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WELCOME TO HPA!

We are excited to have you as part of our 'ohana!

Aloha HPA families,

It is with great joy and deep gratitude that I welcome you to the Hawai'i Preparatory Academy 'ohana on behalf of all of us at HPA. Congratulations on your decision to join the class entering in fall 2026 — we are thrilled to have you as part of our community.

In choosing HPA, you've made a powerful and affirming commitment to your child's future. While we know that the world continues to evolve in unexpected ways, your decision to join our school community is a strong and hopeful step forward — and one that we believe will prove to be among the most meaningful choices your family will make.

Whether your student is beginning their journey in kindergarten or stepping into their senior year, they are now part of something truly special. Here at HPA, we are not just a

school — we are a close-knit community, a family, and a place where students are known, supported, and inspired every day. The 2026-27 school year promises to be filled with purpose, innovation, and a shared sense of wonder.

Our unique programs — rooted in the culture, ecology, and vibrant spirit of Hawai'i Island — are thoughtfully designed to ignite curiosity and nurture resilience. From dynamic classroom experiences to hands-on environmental learning, from championship athletics to heartfelt service opportunities, HPA students are empowered to grow as individuals who graduate with an understanding of the importance of contributing to a greater whole.

We know your child will find lifelong mentors and friends here — people who will challenge, support, and cheer them on every step of the way. Our faculty and staff are not only educators, but also powerful advocates of each student's journey, and they are eager to welcome your family into the fold.

The heart of HPA beats with generosity and community spirit — values that have sustained us since our founding in 1949. Each year, through tuition, philanthropy, and the collective dedication of our families, we're able to create the transformative experiences that define an HPA education. I invite you to learn more about how you can [join in](#) this proud tradition of giving and be part of the lasting legacy we are building together. You will soon hear from my Assistant Head of School for Advancement, Hannah Hind Candelario, about our priorities and the impact of giving at HPA.

Over the coming weeks, you'll hear more from us about registration, health forms, supplies, and everything you'll need to feel fully prepared for the school year ahead. Please also take a moment to review the HPA [Key Dates, 2026-2027 calendar](#), which will help guide your family's next steps.

In the meantime, stay connected by following us on [Instagram](#) and Facebook. You'll get a glimpse of the everyday magic that makes HPA so extraordinary — and a sense of the bright path that lies ahead.

Once again, congratulations and welcome. Your journey at HPA is just beginning, and we couldn't be more excited to walk alongside you.

Gratefully and with much aloha for our partnership,

Fred Wawner
Head of School