

# THE SCHOOL NEWS

## 1 HONOLULU

### Sacred Hearts Academy High School

Our **students and faculty** attended the **East-West Center** collaborative **#galswithLEI Forum**, featuring 14 dynamic women leaders from the United States and the Asia-Pacific region. The women were participants in the **Changing Faces Women's Leadership Seminar** (June 18-July 1) presented by the East-West Center with additional sponsorship from the **Shidler College of Business** and the Sacred Hearts Academy. The seminar focused on the important role that innovation and entrepreneurship play in contributing to economic growth, job creation and strengthening communities. In addition to the Forum, the Changing Faces women visited our campus for individual student mentoring sessions. In the **Next Generation Service Project**, our students were matched with the women to reinforce leadership skills, to learn about entrepreneurship, and to gain knowledge about the Asia-Pacific region. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)



## 2 HONOLULU

### Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

Our school hosts the **Ka Lei Ike** (Embrace the Knowledge) **Program** over the summer session. The program's goal is to provide **Palolo Elementary** and **Jarrett Middle School** girls an opportunity to gain academic knowledge, develop self-confidence and citizenship skills, and successfully transition to high school and beyond. Ten new students are added to the program each year starting in the fourth grade and participation continuing through eighth grade. The Palolo-Jarrett connection is part of a national movement, **Private Schools with a Public Purpose**. The educational program for 40 students (grades 4-7) is in its fourth year. Throughout the summer session, the girls are immersed in intensive reading, math and leadership training. They take electives from a variety of offerings such as: robotics, coding, minecraft, playwriting, clay sculpting and sports. Although the participants only attend the Sacred Hearts Academy summer sessions, the girls' progress is closely monitored in their respective schools during the regular school year. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)



EDITOR'S CHOICE

## 3 MAKAWAO

### St. Joseph Early Learning Center

On July 27, the early learning center **staff and families** gathered for the start of a new school year at the parent orientation night. Pictured is **Miss Lei Apo** who is reading the book "The Kissing Hand" that will be used to transition the students on their first day of school as well as tie into the parents' hand-art that they will create on this night. This was Miss Lei's last day as she will be saying aloha — but not goodbye — after her seven years of dedication to the children and families of the center. We look forward to a wonderful year with many blessings from God and as we journey into new discoveries. (Reported by Helen Souza; photo by Earl Lamador)

## 4 HONOLULU

### St. Anthony School

Our school faculty members **Sister Anne Clare DeCosta, SSCC**, chairperson of Teaching Academy, and **Michael Paekukui**, one of the moderators of Teaching Academy. We thank God for his wonderful blessings and goodness! (Reported by Mrs. Corazon Aczon)

during the sessions. Pictured with our teachers are **Sister Anne Clare DeCosta, SSCC**, chairperson of Teaching Academy, and **Michael Paekukui**, one of the moderators of Teaching Academy. We thank God for his wonderful blessings and goodness! (Reported by Mrs. Corazon Aczon)

## 5 KAPAA

### St. Catherine Parish

Our school doors opened to students for the 2017-2018 school year on July 27. Faculty, staff and student body quickly became aware of positive growth areas under the new leadership of principal **Mrs. Britt Cocumelli** and vice principal **Ms. Melanie Slimko**. As

in fifth grade, **Mr. Drew Cohick** as middle school math teacher. We are confident they will only add to our wonderful school community! Our heterogeneous middle school program, under the leadership of Ms. Slimko will be sure to meet the needs of all students through small group instruction in all core subjects. We have also implemented a diverse enrichment and elective program for all our kindergarten through eighth grade students. Middle school students will be choosing their electives the first full week of school. We can't forget to thank our pastor **Father Anthony Rapozo** who revamped and gutted preschool classrooms, personally installing new floors. Not only does the preschool look beautiful, but we have a new cohesive and well developed curriculum! As our Mrs. Cocumelli states: "We're open to all faiths; this is a safe place to send your children to be who they are. Our doors are open for everyone in the community, no matter how much they can pay. We want people to feel welcome here." (Reported by Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty)

## 6 ENCHANTED LAKE

### St. John Vianney Church

On July 24 our new school year began. Our campus has been filled with laughter, children's voices, and excitement. We greeted our returning students and extended a warm aloha to our new students and their families! We happily welcome **Mrs. Mary D'Avirro** as our new Early Learning Center-3 teacher. **Miss Mahina Galletes** has moved from the ELC3 and is our kindergarten teacher, and her new assistant is **Ms. Kapi'i DeMello**. This year we bid a fond aloha to **Ms. Nicole Jones, Mrs. Krystle Mackie, Mrs. Darlene Sousa and Mrs. Karla Jeremiah**. Their presence at our school was a blessing to us all and they will be sorely missed! God bless them and keep them safe in all the new adventures their futures hold! ... The feast day of **St. John Vianney** was celebrated with our first Ohana Mass of the year at 5 p.m. on Aug. 5. Following the Mass there was a **food and family game night** with a great dinner and LIFESIZE outdoor games that were enjoyed by all. As part of the celebration, a continental breakfast was served on Aug. 6 after each Mass. The Parent Teacher Student Hui (PTSH) is an organization that promotes the welfare of our students in cooperation with parents, administration, faculty and parishioners and supports the school community in attaining excellence in spiritual, mental, social and physical education. Parents needing more information and are interested in joining the PTSH, contact the school office at 261-4651. (Reported by Earl Walker)

