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A Message from your Chairperson

Kara Yoshiyama, Hilo High School



Aloha,

My name is Kara Yoshiyama and I have had the privilege to serve as the Hawaii State Student Council Chairperson for the past year. The unforgettable experiences that I have gained through this council exceeded my expectations of leadership, student voice, and service for the past two years that I have been involved. As our annual Student Leadership Conference is quickly approaching, I hope that sharing my conference story will inspire you. I attended my first SLC as a delegate at the ending of my freshman year. At this point in my life, I was shy and definitely not the powerful leader figure that I hoped to be. This conference really was my spark and inspired me to want to become the leader I am today. I owe it all to my group facilitators, Jessica Valdez and Romel Gasper

for becoming my role models as a shy freshman in seek of exploring the journeys of leadership. By the end of the conference, I had made countless new friends and stepped out of my tightly bound shell to take my first step in becoming the leader I wanted to be. From the end of the conference, I knew I wanted to become an SLC facilitator and I did just that! The following years, I went on to facilitating a group of my own along with a few other Hawaii State Student Council members, grew my leadership skills even more, became the HSSC Historian, served as student staff and now the Hawaii State Student Council Chairperson. You see, one weekend-long conference made a life-changing impact on me as a leader. To my fellow graduating seniors, we did it! I am confident that each and every one of you will be successful in your future endeavors. I can't wait to see all of your successes in the future. To our upcoming and returning members, keep building your leadership skills and remember to strive for the stars. Take all the opportunities that are offered to you and believe in yourself. Please continue serving in your schools, communities and the Hawaii State Student Council, we all need you. Though my HSSC journey may be coming to an end, I want you to know that I am immensely proud of our accomplishments that we have achieved in just one year. Though separated by the ocean and from various islands, we have become a family that sticks together and supports one other. Thank you for the memories and entrusting me in this position. I am forever grateful for everyone who has impacted my journey.

Sincerely,
Kara Yoshiyama

Keep up to date with HSSC!

UPCOMING EVENT:
STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
JUNE 13-14, 2019

THE **2019**
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Messages from your Exec!

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Alexandra Abinosa, Vice Chairperson

FARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

This year has gone by so fast and I wish you all good luck with your future endeavors! The one thing that I learned this year is that no matter who you are or what position you hold, you cannot be a true leader by leading by yourself. You should lead with other leaders and make sure to always stay true to yourself and always look at the bright side! Thank you all for all the memories we made this year! To all the outgoing members it was a pleasure working with you and I hope you live your best life. To the incoming members, I cannot wait to see what next year has in store for us! You are all beautiful souls and I know you all will be successful! Again, thank you and have an amazing summer!



Anuheia Breedan, Secretary

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

Being in HSSC taught me that leadership is really about giving others a voice and being a voice for people who are not able to. So, shoutout to Kara for instilling that in all of this years members- without you, I would not be able to put this concept into reality!



David Texeira, BOE Student Member

KAUAI HIGH SCHOOL

I don't have a specific memory that I can say is favorable above the rest, but the best experience I've gotten to have during this term of HSSC has got to have been working and leading SSC in January. It was such a great time to network and see student voice and action.



Erin Ginoza, Historian

AIEA HIGH SCHOOL

My favorite memory in HSSC this past year has to be Secondary Student Conference because it's always an amazing opportunity to learn about the legislative process while making new friends!



Dawson Franco, Sergeant-at-Arms

WAIMEA HIGH SCHOOL

My favorite memory this year has been SSC 2019. I got the opportunity not only to work with high schoolers, but also the first middle school track we've had in a while. They were bright, and even though I was meant to teach them, they brought their voices and opinions to the forefront and it made me learn to help the push forward for their solutions to the problem they chose and so on.

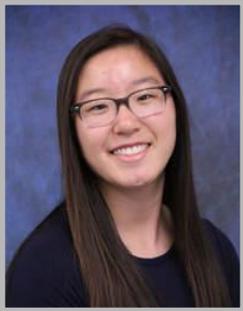


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Hawaii State Student Council Recap

What was your favorite memory this past year in HSSC? What did you learn being in HSSC?



ELIZABETH YOON, Student Achievement Committee Secretary
MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL

My favorite memory this past year in HSSC has been getting to meet and network with my fellow high school reps across the state, as well as helping to facilitate SSC!



GERALD DEAN DURANGO
KAILUA HIGH SCHOOL

My favorite memory this past year in HSSC was definitely SSC. I got to become more closer with the other representatives!



JESSICA CHANG
AIEA HIGH SCHOOL

Being in HSSC taught me that being a leader takes looking through an open minded point of view. We need to take into consideration our COMMUNITY's needs as a whole because we are trying to make a better environment, not for ourselves, but for our ohana.



ALYSSA SUNDAY
RADFORD HIGH SCHOOL

My favorite memory this past year in HSSC would have to be SSC because it got me closer to a lot of my fellow HSSC members that I didn't really know, I got to meet friends from different schools and also created some life long memories and jokes.

KYSHA RAE PAGLINAWAN (Not pictured)
HILO HIGH SCHOOL

Throughout HSSC, the best memory I have encountered was getting the opportunity to meet and potentially know everyone from different districts and islands. This has taught me about the importance of leadership and giving off information towards each other that can broaden our perspectives on how to make our schools as best as it can be and to succeed!!



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JULIANA HENNIG, Student Achievement Committee Chair
KEALAKEHE HIGH SCHOOL

My favorite memory this past year in HSSC was bamboozling everyone when playing mafia. I want to give a special shout out to David for selecting me as the Killer, and Luke, for telling everyone it definitely wasn't me because I had my eyes closed.



KALEB YAMASAKI, Co-Curricular Concerns Committee Secretary
HONOKAA HIGH SCHOOL

Being in HSSC taught me that there are other people waiting to be heard, just as I was. I was taught that being silent will never get you the things you want and/or need. It gave me a great pleasure to be able to come out and represent my school and the voices that come from it within the HSSC system. That way, everyone is more equally spoken for, and the school environment is more enjoyable and safe for the students.



TREVOR TAMASHIRO, School Environment Committee Chair
KAISER HIGH SCHOOL

Favorite memory is probably beginning able to meet and work with new people from across the state of Hawaii



JAYLEN MAE ARZAGA
WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL

HSSC has taught me to get out of my comfort zone and make new friends—especially those on other islands.

KAILEE HIGA (Not pictured)
AIEA HIGH SCHOOL

My favorite memory from HSSC was getting to create a toy in a group of people and we gave our toy insurance with Geico.



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School Highlights



AIEA HIGH SCHOOL'S PURPLE UP DAY

Purple Up Day at Aiea was on Monday, April 15. Student Association encouraged students to wear purple to show their support and thank military children for their sacrifices. During lunch, we had pizza, juice, and some cookies for them and also had them write on the poster!



AIEA HIGH SCHOOL'S SENIOR WEEK

Aiea High School's Senior Week was on Monday, April 29th to Friday, May 3rd. Everyday of the week had a dress up day along with a fun noon hour activity that matched the theme of the day. The days were Moo Monday, Toddler Tuesday, What's Next Wednesday, Thirsty Thursday, and Flashback Friday.



MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL'S END-OF-YEAR SERVICE PROJECT: DUCT TAPE MR. MURPHY!

Mililani High School's last service project of the year consisted of raising money and collecting canned goods for the Hawaii Food Bank. Students who donated money or canned items were given duct tape to help tape our Principal to the wall!



MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL'S END-OF-YEAR PEP RALLY

ASMHS officers posed for a picture after their final pep rally of the year! During this event, many students were recognized for their achievements throughout the school year such as Spring Sports OIA/State Champions, Blood Drive Super Donors, Four-year MHS Senators, and Club of the Year.



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CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

Castle High School had their Polynesian Dance and Music class perform at the Ronald E. Bright Theatre for their annual Ho'ike on May 3rd and the 4th.



WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL WIDE CLEAN-UP

Students still smiling after scraping gum off the sidewalks for countless hours.



WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL MAY DAY PRODUCTION

Students in the Tahitian tribe dance their song with such grace and happiness.



KAISER HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING PLACE OPENING

At Kaiser High School they had a grand opening for the new "Gathering Place". Majestic Student Body President Noah Matsumoto sharing the journey of the "Gathering Place".

