

Hawai'i Federation of Jr. YBAs
2020 ~ 2021 Spring Serendipity

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Words of Wisdom

You can tell more about a person by *what he says about others* than you can by what others say about him.

- Audrey Hepburn

It's funny how you wake up each day and never really know if it will be the one to change your life forever.

- Hayao Miyazaki

Letter from the President

HIIIII GUYS!!

I can't believe we are already at the last fed meeting until convention (which I am so excited for)! I wanted to start this off by saying thank you for your support and another amazing quarter with you guys. Throughout this quarter, I have really gained the understanding of how important it is to fuel my own happiness, do things I love, and find a way to enjoy and be genuinely excited about every opportunity. You might be tired of hearing it, but perspective is truly so valuable and has made me so much more appreciative and excited for my future. Each of us have the choice to feed the negative emotions, sulk, and try to find the bad in everything, or we can do what we can to have a positive outlook. It is important to be realistic in life, but remember to keep an open mind at the same time. Especially with everything happening in our world right now, it is so important to approach each situation with an understanding, open heart even when other people might not be. As we approach AP Exams, final tests, and the stress of finishing with

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good grades, don't forget to put yourself first. Take time to do things that will make you happy and love yourself for everything you are, you are beautiful inside and out. In ten years, I'm sure we would rather be stuck with happy memories and a few bad grades than the stress and all nighters we put ourselves through. We are going to have ups and downs throughout life but, stay true to yourself and get back up. I just wanted to share a quote to close, "We weren't made to be perfect, we were made to be real." As always, never forget that we are here to support each other and let me know if you ever need to talk!

In Gassho,

Kana Suzuki

Federation President (United of O'ahu)



Letter from the Editor

Hey you guys~

I can't believe that it's already Spring Fed! I feel like it's gone by so fast. Too fast, to be honest.

I recently had a few opportunities to be a part of other planning committees outside of Jr.YBA and I never appreciated what I learned here more. I was ready to take on challenges and responsibilities to do my part, I spoke out on my own ideas and tried to participate in conversations frequently. These are all traits that I've taken away from Jr.YBA! I never through that joining this organization would help me so much socially and ethically! I guarantee that all of you can learn valuable lessons and qualities that will definitely be worth it later on in college or in your future career. Even just doing the quarterly Serendipities have helped me practice and get so much better at using Google Slides and other technical functions. All thanks to Jr.YBA haha!

Aside from Jr.YBA and school, it's important to do things that you enjoy doing! I know many of our sports

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seasons were cancelled and some haven't started up yet, so all we can do is hope... but there's always an opportunity to pick up a new skill or hobby! My mom and I have been learning to play ukulele (although I'm not that great lol). I've also been writing letters to a penpal~! It's super fun and exciting to see what they write back so I encourage you guys to write letters to your friends on other islands once in a while!

I miss how loud and fun Fed Meetings used to be so we can only hope that things go "back to normal" sooner than later! I wonder which island we'll reunite on?

Hope to see y'all soon <3

Manami Alspach
Fed.Vice President (United of Hawaii)

How does a bee brush it's hair?

...

It uses a honeycomb! :D



United of Hawai'i



Hello!

I hope everyone reading this is staying healthy and well as we make our way through this crazy world. As per usual under these circumstances we find ourselves in, we've been trying to do Feed the Hungry projects while following social distancing guidelines. We also helped with this year's virtual Hanamatsuri service this year, as well as the International Buddha Day Service hosted by Kona Hongwanji! We had many sangha members donate lots of beautiful flowers to decorate the hanamido!

May all of you continue to stay safe and healthy throughout these unsure times!

- Laethan Chanhmany
United of Hawai'i : President





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United of Honolulu



Hi everyone!

The United of Honolulu has been working very hard planning the 64th Jr. YBA State Convention. We recently released our Convention website and opened registration, so please **check it out!** Through our monthly ZOOM meetings, we have been able to; test out icebreakers, work on our committees, plan registration packets, and much more.

A majority of our United also participated in the Jr. YBA Federation Social, and had lots of fun playing games such as Mafia. Thank you to the Federation officers for planning such an enjoyable event!

Please take care & see you all at convention! (PLEASE REGISTER :))

- Naho Umitani

United of Honolulu : President





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FROM JUNE 17-19 ON ZOOM

64TH JR. YBA STATE CONVENTION


HOSTED BY THE UNITED OF HONOLULU




For all convention information, head to our website:
<https://www.jrybaconvention64.com>

Online Registration Form (due April 30)
 Convention Schedule
 Convention Contests/Awards Forms
 Workshop Information

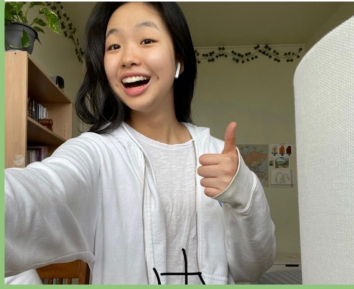
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Completed **Karate Kid** for 400 points



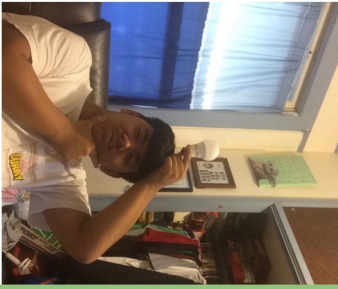
Team 1 6 weeks ago
Completed **Parkour** for 500 points










Team 2 6 weeks ago
Completed **Six-Pack** for 500 points



Team 2 6 weeks ago
Completed **Brilliant!** for 400 points



 1 - Wyatt	 group 1 Jaimee	 2 - Naho	 2 - Chad
 1 - Riho	 1 - Karli	 2 - Mana	 group 2 skylar
 1 - Emma	 1 - Joy	 2 - Jayden	 2 - Kerrie
 Kana Suzuki	 1 - Rev Furusawa		

United of Kauai

Hello everyone!

United of Kauai has been trying to do the best we can with what we have. After a long time we finally had a meeting in person and not just online. We were able to talk about what is happening right now and what are some things we can do. A new member named Mason was able to join us and we hope that soon more will come. Something we are doing is an eco friendly community service project by collecting used printer ink and toner cartridges to be recycled.

Something new we are doing is collecting the cans from the temple and recycling them. There isn't much we can do but we try to help our family and friends when they need it.

This school year is almost over and soon some people will leave to college and others stay in high

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school. So I hope that everyone can finish this school year strong and do everything they want to do.

Thank you!

- Taryn Ramil
United of Kauai : President



United of Maui



Maui Nō Ka 'Oī



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Aloha all!

Since the last Fed meeting, we have been planning on things like Fundraisers for HBY month, but overall we have just been having meetings as usual and have been getting to go back to school for the most part.

Besides stressing for finals and end-of-the-year testing I hope you all are doing well and being safe.

See you all soon!

Hope to see y'all soon!

- Jaimee Yokoyama
United of Maui : President



United of O'ahu



Hi everyone,

I hope you are doing well. Spring is here! All across Japan, Cherry blossoms make their brief appearance painting fields, villages, and mountainsides a light pink hue glistening beautifully beneath the morning light. Spring is also a time of renewal. Like the Sakura, we have the opportunity to start again. After enduring the unforgiving winter months, we can regain a new sense of hope as many of us are finally looking forward to the opportunity to receive our Covid vaccinations.

As usual, the United Jr. YBA of Oahu continues to meet virtually once a month on Google Meets. Here are some of the events we participated in since the last Federation Meeting.

In February, we coordinated a food drive across the central Oahu temples. Thanks to the members of our Hongwanji Sangha, around 471 pounds of canned goods were donated to the local food bank!

In March, a few of our members participated in the Sangha Day hosted by the Oahu Hongwanji Council. It was a very informative, yet entertaining event. We also started drafting our resolution that addresses Fast Fashion.



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Earlier this month, we hosted a Vision Board Activity in which we invited members of the United of Honolulu. In celebration of Earth Day, we will be hosting a Social Media contest. Members are encouraged to upload an Instagram post involving anything "green" or eco friendly. More recently, members helped to decorate the Hanamidōs at their local temples for Hanamatsuri, "Buddha's Birthday."

お疲れ様でした。(Thank you for your hard work!)

- Chad Okawa
United of Oahu : President



Announcements / Fun Facts

YESS CAMP:

Thank you to those who attended! Hope you had a fun weekend!!

Jr. YBA 64th Convention 2021:

Theme: My Neighbor Amida

Date: July 16-19, 2021

Register: <https://www.jrybaconvention64.com/registration>

Fun Fact #1:

A group of pugs is called a *grumble*.

Fun Fact #2:

Danny DeVito is an experienced hairdresser.

Fun Fact #3:

"Huh?" is understood in all languages.

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