I MUA KAMEHAMEHA embodies the strides achieved by Hawai‘i’s only independent school dedicated to developing educational opportunities to improve the capability and well being of people of Hawaiian ancestry. With three vibrant campuses statewide that graduate a total of 700 annually, Kamehameha Schools has created a dynamic and nurturing K-12 educational environment that incorporates Hawaiian worldviews, a variety of global perspectives and 21st century skills. Its students graduate at a higher rate than national norms and virtually all are accepted to two- or four-year colleges or trade schools.

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“We set and support high expectations for our students to be leaders and agents of social change serving others in need,” says KS Interim CEO Jack Wong. “Our graduates are good and industrious men and women who are leaders and influencers in major industries and business sectors, confident in their identity, and proud to be representatives of Hawai‘i’s native culture and language worldwide.”

Provided with exceptional teachers, counselors, mentors and the latest technology, KS students are challenged to demonstrate kūlia (strive), loina (values) and ho‘omau (perseverance) by a rigorous and relevant college prep curriculum that promotes highly engaged, collaborative and open-ended problem solving. As a result, outstanding and diverse achievement runs through all three campuses:

Kamehameha Schools Hawai‘i fielded an excellent academic team that placed second in the national U.S. Academic Decathlon competition, with several KS students earning individual honors. A Hawai‘i campus senior is one of only three Gates Millennium Scholars from Hawai‘i (among only 1,000 nationwide), earning a full scholarship to college, while a junior was the winner in a Brigham Young University writing contest.

Kamehameha Schools Kapālama, the oldest KS campus on O‘ahu, saw its robotics team win the First Hawaii Robotics Regional and qualify for the World championships. Its broadcast news team took top honors for best news writing and best anchor team at PBS Hawai‘i’s HIKI NŌ awards. Other KS Kapālama students won national and international student competition awards in plant sciences, horticulture and microbiology.

Kamehameha Schools Maui captured the top honor of “Best in State” award for its Ka Leo o Nā Koa student newspaper’s online division at the Hawaii High School Journalism Awards. The campus’ Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) team earned state and national championships. A Maui campus senior was one of only two students in the state selected to attend the U.S. Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C., and two others were appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

KS’ new strategic plan 2015-2040 is committed to improving educational outcomes that lead to postsecondary educational success for its students, says Wong.

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