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TO: Secondary School Student Council Presidents
Student Activities Coordinators

FROM: Luke Gee, Chairperson

SUBJECT: **Outstanding Student Council Award Recognition (OSCAR) for School Year 2026-2027**

The Hawaiʻi State Student Council (HSSC) annually sponsors the Outstanding Student Council Award Recognition (OSCAR) Program to promote excellence and recognize exceptional secondary school student councils. This program aims to inspire student leaders to enhance their council activities, making them a dynamic force within their schools.

Student councils that meet the portfolio criteria for excellence will receive an honorary plaque. The OSCAR portfolio serves as a tool to help councils meet their schools' needs through empowerment and accountability. Entries must include documentary evidence demonstrating effectiveness, which can be submitted in digital or physical form.

The objectives of the OSCAR program are as follows:

- **Inspire Goal Setting:** Motivate high school and middle school student councils to establish meaningful goals and objectives that engage the entire student body.
- **Foster Achievement:** Encourage councils to achieve their goals through effective planning, responsibility, teamwork, and problem-solving.
- **Cultivate Leadership:** Promote the development and practical application of student leadership skills.
- **Enhance Engagement:** Encourage active participation and open communication within the school community.
- **Ensure Accountability:** Support student councils in maintaining accurate records of their activities and outcomes.

- **Drive Continuous Improvement:** Motivate councils to regularly evaluate their effectiveness and strive for ongoing improvement.

Schools that enter the recognition program will be required to prepare and submit a portfolio **(hard copy or digital format)** that includes descriptions, documentation, and evidence of the student council program accomplishments.

The portfolio should showcase student council activities from June 2026 through May 2027. For more information, please visit our website at **www.hawaiistuco.com/oscar-program.html**

Entry forms must be completed online via Google Form: tinyurl.com/OSCARHI2627. Online entry forms are due by Friday, May 7, 2027.

We greatly encourage your participation in the OSCAR Recognition Program. The OSCAR will document just how extraordinary your student council is and how proud you are of it. Digital submissions should be emailed to information.hssc@gmail.com.

If there are any questions, please contact the HSSC State Advisor, Mrs. Tiffany Frias at (808) 784-6504 or by email to **tiffany.frias@k12.hi.us.**

Attachment: OSCAR Recognition Program, Guidelines for Portfolio Materials