

The Baccalaureate Service today honors the 2026 graduating class of the Kamehameha Schools Kapālama and is dedicated to the glory of God.

**The Class wishes to express its appreciation to:**

The Reverend Ken Makuakāne, Kamehameha alumnus, '73  
*Kahu of Kawaiaha'o Church*

Kahu Manu Nae'ole, Kamehameha Schools alumnus, '96  
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THE CLASSES LEADING THE PROCESSION  
Kamakoa Kaluhiwa '27, Kala'i Wong '28, Hi'iilei Okouchi '29

**The Kamehameha Schools Sinfonietta**

Elton Masaki, *Director*; Led by Hayden Freitas '26

Violin 1: Phoenix Shelton, Sean Kaolowi, Aiden Koide

Violin 2: Kyle Willis-Liang, Lily Murai, Anu Kau,  
Zoey Kalawe, Kauluwehi Andrade

Viola: Kayla Howard, Ashli Lum,  
Kalena Kanehailua-Borje, Ella Goodknecht

Cello: Shane Koki, Kyan Tatsuyama, Jewel AhNee,  
Eden Yee, Keliko Pali, Kaimi Mather

Bass: Kawai Makanui-Lopes

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## To the Class of 2026,

As we gather together for one last Chapel and start to embark on these next steps in our lives, I would like to leave you all with Psalm 119:105, which says: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

Although this verse may seem simple, it actually paints a very powerful picture. It reminds us that lamps don't light up the entire journey, but give just enough light for us to see the next step and to take it.

So in the same way, God's Word isn't always about revealing every detail of our lives, but guiding us faithfully, one step at a time. It also builds faith and trust within us— trusting and having confidence that even when we can't see what our future holds, we can rest assured that God does. His Word becomes both direction and assurance, reminding us where to walk and who walks with us.

As we move forward beyond Kamehameha, there will be moments of uncertainty, change, and growth. And while we won't always have every answer, we've been given something steady—God's Word—to ground us, guide us, and shape us into who we're called to be.

I am truly grateful to have been able to serve as your Keiki Kahu this year. Walking alongside you all and seeing all of you grow not just in knowledge, but in your character and relationships with Christ, has been so inspiring and is something I'll always carry with me. My hope for all of you this year has been simple: that somewhere along the way, you felt encouraged, challenged, or reminded of God's love for you.

As we go our separate ways, my prayer is that we continue to walk in that light—step by step, trusting God with what's ahead.

May God our Father guide you all, as Christ goes before you, and as the Holy Spirit leads you step by step in His Light. Amen.

Gabriel Patelesio, '26  
*Keiki Kahu*

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KEKŪHAUPI'Ō GYM MAY 23, 2026 • 9:00AM

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**The Prelude** Kamehameha Schools Sinfonietta

**The Processional** Kamehameha Schools Sinfonietta

**“Trumpet Voluntary”** Composed by Jeremiah Clark

**\* The Call to Worship** Kahu Manu Nae‘ole, ‘96

**\* The Doxology**  
Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau, Ke Keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō,  
Ke Akua mau ho‘omaika‘i pū, Ko keia ao ko kēlā ao. ‘Āmene.  
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**\* The Invocation** Raine Davis, ‘26

**The Lord’s Prayer (In Hawaiian)**

**\* The Hymn - Na Iehova Nō I Hana** Congregation  
Randie K. Fong, ‘78

Uluwehi ka nahele i ka ua li‘ili‘i  
Kau mai la e ka‘ohu ma nā pali ki‘eki‘e

**HUI**  
Na Iehova nō i hana i nā nani o ke ao  
Mele mai nā mokupuni i kona nani mae‘ole

‘Ohu‘ohu Hawai‘i i nā lei kamaiki  
Ho‘oheno i nā maka o ka mākou kūpuna  
(Hui)

Ala mai e nā kānaka, Mililani mau loa  
Ka Makua, Ke Keiki, Ka ‘Uhane Hemolele.  
(Hui)

**The Class Speaker** Gabriel Patelesio, ‘26

**The Anthem: “Thanks Be to God”** The Class of 2026  
Arrangement by Noble Cain Led By Brennan Agcaoili, ‘26  
P.J. O‘Reilly | Stanley Dickson

**The Scripture Lessons**  
Old Testament: Joshua 1:9  
New Testament: Colossians 1:17

**\* The Baccalaureate Prayer** Kahu Ken Makuakāne, ‘73

**\* Ke Aloha O Ka Haku** The Class of 2026  
Queen Lili‘uokalani Led By Jaden Nakanishi, ‘26

‘O kou aloha nō, Aia i ka Lani,  
A ‘o kou ‘oia‘i‘o, He hemolele ho‘i. ‘Āmene

**The Anthem: “Sail On, o My Soul”** Led By Brennan Agcaoili, ‘26  
Arrangement by Noble Cain  
Performed by the Concert Glee Club

**The Baccalaureate Sermon** Pastor Brandon Ahu, ‘99

**The Hymn: Ke Akua Mana Ē (How Great Thou Art)** Congregation  
Lyrics by Carl Boberg | Swedish Folk Tune  
English Translation by Stuart Hine  
Hawaiian Translation by Albert Nahale‘a (1910-1970)

E ke Akua nani kamaha‘o,  
Nāu nō i hana ka honua nei,  
Me nā hōkū, ka uila, ka hekili  
Hō‘ike ana i Kou mana ē.

**HUI**  
E mele au i ka Ho‘ōla ē,  
He nani nō, he nani nō  
E mele au i ka Ho‘ōla ē  
He nani nō, he nani nō.

**Praise**  
Congregation

**VERSE 1**  
I’ll praise in the valley  
Praise on the mountain  
I’ll praise when I’m sure  
And praise when I’m doubting  
I’ll praise when out numbered  
Praise when surrounded  
‘Cause praise is the water  
My enemies drown in  
As long as I’m breathing  
I’ve got a reason to

**CHORUS 1**  
Praise the Lord  
Oh, my soul  
Praise the Lord  
Oh, my soul

**VERSE 2**  
I’ll praise when I feel it  
And I’ll praise when I don’t  
I’ll praise ‘cause I know  
You’re still in control  
Because my praise  
is a weapon  
It’s more than a sound  
Oh, my praise is the shout  
That brings Jericho down

**\* The Benediction** Ezekiel Kanahela, ‘26

**\* The Choral Response  
“Sevenfold Amen”** The Class of 2026  
Led by Kaylyn Mahilum, ‘26

**\* The Recessional  
“Trumpet Tune and Air”** Kamehameha Schools Sinfonietta  
Composed by Henry Purcell

**\* The Postlude** Kamehameha Schools Sinfonietta

**CHORUS 2**  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
I won’t be quite  
My God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
Praise the Lord oh my soul

**BRIDGE**  
I’ll praise ‘cause You’re  
sovereign  
Praise ‘cause You reign  
Praise ‘cause You rose and  
defeated the grave  
I’ll praise ‘cause You’re faithful  
Praise ‘cause You’re true  
Praise ‘cause there’s nobody  
greater than You

**CHORUS 2**  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
I won’t be quite  
My God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
Praise the lord oh my soul

**END**  
Let everything  
that has breath praise  
Praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord.