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A message from your chairperson...



**NEIL JOHN
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Aloha Kakou!

I was tasked to write a farewell letter to all of you. According to Merriam-Webster the word farewell means "a wish of well-being at parting : goodbye." However, this is neither a goodbye nor a farewell. It is rather a mere "see you later." As my term as the Hawaii State Student Council Chairperson comes to a close I want to share my sincere gratitude to all of you. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chairperson because you have helped me reach my goals and so much more. Thank you for accepting my goofy, and silly personality because I do not really get to be myself anywhere else. Thank you .

for teaching me valuable life skills that I can take on to the next chapter of my life. Lastly, thank you for being my friends. It saddens me that we only have 6 meetings within the school year. Although with only 6 meetings we made so much memories with the time we had. My goal this year was to create a family and I believe I did that. However, I believe I created a home for all of us. Before I say see you later I want to share a quote to all of you.

"True friends are always together, never apart, maybe in distance, but never in heart."

As you go on with your life after the Hawaii State Student Council, do not forget you always have a home with his. Maybe your far away, but never in our hearts. I love you all so much, and thank you once again.

"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So get on your way!"

Best regards,

Neil John Castaneda
Chairperson
Hawaii State Student Council



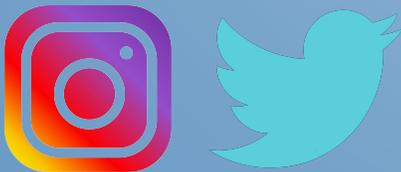
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**Student Leadership
Conference**
June 13-15, 2018

HSSC MEETING DATES

May 12, 2018

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*A message from your
Hawaii State Board of
Education Student
Representative...*

Aloha,

As we reach a close to the 2017-2018 school year, I would like to say that I am honored to

have served as your Hawaii State Board of Education Student Member. I am extremely humbled to have worked alongside such outstanding student leaders in our state who are determined to make public school a place of growth for all students.

For my seniors, congratulations! And thank you for your dedication to your school, community, and state. I wish you the best on your future endeavors and hope you see you back in Hawai'i in a few years, fostering our community to be its best.

For my underclassmen, good luck! I hope your last three to one year(s) of high school is not only enjoyable, but memorable. I hope you find your passion and apply it to make the Hawai'i community a better place.

Mahalo nui loa,
Maya Gee
Student Member
Hawai'i State Board of Education
(Future Superintendent of Hawai'i Public Schools)

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A message from your Hawaii State Student Council Secretary..



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**LEIRA JOYCE
VEA**

A year ago I was sitting on the same tables as all of you before me, having the biggest goals and aspirations when serving the Hawaii State Student Council. It has been a long journey and I am happy to say that it has been a great honor to serve my school, my community, and the students of Hawaii. From this experience I learned that in life, you will be given titles, you will be told things, and face countless problems, but in the end you must choose and act by what empowers you. This year has come with many challenges on building upon the long legacy before us. Many days were spent working hard on upcoming events as countless hours were put into making sure many things succeed. Despite it all, I have witnessed everyone coming together to construct and uphold leadership through their voices and opinions. In the end, I live for the moments we have all come together as we reached a range of diversity and flexibility by leading students from around the state despite geographical separation.

I am sure that we aren't even aware that these would be the memories that will carry us through life. I know i will remember these days and all its struggles, but i will also remember the joy I felt being someone who helped put it all together. And of all the many moments this year i did not have to face it alone, because of my wonderful Executive Board. This year we shared our experiences and met each challenge as we led with heart and passion for the greater good. This experience has been valuable beyond measure. The lessons, the moments, the memories. I wouldn't trade any of it for a thing. As this journey comes to an end remember that there will always be challenges ahead, I ask that we all meet these challenges and keep our heads held high and hearts wide open.

Leira Joyce Vea
Secretary
Hawaii State Student Council

A message from your Hawaii State Student Council Sergeant-at-Arms...



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**KEVIN
CHONG**

Aloha,

It's been three years since I first joined HSSC in my sophomore year. From my first day up until the end of my senior year, I've met many great leaders from different parts of the island and made many friends down the line. The whole experience has been so memorable and worthwhile, and I'm glad I was a part of something great and special. Thank you all for a great three years of HSSC, whether you were with me from day one or from

this year. Thank you, Mrs. Frias, for all the support, care, and guidance you have given to me and HSSC. To all the current underclassmen representatives, I wish for all of you to enjoy the remainder of your high school. To all the graduating seniors, I wish all of you the best in your future endeavors. Until we meet again, Kevin Chong signing out

Kevin Chong
Sergeant -at-Arms
Hawaii State Student Council