



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS
Kapālama
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

April 29, 2024

Aloha e nā 'ohana o ka Papa 2024,

Mahalo for your patience, understanding, and flexibility while we worked together to refine the plans for this year's Senior Activities. The health, safety and well-being of our haumāna, 'ohana and guests at these upcoming events is important to us and we appreciate your continued support throughout the coming weeks. We look forward to celebrating our Kapālama papa 'ōma'oma'o as they complete this major milestone.

We want to share with you important information in order for our graduates, mākuā, and 'ohana to prepare for these upcoming events and activities. Please read the following information carefully. For a quick on-the-go version of this memo please visit bit.ly/kskpapa2024memo.

For the health and safety of our haumāna and their 'ohana we will be limiting attendance at Baccalaureate, Commencement and Lei Greeting. Each event will require a ticket for entry (please review each event for more information about tickets). We are grateful for your partnership and appreciate the opportunity to work together to create a memorable graduation experience in a safe and responsible way.

REHEARSAL | Friday, May 24, 2024 | Kekūhaupi'o Gym (MANDATORY)

9:00 am	Students report to Kekūhaupi'o Gym Students find assigned seats
9:40 am	Depart Kekūhaupi'o Gym for Mauna 'Ala
10:00 am	Mauna 'Ala Service - <i>Private service, students only</i>
10:50 am	Return to Kekūhaupi'o Gym
11:00 am	Baccalaureate Program Rehearsal
12:05 pm	Break, reset for Commencement rehearsal
12:30 pm	Commencement Rehearsal
2:30 pm	Pau/Name-check with announcers <i>*Seniors MUST provide their own transportation home. There are no terminal or country buses available.</i>

Seniors must be dressed in their school uniform-BLUE uniform shirt (navy, royal or light blue), uniform bottoms, and covered shoes.

Parking will be available for students on campus in the Hale Ho'okū Ka'a. Students MUST have a parking pass (decal or one-day pass). It is a regular school day and parking guidelines will be enforced.

Seniors MUST ride the KS school bus to and from Mauna 'Ala.

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BACCALAUREATE | Saturday, May 25, 2024 Kekūhaupi‘o Gym (MANDATORY)

8:00 am Seniors report to Kekūhaupi‘o Gym #2
8:15 am Kekūhaupi‘o Main Gym doors open
9:00 am Baccalaureate Service
10:00 am Service ends
10:00 am Po‘o Kula Reception (see enclosed for invitation)

Seniors must arrive dressed in Special Events Attire (please see enclosed for more information)

The Baccalaureate service will be held this year at Kekūhaupi‘o Gym due to the ongoing renovations at Kawaiaha‘o Church. A ticket is required for entry. Each graduate will receive two (2) tickets for members of their family to attend the service. All seating is on a first come, first served basis. Parking is available for our families at Hale Ho‘okū Ka‘a. This year, we are honored to have as our speaker, Grant Murata from Harbor Church. The Baccalaureate Service will be livestreamed on the Commencement Website. Shuttles will be provided after Baccalaureate to transport guests from Kekūhaupi‘o Gym to Ka‘iwakīloumoku.

COMMENCEMENT | Sunday, May 26, 2024 | Neal S. Blaisdell Arena (MANDATORY)

2:00pm Seniors report to Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall
Kīhei Tying in Exhibition Hall (Haumāna & KS Kumu/Staff only)
3:00pm Arena Doors Open
4:00pm Commencement Ceremony Begins

Seniors must arrive dressed in Special Events Attire (please see enclosed for more information)

Parents please be sure your child eats a hearty lunch and are well hydrated prior to their call time at 2:00 pm.

At Kamehameha, Commencement ceremonies are conducted with dignity and pride. They exemplify our Hawaiian ancestral value of pono -- to be correct and proper. In keeping with this tradition, we ask you to remind your graduate, as well as your family and friends, about appropriate behavior and demeanor during commencement exercises. We believe that catcalling, loud cheering, yelling, and signs detract from the recognition of each student being honored on stage. We ask your support in maintaining the dignity of the ceremonies.

Please respect the importance of this occasion by cooperating with the school and the Neal S. Blaisdell Center guidelines. For the safety and security of all guests and graduates, please follow the instructions of school personnel, NBC staff, KSK security and HPD, before, during and after commencement.

Remain seated throughout the ceremony. Please refrain from approaching the stage or graduate at any time. Professional photos will be taken of each graduate by Ace Portrait Studio, Inc. during the ceremony and available for purchase.

We are enclosing 12 tickets for the Commencement Ceremony. Each graduate will receive four (4) Arena Floor tickets and eight (8) General Admission tickets for upper-level seating. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. There are no extra tickets and students are encouraged to check with one another if any additional tickets are available. ***Commencement Ceremony tickets are for guests to attend the Commencement Ceremony and/or the Lei Greeting. Tickets will be torn in half at the door and ushers will return one half to the guest for re-entry.***

IMPORTANT Neal S. Blaisdell Center Management Reminders:

- Please drive carefully and observe traffic regulations in the Blaisdell parking lot.
- Tailgating is not permitted before or after the event.
- **No outside food and beverages- including water bottles.**
- Please refer to the enclosed guidelines from the Neal S. Blaisdell Center Commencement Guidelines
- Storing signage or balloons of any sort in the Exhibition Hall prior to or during the ceremony is prohibited and will be removed.

LEI GREETING | Sunday, May 26, 2024 | Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall

6:30 pm (approx.) Lei Greeting begins

7:15 pm Suggested arrival time for guests ONLY attending Lei Greeting
Guests attending lei greeting ONLY must enter via the EAST CONCOURSE entrance.

8:30 pm Lei Greeting ends

We are enclosing 10 tickets for guests to attend Lei Greeting only. Due to capacity restrictions, all lei greeting attendees MUST have a Commencement Ceremony ticket or Lei Greeting ticket for entry into the Exhibition Hall. Commencement tickets and Lei Greeting tickets will be accepted at the door. Upon entry, the ticket will be torn in half by the usher and returned to the guest for re-entry.

IMPORTANT Meet the Graduates/Lei Greeting Plan:

- All guests MUST have a Commencement ticket or Lei Greeting ticket for entry. No ticket, no entry, no exceptions.
- Be aware that certain doors are designated for entrance or exit only.
- Arena floor ticketed guests will be allowed into the Exhibition Hall first.
- Arena upper-level ticketed guests will be allowed into the Exhibition Hall second.
- Guests only attending the lei greeting will enter via the Exhibition Hall East Concourse doorway and will enter AFTER all guests from the arena have entered the Exhibition Hall. Mahalo for your patience.
- Lei greeting will begin at approximately 6:30 pm and will end at 8:30 pm.
- NOTE: While we embrace all cultural forms of celebration, we kindly ask 'ohana to limit their congratulations for their graduate to lei only (no musical instruments or elaborate cultural displays allowed).

We want all families to support their graduate in an orderly manner without compromising safety. Please know that should a rule be violated, guest(s) may be escorted out of the arena, exhibition hall, and/or off the premises.

Lastly, enclosed we have included additional information and guidelines for your review to help you and your 'ohana to prepare for the culminating events. Information on our Commencement website and live streaming opportunities can be found at bit.ly/kskpapa2024.

For any questions, please contact Special Events Coordinator, Andrea Los Baños at khsspecialevnts@ksbe.edu. We look forward, as I am sure you must, to this exciting period in the lives of the members of the Class of 2024.

I mua!



Wendy Erskine, Po'o Kumu Kula Ki'eki'e
Kamehameha Schools Kapālama High School

Enclosures: Senior Calendar of Year-End Activities
Special Events Attire for Baccalaureate and Commencement
Information Regarding "Kalamakūali'i—The Royal Lamp" Kīhei
Neal S. Blaisdell Center Commencement Guidelines
Meet the Graduates Map
Po'o Kula Reception Invitation (will be included in mail-out)
Baccalaureate Tickets (2), Commencement Tickets (12), Lei Greeting Tickets (10) (tickets will be mailed home)

SENIOR CALENDAR OF YEAR-END ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, May 21 – Senior Check-Out & Final Exams (MANDATORY)

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

- Senior Check-out in Midkiff (Last Names A-K)
- FINAL EXAM (Final Exam takes priority over check-out)
 - Bishop 100- Marine Science, Honors Chemistry
 - Bishop 200- Algebra 2B, Algebra 2A, Honors Algebra 2

9:50 AM - 11:20 AM

- Senior Check-out in Midkiff (Last Names L-Z)
- FINAL EXAM (Final Exam takes priority over check-out)
 - Bishop 100- Languages
 - Bishop 200- Alternate Time Slot for Final Exam

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- *Optional bagged lunches available at ‘Akahi Dining Hall

11:20 AM - 12:00 PM

- Senior Check-Out open for Final Exam Students
 - *Students who do not complete Senior Check-out will not be able to attend the Senior Picnic.*

11:25 AM

- Terminal Buses Depart

11:45 AM

- Country Buses Depart

Wednesday, May 22 – Class Meeting & Senior Breakfast (MANDATORY)

8:00 AM Class Meeting & Commencement Rehearsal in the Auditorium (sit by voicepart)

9:00 - 10:15 AM Senior Breakfast in ‘Akahi Dining Hall

11:45 AM Terminal /Country Buses Depart

Thursday, May 23 – Senior Picnic (MANDATORY)

7:40 AM All Seniors report to Kekūhaupi‘o Gym
Parking available in structure (Levels 3 & 4)

8:05 AM Buses depart for picnic site
***All Seniors must ride the bus to and from the picnic site.**

1:30 PM Buses Return to Campus
***Seniors must secure their own transportation home
(afternoon terminal and country buses not available)**

Friday, May 24 - Mauna 'Ala & Rehearsal

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Sunday, May 26 - Commencement

- 2:00 pm Seniors report to Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall.
(Seniors must arrive dressed in Special Events Attire. Kāne-no blue sash needed)
Kīhei Tying in Exhibition Hall (Haumāna & KS Kumu/Staff only)
- 2:45 pm Seniors report to Hawai'i Suite (located in Exhibition Hall) for rehearsal
- 4:00 pm COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY- NEAL S. BLAISDELL ARENA
- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm LEI GREETING
- 8:00 pm - 7:30 am PROJECT GRADUATION

SPECIAL EVENTS ATTIRE FOR
BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT

Wāhine: Uniform Special Events white mu‘umu‘u purchased from Lands’ End a long white or beige slip, fully enclosed white flats or pumps.

Students must wear kīhei and blue silk lei for Commencement (kīhei and lei will be given at check-in at NBC).

Kāne: Long sleeved white Special Events dress shirt, blue sash, white dress pants which were purchased from Lands’ End, white belt, white dress shoes (no athletic or canvas shoes), full-length white socks. Blue sash is needed for Baccalaureate Service ONLY.

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Note: Ribbons, flowers lei, any hair decorations and jewelry except for watches and class rings are not to be worn for both Baccalaureate and Commencement events. Prohibited items will be confiscated upon student check-in.

LAND’S END STORE:

Address

Nā Lama Kukui
560 Nimitz Highway
HI 96817
Phone: (808)-585-7441

Hours

Tuesday Friday: 10 am – 5 pm #118
Saturday: 10 am – 4 pm Honolulu,
Sunday- Monday: CLOSED

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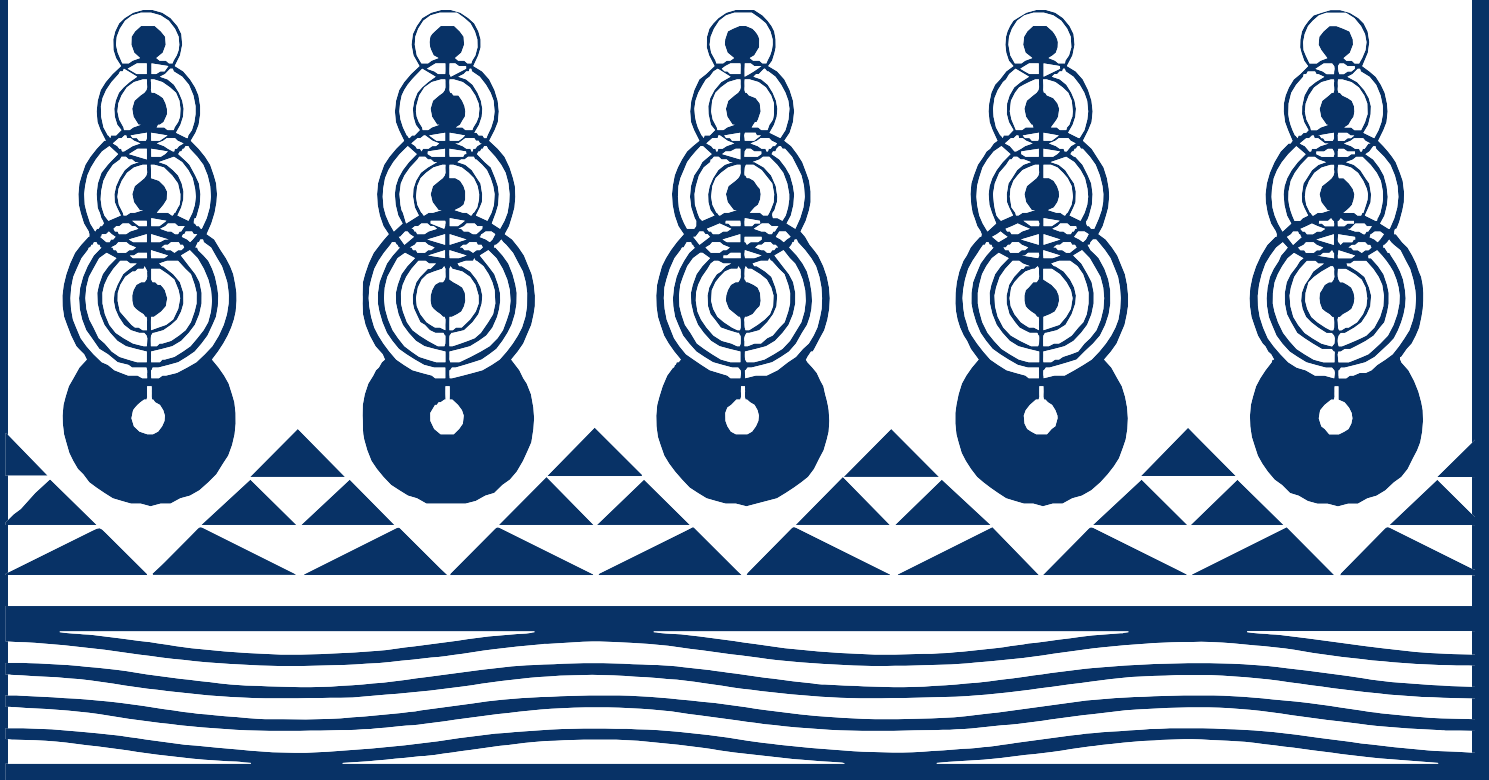
THE ROYALLAMP

Kamehameha Schools Kapālama marks this special occasion with a kīhei, a traditional Hawaiian garment, gifted to each graduating senior. Having successfully completed our graduation requirements, they have earned the privilege and honor of receiving this special kīhei as a symbol of their passage into the next phase of their lives.

“Kalamakūali‘i—The Royal Lamp” was designed by Visual Arts teacher Carl Pao in collaboration with a committee of other high school staff members with expertise in Hawaiian language and culture. The symbols in the design have significance for our school and its location on the heights of Kapālama, the piko (center) of our graduates’ formal education over the past few years.

The lamakū, or kukui nut lamp, symbolizes enlightenment or the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom during our graduates’ time with us. The four kukui represent each grade level of the high school, joined by a nī‘au (coconut midrib) which is anchored in a pōhaku (stone). What we see of the pōhaku is a shape that resembles an ‘ahu‘ula (shoulder-length feather cloak) that represents Pauahi, our Founder and Benefactress, whose generosity created tremendous educational opportunities for our graduates. The brilliance of the light has grown stronger as they have passed from one grade to the next. We hope that our graduates will continue to add kukui, gaining greater enlightenment in their lives beyond Kamehameha, but always be firmly connected to the piko of Kapālama.

The wavy lines at the bottom of the design represent wai (water), a source of life and knowledge, and symbolize the underground waterway that once flowed through lava tubes and connected Keanakamanō (The Cave of the Shark) Valley at our campus’ main gate with Pu‘uloa (Pearl Harbor), Oceania and the rest of the world. Our mo‘olelo (stories) say that the Hawaiian god Kamohoali‘i traveled this waterway in his shark form to Kapālama. The chevron shapes represent a shark’s teeth and also the island of O‘ahu.



NEAL S. BLAISDELL CENTER **COMMENCEMENT GUIDELINES**

Blaisdell Center would like to extend our congratulations to the class of 2024. Commencement is a milestone for graduates, their families and their friends. We ask that all graduates and guests respect the importance of this occasion by cooperating with the schools and the graduation rules of the Blaisdell Center.

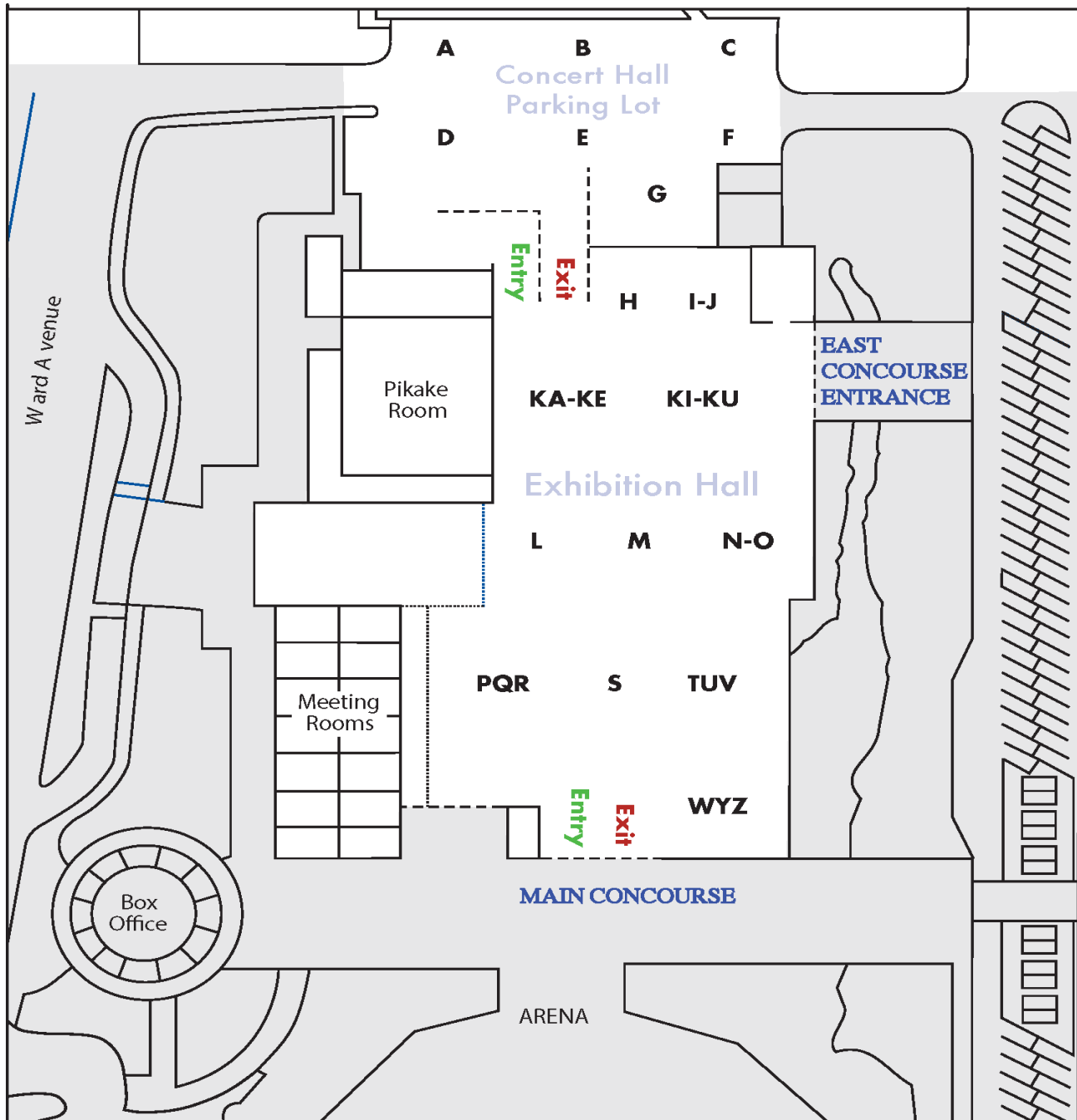
For the safety and security of all guests and graduates, please follow the instructions of the venue personnel and security staff before, during and after commencement. **Only guests with a commencement ticket and or a lei greeting ticket will be allowed into the Exhibition Hall for lei greeting.** Priority to enter the Exhibition Hall for the lei greeting will be given to those attending the ceremony. If the Exhibition Hall has reached capacity, we will ask guests to wait until others have left before allowing more family and friends to enter. Those coming just for lei greeting are encouraged to come later to avoid congestion on the concourses and a prolonged wait time.

As a reminder, here are the rules as they pertain to graduation at the Blaisdell Center. Please check with the individual school about specific rules or items not listed below:

- All packages are subject to search. Large bags may be denied entry if they won't fit or contain unsuitable items.
- No aisles can be obstructed.
- All packages, gifts, lei, posters, etc. must fit on lap or under the seat.
- Size allowance for signs and banners is 3ft x4 ft. Photos and wording should be appropriate and are subject to review. Signs should fit in your lap and cannot obstruct walkway/aisles
- No sticks, pipes, rods – posters cannot be mounted for safety reasons.
- No strollers inside the seating areas – strollers must be checked with the usher staff.
- No balloons
- No tripods
- No drones
- No laser pointers
- No noisemakers or air horns
- No silly string, confetti or confetti cannons
- No outside beverages - including water bottles
- No tailgating/picnicking in the parking structure, grass areas or on walkways.

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