), Hawai'i Air National Guard



'Imi Na'auao

KNOWLEDGE- AND WISDOM-SEEKING



Sean Aimi Sakamoto Wins Big at the '21 My Maui Poetry Contest

Senior Sean Aimi Sakamoto won first place in the 2021 My Maui Poetry Contest run by the Haiku Ho'olaule'a and Flower Festival '21. Her poem, below, won in the grade 11-12 division for free verse, as well as the overall best in show.

Ho'omaika'i e Aimi!

when I was a child, the earth knew my weight.
laughter weaved through ancient roots
and sunbeams graced my face.

sometimes I fear I never belonged here,
and that I never will
and I forget that little girl
whirling blue-green-gold along the shore.

now, I am older
and soon I'll have to leave
the tide — she pulls with steady hands
to take me out to sea

but the sand tugs at my ankles
as if trying to say
you'll always have a home here
so stay,
stay,
stay.

Sean Aimi Sakamoto



Senior Kale Spencer Talks About Pushing Past His Limits With KHON 2

Kamehameha Schools Maui Campus senior Kale Spencer spoke with KHON 2 about what it's like being a student athlete in multiple sports, and how he

stays motivated despite the challenges he and his 'ohana face.

In 2016, his father, Charles "Bala" Spencer, former girls volleyball coach at KSM, suffered a debilitating stroke. Kale says his father has served as a major inspiration for him.

[Watch Kale on KHON 2 here.](#)



Three Seniors Sign Letters of Intent to Play Collegiate Sports

On National Signing Day, November 11, three KS Maui seniors signed letters of intent to play their respective sports on the college level. They are:

- Kelton Tom, Baseball at St. Martin's University
- Mackenzie Ventura, Soccer at St. Mary's College
- Keoni Painter, Baseball at Brigham Young University

Ho'omaika'i to each of these haumāna and their 'ohana.



Keoni Painter Featured in the Maui News

Senior Keoni Painter recently signed his letter of intent to play collegiate-level baseball at Brigham Young University. He spoke with Maui News' Robert Collias about his plans after graduating from KS Maui this school year.

"I mean, I really can't wait to get up there and just play," he told the Maui News. "It's been honestly a dream come true for me to be part of BYU baseball, so I just can't wait."

[Read the rest of his interview with the Maui News here.](#)





Kyani Bateman Crowned Miss Maui Teen USA

Kyani Bateman, a junior at KS Maui, was recently crowned Miss Maui Teen USA!

Kyani has a platform that will focus on cultural education. "I am humbly grateful to represent our island at the Miss Hawaii Teen USA pageant, but also being a part of the positive foundation making our community healthier, stronger, and more sustainable. I am so excited to see what this next year has in store," she says.

Kyani is a member of KS Maui's Nā Wāhine 'Ahumanu, which focuses on building native Hawaiian wāhine leaders.



Pilina

BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS



Warriors Back In Action: Sports Return After Long Pandemic Drought

Our student athletes are finally back to doing what they love. Everything from bowling to football, cross country to girls volleyball are back in full swing. We asked a few of our athletes to reflect on what it's been like to be kept from playing their sport because of the long pandemic and how it feels to be competing again. Here are some of their responses.

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Being back and having this opportunity to shoot again after so long due to the pandemic

has motivated me to try my hardest, push myself past my limits, and just do better than my best every single time since this is my last year and opportunity to be a part of the team and this sport.



Ku'umana Bailey, Air Riflery

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I've seen how Covid-19 has affected all the student athletes participating in their own sport

and I know that so many of us are feeling blessed to be back on the court or field, playing with our friends. Even though there were little to no



there were little to no practices and games this year, I see that the comeback of sports is benefitting our community greatly.



Kale Spencer, Football

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I am thankful to be back playing sports again.

It was rough not being able to play. I am glad that I get to train and fly up to the mainland to play in my games and continue to get better.



Mackenzie Ventura, Soccer

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It feels great to be playing football with my teammates again.



It was a little tough getting back into the routine of it all. But being under the lights with them is amazing.



Makana Kamaka-Brayce, Football



KS Maui PTSO Sponsors Spook-tacular Halloween Trick-or-Treat at Māhele Lalo

KS Maui's Parent Teacher Student 'Ohana held a trick-or-treat event for grades K-5 on October 29. Haumāna and kumu dressed in costumes and parents handed out treats — including Make Your Own Monster craft kits. Each class took a photo with the inflatable dragon stationed at the end of the trick-or-treat line.



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