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Message from the Head of School

Aloha HPA 'ohana,

As we head toward the end of September our academic journey becomes a little more “real” in the fact that the newness and novelty of school begins to wear off and we settle into routines. Days become similar and things get difficult. Most of these challenges are a healthy part of the journey as quizzes lead to tests, and being away from home leads to homesickness. Not everyday has a book fair, a swim unit, or a club fair. This is part of the grind and it’s intentional.

I often point our students to Jacob Riis’ Stonecutter’s Creed: “When nothing seems to help, I go look at the stonecutter hammering away at his rock, perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet, at the hundred and first blow it will split in two, and I know that it was not that blow that did it, but all that had gone before”. The hard work, at times mundane, is a critical part of our journey. Late September and October will now call for us parents to support our students to work through their school and life challenges with the belief that the work is a special part of the process. Whether it is developing and maintaining proper study habits, preparing for athletic competitions, or sticking to our health and safety protocols — we must continue to hammer the rock. It’s the lesson in perseverance that builds grit and resilience. It is the pursuit of excellence.

Family Weekend

Our virtual Family Weekend is next Thursday, September 30, and Friday, October 1. Please be sure to review [this email from September 22](#), with details on how to sign-up for our virtual parent-teacher conferences. While we wish we were able to host all our families on campus, we hope our virtual conferences create some efficiencies and allow for healthy conversation with your student’s instructors.

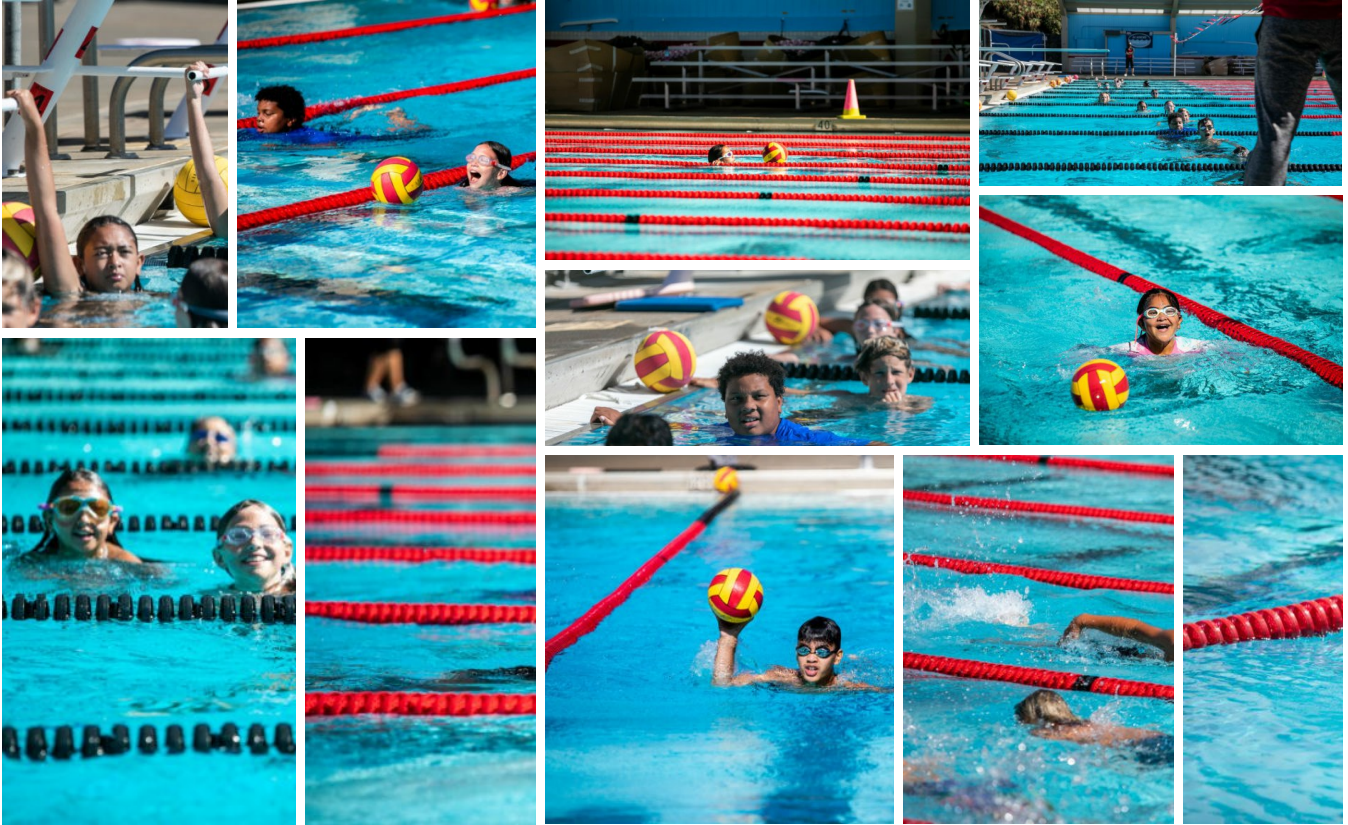
Wishing you all a happy Aloha Friday. Have a great weekend!

Gratefully,
Fred Wawner
Interim Head of School

Important documents:

- [HPA’s Return to Campus, Plans and Policies 2021-2022](#)
- [HPA’s Vaccination Policy 2021](#)
- [HPA’s Testing Policy](#)
- [HPA’s Travel and Quarantine Policy](#)
- [HPA’s Health and Safety Protocols](#)
- [HPA’s COVID-19 Decision Tree](#)
- [HPA’s Community Safety Pledge](#)

Lower School PE Swimming



Edit gallery

Lower School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Dora Kwong

Hello Lower School families! Another bustling week full of activities, teachers started our professional work day on Monday with restorative practices, rooted in our Core Values and mālama kaiāulu. With common teaching and facilitating tools to support our social emotional learning, teachers can engage students in sharing and caring for one another with kuleana, pilina, lōkahi, and ha'ina. We close out this week with our long awaited and carefully planned Scholastic Book Fair, our Lower School students eager to browse and purchase books safely and with care for our community.

Conferences

We will be holding virtual parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, September 30, and Friday, October 1. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child(ren)'s teachers and get an overview of how things are going in their classes. Please be sure to review [this email from September 22](#), with details on how to sign-up for our virtual parent-teacher conferences. If you have difficulty scheduling a time on those two days, we can always find another time to connect. Teachers will always reach out to you anytime they have a concern. Please note that there will be no classes for students on these days.

We are excited for [Enrichment Day on Monday](#), an opportunity for our students to engage with their specialist teachers, all under the umbrella theme of lōkahi, and asking ourselves, "What actions do we need to take in order to bring harmony to our kaiāulu?"

On this aloha Friday, I invite you to consider lōkahi (harmony) in your own schedules and 'ohana time. Let this weekend have moments of rest and respite, joy and love, yin and yang.

With aloha,
Dora Kwong
Lower School Principal

Schedule

Our K-5 classes continue with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, September 27. **As a reminder, there are no classes on Thursday, September 30, or Friday, October 1, during parent-teacher conferences.**

We encourage all families to check the [School Calendar](#) in [myHPA](#) for the most up-to-date information. In addition, a list of **Key Dates** (school opening and closures) can also be located on the [Lower School Family Resources](#) tile located in [myHPA](#).

Student Support

Thank you for ensuring your child is wearing a clean mask every day and also has an extra mask available. Please send your child with a rain jacket

to school every day, no matter what the morning weather may be.

Ms. Baydo (K-8 School Counselor) rbaydo@hpa.edu and Mr. Ludes (K-8 Learning Specialist) jludes@hpa.edu are available to discuss and support social-emotional and academic concerns for your child(ren). Please connect with them via email.

Coming Up

- Wednesday, September 29, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, September 29: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Thursday, September 30: Virtual parent-teacher conference, no classes
- Friday, October 1: Virtual parent-teacher conferences, no classes

Parents will need to [schedule their conferences](#) using PTC Wizard by Monday, Sept. 27.

Capstone Update from K-8 Capstone Coordinator, Dagan Bernstein

Aloha! Grade 5 students have launched into the capstone experience with an introduction to planning and design. Breaking down common everyday tasks such as washing clothes, cooking a meal, or repairing a flat tire on a bike, students see actions as a series of connected nodes. This serves as a foundation for learning how to strategize planning for a larger capstone project. Additional lessons have centered on how to use interviews as a way to be active empathizers of important needs within their community. In the coming weeks students will be introduced to the practices of the Mālama Kaiāulu sustainability model as a lens for project design.

Past Email Communication

All past email communications can be accessed by visiting the [Lower School Family Resources](#) tile on [myHPA](#) and scrolling down to 'Past Parent Email Communications, 2021-2022.'

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In addition to Seesaw, many important resources can be located on our community portal, [myHPA](#). Two key resource boards that we would like to draw your attention to are the '[Lower School Family Resources](#)' and the '[Return to Campus 2021-2022 Plans and Information](#)'. For [myHPA](#) concerns, please contact help@hpa.edu.

Additional Information

Please review our [updated Lower School and Middle School Guidelines for Pickup/Dropoff](#). If your child arrives after 8:00 am, please send them to the office for a tardy slip. All families, including Kindergarten families, should remain in their cars during pickup and dropoff. Also, thank you to many families who have posted a sign in their window with their child's name and grade for fast and easy dismissal.

Middle School Scuba Club Inaugural Trip



Edit gallery

Middle School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families! As we approach the last few weeks of our first quarter of school, we are excited for our upcoming conferences to give you an opportunity to meet the teachers and learn more about how your child(ren) are engaging in their classes. The student learning experience is at its best when teachers and parents partner and we are always happy to share and learn with you.

Our grade 7 students tallied up the trash they collected last week in Kawaihae and recorded 84 lbs of debris, plus a large truck tire! They itemized their findings and logged them into an international database to help us find solutions to reduce the amount of trash in our oceans. Nice work, team!

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I hope you enjoy your weekend and we look forward to speaking with you next week.

Mahalo,
Glenn Chickering
Middle School Principal

Schedule

Our [Middle School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) continues with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, September 27. **As a reminder, there are no classes on Thursday, September 30, or Friday, October 1, during parent-teacher conferences.**

We encourage all families to check the [School Calendar](#) in [myHPA](#) for the most up-to-date information. In addition, a list of **Key Dates** (school opening and closures) can also be located on the [Middle School Family Resources](#) tile located in [myHPA](#).

Student Support

Please remember that we will be outside as much as possible during lunch and recess, so a rain jacket for light rains and a pareo or small beach towel for picnicking will be great to have at school. Students should also bring a water bottle to school each day.

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Capstone Update from K-8 Capstone Coordinator, Dagan Bernstein

Aloha! During the first phase of capstone students have connected with community stakeholders through the use of in-person interviews, video conferences, and phone calls. These conversations are an important way for students to get feedback on how community members feel, care, and think about important issues and apply the practices of the Mālama Kaiāulu sustainability model. Some of the ideas bubbling to the surface are using animation to educate teens on social-emotional wellness, repurposing surfboards to divert waste from our landfills, and coding apps for more efficient farm practices. Huge mahalo to our community partners including alumni, current HPA families, and faculty who have spent time with our students.

After School Program, Grades 6-8

There is still room in some of our After School Programs. Please email our Director of After School Programs, Mrs. Mele DeMille (mdemille@hpa.edu) if you would like your child to attend. You may refer to [this email for more information](#).

Past Email Communications

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Additional Information

Please be sure to review our [updated Lower School and Middle School Guidelines for Pickup/Dropoff](#). We do ask that parents remain in their cars and wait for students to come to them.

Upper School Poi Pounding Demonstration



Edit gallery

Upper School

From the desk of your Po‘o Kumu (Division Principal), Ka‘ai Spencer

Aloha e nā ‘ohana o ka makani! Teachers have been working diligently to write reports for students who are new to HPA, as well as students who have had a difficult time during the start of the year. These student reports will be viewable early next week before the start of the parent-teacher conferences. Many reports mention grades that may have changed since the time of report writing. Therefore, please continue to utilize myHPA to keep updated on the progress of your child(ren). The use of myHPA is one of the ways parents can keep track of class progress and get a peek at the content focus of each class.

Conferences

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We are greatly looking forward to connecting with all of our makani ‘ohana! These opportunities for teachers to connect with all of our ‘ohana are very important to the connection we all share as a school community. The more connected we can all be, the more established our school culture will be with a foundation of aloha.

Ke aloha nō,
Ka‘ai Spencer
Upper School Po‘o Kumu

Schedule

Our [Upper School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) will resume as a Mamo day with in-person instruction on our Upper Campus on Monday, September 27. **As a reminder, there are no classes on Thursday, September 30, or Friday, October 1, during parent-teacher conferences.**

We encourage all students and families to access the [School Calendar](#) in [myHPA](#) for the most up-to-date information. In addition, a list of **Key Dates** (school opening and closures) can also be located on the [Upper School Family Resources](#) tile located in [myHPA](#).

Student Support

We are doing our best to maintain appropriate physical distancing on campus, per CDC and Department of Health recommendations. We ask for your support in continuing that effort even when off-campus. Our hope is that students traveling together to and from school, or spending time with friends or extended family in the evenings or over the weekend, will all do their best to maintain proper physical distances and mask-wearing, when appropriate. These efforts will help us to protect each other and the rest of our ‘ohana and community.

Should your child need additional learning support, we encourage you to reach out to JoAn Canning, our Upper School Learning Support Center Director, by emailing jcanning@hpa.edu. In addition, our counselors are ready to assist any student who needs additional support to navigate

these unusual and unprecedented times. Please feel free to reach out to the Upper Campus counseling team of Steve Furchner at 808-640-4441 or sfurchner@hpa.edu, and Tiffany Freitas at 808-345-8869 or tfreitas@hpa.edu.

Coming Up

- Monday, September 27, from 11:05 am to 12:25 pm: Screening testing
 - Thursday, September 30, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm: Virtual parent-teacher conference, no classes
 - Thursday, September 30, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm: **College Dean Panel: "Discussion of Current Trends in College Admissions"** (Meeting ID: 848 4173 7732; Passcode: 03329)
 - Friday, October 1, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm: Virtual parent-teacher conferences, no classes
- Parents will need to [schedule their conferences using PTC Wizard by Monday, Sept. 27](#).*

Ka Makani Athletics

Fall season competitions will start up on October 15. [Final schedules for football, girls volleyball, and cross country are available to review here.](#)

Residential Life

Aloha residential families! Unfortunately, we find ourselves in a position where the conditions on our island, and associated restrictions put in place by our local government, have meant that our Family Weekend will have to be virtual this year. We share in your disappointment and will work hard to make sure that students who do not have family on-island for this long weekend have lots of opportunities to get off campus, or enjoy each other's company in group activities while on campus. For those families who already purchased tickets to come to the island for this weekend, that is still absolutely okay! In fact, given that there will not be classes on Thursday, September 30, this may provide a better opportunity for you to spend more time with your child. If you are planning to come for a visit, please review the relevant travel policies, as published over the summer, which remain in effect. You can find the complete policy on [myHPA](#) here. In summary, if you come to visit, please plan to have your child in your care for at least 6 days, so that they can get a COVID-19 test on day 5 after your arrival, and receive a negative result before returning to the dormitory. If your child is vaccinated, they may attend classes during this time, but may not return to the dorms until the negative test result is received. If they are not vaccinated, they must stay off-campus until the negative test result is received.

College Counseling

The following virtual college visits are scheduled for the coming week. All visits will take place from 11:15 – 11:45 am. Zoom links for each of these visits can be found in your [myHPA](#) calendar. Parents are welcome to join!

- Monday, September 27: Carleton College (Northfield, MN)
- Tuesday, September 28: The University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)
- Wednesday, September 29: Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)
- Thursday, September 30: **College Dean Panel: "Discussion of Current Trends in College Admissions"** (See additional information below)
- Friday, October 1: Amherst College (Amherst, MA) *Noon to 12:30 pm

College Dean Panel: "Discussion of Current Trends in College Admissions"

Thursday, September 30 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm
(Meeting ID: 848 4173 7732; Passcode: 03329)

We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn more about the current college admissions process and priorities. Jim Rawlins, Director of Admission at the University of Oregon will join us to represent public universities. Lisa Rhone, Assistant Dean of Admission at the University of Southern California will be on hand to represent private universities. Dean Mendes, Associate Director of Admissions with Williams College, will share the perspective of small liberal arts colleges. Lastly, Aaron Anderson, Director of International Recruitment for the University of British Columbia, will represent Canada and the international application process. Each of our guests will take a few minutes to introduce their college or university, and then the group will share their insights and field questions on admissions, testing, pandemic policies, financial aid, the application process, and whatever else folks want to talk about.

NACAC Virtual College Fairs: Student Registration Now Open

Students can get an early start on college planning by signing up to attend free NACAC Virtual College Fairs. The eight fairs happening this fall offer students the chance to interact with hundreds of institutions as they pursue their college dreams. [Sign up here.](#)

Testing

The PSAT will be administered on the Upper Campus on Saturday, October 16, from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. All HPA sophomores and juniors are required to take this standardized test. College Counseling has already registered the 10th and 11th graders and covered their testing fees. If freshmen are interested in registering to take the PSAT, they should contact our test coordinator, Monica Hattoon-Green, at testing@hpa.edu by Friday, September 3. Please see [this email sent on August 23](#) for more information.

Past Email Communications

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Colors of the Garden: Capstone students Working Towards Sustainable Gift-Giving for Alu Mai



Edit gallery

All-School News

Health and Wellness

Mahalo nui to everyone for their diligence in following our health and safety guidelines — from wearing a mask to washing your hands and sanitizing the areas you pass through, along with maintaining proper physical distances and reviewing our symptom checklist before entering either of our campuses. **If you're not feeling well, please be sure to stay home.** It is everyone's responsibility to keep us all well, and your efforts make a difference.

In addition to the multitude of safety measures in place, we have established isolation rooms on both campuses in the event we have a person under investigation for COVID-19 (or any other contagious disease) during the academic day. We'd like to reassure you that we are following (and at times, even exceeding) all CDC and Department of Health guidelines and continuously monitoring any changes that are being made on their end to ensure that our [COVID-19 Decision Tree](#) remains current.

COVID-19 Communications

As a reminder, we will send COVID-19 Communication emails to the specific class, division, or group identified as needing immediate notification. Otherwise, all updates will appear in the 'COVID-19 Communications' section of the ['2021-2022 COVID-19 Plans & Information' Resource Board on myHPA](#). Students and families will always have access to this resource board to check daily, should they wish to. This decision was made in an effort to balance our commitment to transparency and accountability with COVID-19 notifications and our desire to limit the number of correspondence families receive daily that may not personally impact them.

Campus Access

During this time, **campus access is limited to current students, employees, essential contractors, and approved guests** — all of whom have completed a daily thermal/symptom check and a screening questionnaire.

Should a family member of a student need a meeting with a faculty, staff, or administrative team member, kindly contact them so that they can apply to have you come to campus. If approved, they will then send you a COVID-19 questionnaire. From that point, security team members will be alerted to your appointment date and time, and let you onto campus.

At the Upper School, please do not park in the Day Student Parking Lot (DSPL) and walk-in without an appointment. Similarly, at the Village Campus, kindly call or email for an appointment so that arrangements can be made. Please remember, masks are required on campus at all times when indoors. As a visitor, on either campus, you will be asked for a temperature check. Mahalo for your understanding and respect for this process.

CrisisGo for Parents

It is important that all families are set up with CrisisGo, HPA's school emergency communication tool. To set up CrisisGo SMS/Email subscription, please click on this [invitation link](#) and complete the form by adding your name, email, and cell number (this is an important step if you would like to receive SMS message) and click on the Subscribe button. Should an emergency occur you will be alerted by email and SMS messaging. You can also locate these instructions by logging into [myHPA](#), clicking on the resource tab, and selecting the CrisisGo Safe2SpeakUp tile.

Safe2SpeakUp for Middle and Upper Students

Similarly, Middle and Upper School students received instructions during orientation on how to upload the Safe2SpeakUp app. This is a companion app to CrisisGo. It will allow the school to alert students of emergencies and enable students to communicate with us should there be any behaviors they are concerned about. Students can also locate instructions on setting up Safe2SpeakUp in myHPA.

All students can also submit an Online Bully/Harassment report by [clicking on this link](#), which can also be located on the CrisisGo Safe2SpeakUp tile on [myHPA](#).

Admissions

For families currently receiving financial aid, the **new deadline for priority consideration for a grant for the 2022-2023 academic year is November 1, 2021**. Please visit [this helpful page](#) to get the process started before the deadline.

The 2022-2023 academic year new student admission application is now [available online](#) via the HPA website! For our families with siblings of current students, we would love to hear from you if you're considering applying next year. In addition, if you have friends or extended family who might be interested in attending HPA next year, spread the word and please let us know how we can help expedite the process by writing admissions@hpa.edu.

For re-enrolling families, there is no need to reapply for admission as you will be offered an opportunity to re-enroll in February 2022.

Advancement & Alumni

The annual Class Captain effort in support of the HPA Fund kicks off this week! Please keep an eye out for a note from your Class Captain in the coming days and remember to [make your gift early!](#)

Gifts to [the HPA Fund](#) make an immediate impact on the student experience at HPA. Every gift, any amount, makes a difference. Join this year's parent HPA Fund Co-Chairs Yvonne Nix Everett P '17, '24 and Michele Sullivan P '29, '32 and help us reach our goal of 100% parent participation in the Fund! Connected, we thrive!

'Ohana Association

The 'Ohana Association is a parent volunteer organization, which is affiliated with and coordinates closely with the school. Every HPA parent is a member of the 'Ohana Association and all are welcome to join us at our 'Ohana Association Board meetings, which will be announced on the 'Ohana Association myHPA resource page and can be located on the [myHPA school calendar](#). Our mission is to support a great experience for every HPA student, as well as to foster a sense of community within the student body, parents and families, the staff and faculty of HPA, and the local community. [Click here to read the latest update from the 'Ohana Association](#).

Isaacs Art Center

We are thrilled to share that Isaacs Art Center Museum and Gallery has been nominated for the 2021 Travel & Hospitality Awards. Travel & Hospitality awards is a global recognition programme for the travel industry that honors the very best hotels, tour operators, experience providers, spa & wellness facilities, restaurants, and technology and innovation companies. Awards are given based on the review of customer feedback.

[Isaacs Art Center](#) is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. We invite you to come see our landscape show featuring Clemson Lam, a parent of a 2003 alumnus. This special exhibit, Island Views of the Past and Present, will run through October 29.

Isaacs Art Center Gallery works for sale may also be viewed on our [website](#). Be sure to also visit our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for highlights from ongoing exhibitions. As a reminder, sales from gallery artwork have supported the HPA Financial Aid program since opening in 2004.



2021-2022 COVID-19 Plans & Information

Past HPA communications and other important information can be found on [myHPA](#). We are continuing to make updates to our student and parent resource boards, so please be sure to visit them regularly. For a complete directory of all our health and safety protocols, please review our [2021-2022 COVID-19 Plans and Information](#) tile.



[PREVIOUS ALL-SCHOOL BULLETINS](#)

[All-School Bulletin: September 17, 2021](#)



[All-School Bulletin: September 10, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: September 3, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: August 27, 2021](#)

Mahalo to all our students, families, faculty, and staff for everything you're doing to keep our campuses and community as safe as possible as we navigate the start of our 2021-2022 academic year. Together we are #KaMakaniSTRONG!

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