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## A Message from the Chairperson



Aloha!

I am deeply honored to be this year's Hawaii State Student Council Chairperson. On behalf of my newly elected executive board, we would like to express our excitement for the year to come. The Hawaii State Student Council is made up of some of the best student leaders our beautiful state has to offer. Each representative hails from the many different corners of our islands and when we come together, the result is nothing less than cooperative effort. Along with the diligence of our advisors and SACs, I have no doubt that our council will accomplish extraordinary resolutions on the present and future issues of education and student life. Our motto is the life of the land is perpetuated by the youth.

As Hawaii's future, I know that each and every one of our keiki are willing to carry on the spirit of our beloved land for many years to come. I humbly ask that if we all just take the time to listen to the concerns of others, together, we can make a change. It is my biggest hope that as a council, we will continue to seek new ways to foster values of diversity, opportunity, civility, and public service not with just our student representatives, but our entire state general. I look forward to the work ahead and ask that you join me in continuing to make HSSC the best it can be. I wish the best of luck for all as we continue to begin this new school year!

Best Regards,  
**Jessica Valdez**

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## Thank a Principal OCTOBER 2016



Join the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the American Federation of School Administrators as we honor the hard work and dedication of America's principals all month long. National Principals Month is your opportunity to say "thank you" to principals everywhere and to share with the community all the great things that principals do. As you plan your National Principals Month activities, be sure to check out our resources for celebrating and share what you're doing by posting to social media with #ThankAPrincipal. The key to student success is a great school, and the key to a great school is a great principal.



*#ThankAPrincipal*

## Your Brand on Social Media FROM THE OCTOBER 2016 ISSUE OF ADVISE MAGAZINE (NASC)

Social media can help you get in to college. ("Yeah, right," you're thinking, but it's true.) Forty percent of admissions officers say they visit applicants' social media pages to learn about their personalities and backgrounds. While 33 percent of admission officers said they found something negative on applicants' social channels, the same percentage said they found details, such as leadership roles or community service, that reflected positively on an applicant.

Here are a few tips to help keep your profiles clean and show off all the good you're doing in your school and community.

- 1 If you're nearing college application time (think sophomore year and up), keep your social channels clean or make them private.
- 2 If your channels are private, admissions officers can't see the good you're doing. So, if you really want to wow the decision makers, keep your Twitter or Instagram public and show off what a great candidate you'd be for their school.
- 3 Remember, there's an appropriate channel for everything. We're not saying you shouldn't post pictures of you and your friends outside of school; maybe do that on Snapchat or your private Instagram. Use Facebook and Twitter to show photos from your service projects or after-school events with your chapter/council.

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### Hilo High School

This year's homecoming theme for Hilo High School was "There's No Place like Home". While the premise of our theme is based off of the classic movie, "The Wizard of Oz", there is a much deeper meaning to it. For many of our students, Hilo High has become their home. Our students may see the whole world and eventually live in different places, but we will always find our way back to Hilo High.

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### Moanalua High School



Welcome to 44th annual Homecoming Games! This year, Moanalua's Hunger Games theme was embraced by everyone and ignited an entertaining competition between all of the classes. Throughout the week were different dress up days that varied from the elaborate eye makeup and outfits that were worn in the movies to bleeding blue and white. The week began with our Night Pep Rally where each class performed a skit embodying the theme, and a trivia game based on the books and movies.

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### Kalaheo High School

Kalaheo's Homecoming kicked off announcing the homecoming court. The theme for this year's festivities was "Once upon a Time", inspired by the Disney classics. Movies like Snow White, Peter Pan, Beauty and the Beast, and Alladin to name a few. Our dress up days were inspired by the Disney movies. The week was filled with amazing festivities and school bonding. One of our newest events was the school potluck and pep rally through the ceremonial burning of the 'K'. All of these events and more allowed our students to come together, connect with their campus, and demonstrate pride for their school on the most extravagant level.

