



SENATOR NORMAN SAKAMOTO

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September 2006

Happy Labor Day!

Have a safe and wonderful holiday!

School News

A total of 10,654 students graduated last spring from Hawaii's high schools with a diploma or certificate of completion. The completers represent 95.7% of the 11,134 seniors enrolled at the end of the 2005-06 school year. About one-third of the regular graduates earned the more challenging Board of Education (BOE) Recognition Diploma, which required additional credits and a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

JOB WELL DONE!! Moanalua High School students had the most BOE diplomas, with 204 of 427 or 47.8% earning the honor!

Notice of construction projects to be initiated was given to the following schools in July:

Moanalua Elementary School
Classroom Renovations, Buildings A & B, Renovate Restrooms
Contract awarded to StarCom Builders, Inc.

Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School
Renovate and Paint Various Buildings
Contract awarded to MJ Construction, Inc.



Thanks to the many community members and Moanalua High School supporters, the **Aloha Aina Day Community Clean Up** raised **\$3793.60 for the Football Team**. The check was presented to the school at the Open House on August 16. Go Menehunes!

Pictured Above: **Rene Mansho**, Senator Norman Sakamoto, **Athletic Director Joel Kawachi**, **Representative Glenn Wakai**, **Senator Donna Mercado Kim** and **Hiroko Nakamura** of **Councilmember Romy Cachola's office**.

Schedule of Community Meetings September & October 2006

Neighborhood Board Meetings

Aiea NB No. 20

Monday, September 11, 7:30 PM
Monday, October 9, 7:30 PM
Aiea Library Conference Room

Aliamanu/ Salt Lake/ Foster Village NB No. 18

Thursday, September 14, 7:00 PM
Thursday, October 12 7:00 PM
Aliamanu Middle School Cafeteria

Kalihi-Palama NB No.15

Wednesday, September 20, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 PM
Kapalama Elem. School Cafeteria

Community Associations

Moanalua Gardens Community Association

Tuesday, September 5, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 PM
Moanalua Middle, Room B1

Kalihi-Palama Community Council

Monday, September 11, 7:00 PM
Susannah Wesley Community Center

Aiea-Pearl City Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, September 27 7:00 PM
Waimalu Elementary School Cafeteria

Mark Your Calendars!

Children and Youth Day

Sunday, October 1
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
State Capitol, Iolani Palace, Hawaii State Art Museum,
Honolulu Hale
A day filled with fun for the entire family!

Senior Fair

Saturday, October 21
9:00 AM- 2:00 PM
Pearlridge Shopping Center



CHAMPIONS OF DIGITAL LITERACY

Katherine Kawaguchi, Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Education (Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support) and Senator Sakamoto were honored at the **Certiport Pathways Conference** as Champions of Digital Literacy in Orlando, Florida.

The Champions of Digital Literacy program recognizes and celebrates individuals that have demonstrated extraordinary commitment, effort and success in championing the adoption of digital literacy standards in the schools, institutions, and communities they represent.

Aiea Access Road Resurfacing

Weekend road closures for this project are as follows:

- Friday 9/8 9:00 AM through Monday 9/11 4:30 AM
- Friday 9/22 9:00 AM through Monday 9/25 4:30 AM
- Friday 10/13 9:00 AM through Monday 10/16 4:30 AM

The road closures have been scheduled to avoid all University of Hawaii football games scheduled on 9/16, 9/30 and 10/7.

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