15TH ANNUAL CITIZEN-SCHOLAR AWARDS
HONORING FORTY-TWO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

TUESDAY
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‘ALOHILANI RESORT
WAIKIKI BEACH
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The members of the Hawai‘i Lodging & Tourism Association join me in congratulating the Citizen-Scholar Class of 2019 and in wishing them our very best in the pursuit of their goals.

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Aloha

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Program

10:30 Registration
10:45 Doors Open
11:00 Program & Lunch

Welcome by Mistresses of Ceremony
Diane Ako, Weekend Anchor KITV
Yunji de Nies, Journalist

Citizen-Scholar Opening Message

Remarks

Mufi Hannemann, President & CEO
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Ron Nagasawa, Senior Vice President
Oahu Publications

Cynthia Covell, Assistant Superintendent
Hawai'i Department of Education

Blessing

Kahōkū'alo'hiokeao Lindsey-Asing
Royal Hawaiian Center

Lunch

12:15 Presentation of Awards

Citizen-Scholar Closing Message

1:30 Conclusion
Delylah K. Pagaduan  
Kalalau High School  
- Student council president  
- Prom, graduation committees, National Honor Society  
- Pep squad captain, varsity soccer  
Washington College  
Sponsor: Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa  
- Founding Sponsor

Hannah M. Collins-Doijode  
Kapaa High School  
- HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Key Club officer, National Honor Society  
- Cross-country, varsity soccer, tennis  
- Physics tutor, medical center volunteer  
Johns Hopkins University  
Sponsor: University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, School of Travel Industry Management

Misimatoka T. Unutoa  
Kapolei High School  
- National Honor Society, Go Green Club officer  
- Summer fun volunteer  
- Soccer club coach, church volunteer  
Whittier College  
Sponsor: Honolulu Star-Advertiser  
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Monique V. Hughes  
Ka‘u High and Pahala Elementary School  
- HOSA-Future Health Professionals officer, National Honor Society  
- Youth and Government committee chair  
- Civic association mentor  
Texas Tech University  
Sponsor: Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa

Bryden K. Ka‘auwai  
Kaua‘i High School  
- Student government representative  
- Band, Leadership Club, Kamehameha Scholars  
- Boys & Girls Club volunteer  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Sponsor: Hawai‘i Lodging & Tourism Association  
Kaua‘i Chapter

Lohelani K. Furtado-Gaspar  
Ku‘u Kula Kainapua‘i Private School (Kanapua‘i School)  
- Varsity volleyball  
- Palama Settlement assistant coach  
- Church volunteer  
University of Hawai‘i at Manoa  
Sponsor: Royal Hawaiian Center

Mekaila I. Pasco  
Kohala High School  
- Student government, school community council representative  
- National Honor Society, Gender Equality Alliance & Advocacy Club president  
- Varsity golf, student tutor, community healthcare volunteer  
Colorado College  
Sponsor: Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association  
Hawaii Island Chapter

Aracely B. Vasquez-Abarca  
King Kekaulike High School  
- National Honor Society, Key Club, Spanish Club  
- Civil Air Patrol  
- Student tutor, church volunteer  
- College to be decided  
Sponsor: Maui Hotel & Lodging Association

Jacob M. Lott  
Keku‘u High School  
- Student body president  
- Hawai‘i State Student Council representative  
- Band, varsity paddling, Interact Club, National Honor Society  
Columbia University  
Sponsor: Maui Hotel & Lodging Association

Zea M. Levine  
Kealakehe High School  
- Student government, school community council representative  
- National Honor Society, Gender Equality Alliance & Advocacy Club president  
- Varsity golf, student tutor, community healthcare volunteer  
Colorado College  
Sponsor: Hawai‘i Lodging & Tourism Association  
Hawaii Island Chapter

Mekaila I. Pasco  
Kohala High School  
- Student council vice president, class officer  
- Varsity volleyball, basketball  
- Honor roll  
University of Hawai‘i at Hilo  
Sponsor: Mauna Kea Resort

Alexios N. Smith  
Konawaena High School  
- Leo Club, National Honor Society, student credit union  
- Air rifle, varsity softball  
- Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer  
University of Montana  
Sponsor: Central Pacific Bank

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