

Keauhou Canoe Club

Scholarship Report



Keauhou Canoe Club scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors who attend west side high schools and have at least 2 years recent paddling experience with a school athletic program or a club.

Konawaena High School graduates Abram Ikaika Mahalo Utrera and Slayde RK Thompson join Joselyn Conae of Hawaii Technology Academy as the three recipients of 2025 scholarships from Keauhou Canoe Club (KCC). These graduating seniors recently received their \$2,000 scholarships during a KCC potluck celebration.

Receiving the James F. Rodgers Academic Achievement Scholarship is Abram Utrera who plans to attend UH-Manoa to study kinesiology. With a 3.7 GPA, the honors student was active in numerous school and club activities, including judo, wrestling, track and field, paddling and Polynesian Dance Club. A teacher noted Utrera exhibited a high level of hard work and perseverance "and goes out of his way to help others through mentorship or encouragement, fostering a positive environment for all around him."

The Mike Haines Merit Achievement Scholarship is awarded to Slayde RK Thompson. The 3.5 GPA student plans to study automotive technology at UH Community College with a goal to become a skilled automotive mechanic and own his own business. Thompson served as the team captain and strength of the high school swimming team while his paddling coach credited this youth as a dedicated and consistent paddler "who has grown into an exceptional young man and inspiring team leader."

Jocelyn Conae is the inaugural recipient of KCC's new Mary MacCheyne Humanitarian Achievement Scholarship. She will study science/EMT at UH-Manoa. "Jocelyn is graduating with academic honors, maintaining a remarkable 3.9 GPA while pursuing advanced courses in the University of Hawai'i's Running Start program by completing college level classes while still in high school," noted one of her teachers. "She has been class president, member of the Student Leadership and Activities Club since 9th grade, originator of various programs and total school opportunities at the brand new Hawaii Technology Academy."

We wish them both all the best on their future studies and endeavors. Your tax deductible donations support these scholarship opportunities.

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Thirty seniors have received scholarships totaling \$51,500 from Keauhou Canoe Club since 2008. The club annually awards scholarships to West side of Hawaii Island graduating seniors who have at least two years recent paddling experience in a school athletic program or paddling club.

Recipients of Keauhou Canoe Club James F. Rogers Academic Achievement Scholarship

- 2008** Ryan Daugherty, Konawaena High School, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Engineering, \$1000
- 2008** Malia Kalamui-Patton, Kohala High School, Hawaii Community College, Hawaiian Studies, \$1000
- 2009** Todd Yamakawa, Kealakehe High School, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Electrical Engineering, \$1000
- 2010** Patti Connors, Honokaha High School, University of Puget Sound, Journalism, \$1000
- 2011** Pomaika'ilani Ascino, Kealakehe High School, University of Oregon, Accounting/Business \$1000
- 2012** Lorelei Lehuanani Nakagawa, West Hawaii Explorations Academy, Hawaii Community College, Liberal Arts, \$1000
- 2013** Sean Duim, Kamehameha Schools-Oahu, University of Northern Colorado, Business, \$1000
- 2014** Grant Nair, Parker School, Ohio State University, Engineering, \$1000 **2015** Reiko Ikeno, Konawaena High School, Portland State University, Undecided Major, \$1000
- 2016** Madeline Foo, Kealakehe High School, UCLA, Medicine, \$1500 **2018** Wynter Ah Mow, Kealakehe High School, San Diego State University, Interior Architecture, \$1500
- 2019** Darby Muromoto, Kealakehe High School, Creighton University, Physical Therapy, \$1500
- 2020** Desiree Camacho Kealakehe High School, California State University, Aeronautical Engineering, \$1500
- 2021** Dannia Andrade, Kealakehe High School, University of Hawaii Manoa, Pre-Med \$2500
- 2022** Teige Lorenzo-Akamu, Kohala High School, Grand Canyon University. Early Child hood education, \$2000
- 2023** Kianni Dodson, Kealakehe High School, Hawaii Pacific University. Nursing. \$2000
- 2024** Kelson Omori, Konawaena High School
- 2025** Abram Utrera, Konawaena High School, UH-Manoa Kinesiology. \$2000

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2011 Micah Tanoai, Hawaii Preparatory Academy, Palmer Community College. Fire Science, \$1000

2011 Melanie Wheeler, Konawaena High School, University of Hawaii-Hilo, Zoology, \$1000

2012 Matelita "Lita" Tamoefolan, Ke Kula O Ehunuikaimalino, Hawaii Community College, Hawaiian Studies, \$1000

2013 Kalama Freitas, Ke Kula O Ehunuikaimalino, Hawaii Community College, Hawaiian Studies, \$1000

2014 Reid Daugherty, Konawaena High School, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Meteorology, \$1000

2015 Bethany Barangan, Konawaena High School, Olympic College, Business, \$1000 **2016** Aaliyah Butler, Konawaena High School, Hawaii Community College--Palamanui, Business, \$1500

2017 Mikki Fujimoto, Konawaena High School, Hawai'i Community College - Palamanui, Nursing, \$1500

2018 Kiana Ng-Ibarra, Konawaena High School, University of Hawaii-Hilo, Undeclared Major, \$1500

2019 Trinity Ballesteros, Kealakehe High School, Hawaii Community College--Palamanui, Diesel Mechanics, \$1500

2020 Keilana Crane, Konawaena High School, Hawaii Community College--Palamanui, Liberal Arts/Psychology, \$1500

2021 Anastasia "Kahina" Benbouzid Hewitt, Ke Kula Ehunuikaimalino High School, University of Hawaii Hilo Environmental Studies and Hawaiian Studies \$2500 **2022** Lily Matsuoka, Kealakehe High School, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Nursing \$2000

2023 Noa Riznyk, West Hawaii Explorations Academy, University of Nevada, Reno. Major in business mangament and minor in environmental studies. \$2000.

2024 Brendon-Lee Cordero, youth paddler for Keauhou, works at KTA \$2000

2025 Slayde RK Thompson, Konawaena High School, auto tech at UH Community College \$2000 ,

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2025, Jocelyn Conae, Konawaena High School, science/EMT at UH-Manoa \$2000

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