



MidWeek

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Mililani High School is Number One in Hawaii!

What a great way to end the school year! *U.S. News & World Report* magazine has published its annual high school rankings report, and once again Mililani High School tops the list of **Best Public High Schools in Hawaii**.

Each year, the magazine evaluates more than 20,000 public schools across the country using results from standardized tests, student participation in Advanced Placement study opportunities, and how well the school prepares its graduates for college enrollment. Mililani scored high in all measurements, including a Hawaii-best 92 percent graduation rate.



Class of 2018 graduates numbered about 600 this year, with an amazing 43 students maintaining a grade point average of 4.0 or higher to qualify as class valedictorians. And while final figures are still being tallied, Principal Fred Murphy reports that seniors heading on to college and training opportunities earned an astounding \$17 million plus in scholarship awards and grants for their academic & athletic accomplishments.

Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to Mililani’s year-after-year excellence! We are so proud of our students and who work so hard with the support of their teachers, coaches, families and our entire community.



A productive legislative session

This year’s legislative session addressed a number of important issues facing our communities, including major investments in affordable housing programs, resources to address the challenges of homelessness, and landmark bills that protect our environment. Lawmakers also voted overwhelmingly to approve the first step in creating a means to generate significant new funding for public education.

Among projects in the State’s construction budget is a \$5 million allocation for girls athletics locker room facilities at Mililani High School – reaffirming our obligation to ensure equity under Title IX – the federal equal opportunity in education act co-authored by the late Hawaii Congresswoman Patsy Mink.

All households in my Senate District 18 will receive a summary report on this year’s session in the regular mail this month. It’s already posted online where you may view it on the Legislature’s website: <http://capitol.hawaii.gov> . Click on “Legislators” to access my Senate member page.

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Enjoy the summer

I always enjoy this time of year as an opportunity to visit our elementary schools in Mililani. Many campuses stage a May Day celebration or some kind of spring festival, along with a variety of awards-graduation-farewell assemblies. We have much to be thankful for as the school year ends, and I hope that teachers, students and their families are able to enjoy some leisure time this summer as a break from the school-year routine.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at our community events, neighborhood board meetings and around town. Just a reminder - my office at the State Capitol remains open year-round, and I welcome your calls and comments.