

WAFF Update - Waimea High School, SY 2020-21

Despite the challenges of distance learning, social distancing, and limited interaction and activities with students, this has truly been a year of learning for all of us at Waimea HS. We've become semi-experts at creating breakout rooms, editing essays online, and (trying) to keep young adults engaged in an entirely new way of doing school. This year, we invested thousands of dollars into technology, devices, and software for teacher and student use and flipped the way we deliver professional development to our staff. Custodians spray disinfectant buildings every morning before anyone arrives on campus to keep us safe and our cafeteria continues to box each meal individually in order to adhere to CDC guidelines.

We have enjoyed several successes this year -- we're graduating with 11 valedictorians, something that has never happened before. Within the last few weeks, sophomores Mar Ruiz and Hope Newton, placed 3rd in the state History Day competition and will move on to the nationals this summer; this is the second year in a row they've achieved this honor. Senior/valedictorian Morgan Igaya won 1st place honors at the state Health Occupations Student Organization (HOSA) competition and will move on to international competition this summer with fellow senior, Ariell Siliado. We have several student athletes who received scholarships and will move on to compete at the college level -- volleyball player, Raelee Samio and basketball players Braelyn Cayaban, Kiersten Gummerus, and Kaye Serapio.

We're looking forward to the new year where we expect to be back to normal!

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