

Hawaii Federation of Junior YBAs

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2022-2023

Presidents Message



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今年もよろしくお願ひします。

Happy New Year, everyone!

I hope your year has gotten off to a good start! We finally have the opportunity to hold a Fed Meeting in person! After having our Quarterly Federation Meetings on Zoom for the past two years, it will be nice to see everyone again after a few months. Thank you to the United of Maui for working hard to plan the Winter Fed meeting! It looks like it will be a fun experience for everyone attending! I also want to thank the United of Oahu for tirelessly planning for our 66th State Convention, which will happen in June!

As it is around the halfway mark, I also wanted to send a message to the Class of 2023. It is hard to believe that we are less than four months from graduating! I understand that the last few months were chaotic and overwhelming for many of us as we attempted to juggle academics, extracurriculars, and college applications. Despite all the stress and sacrifice, I want to commend you for persevering and thank you for continuing to be a member!

I hope that despite the stress and work, you have had the time to make good memories with family and friends too! Please make time for yourself, so you do not burn out! Congratulations to those who have already been accepted to schools, and best of luck if you are waiting for replies. I understand how unnerving it is.

Hope have a nice three-day weekend, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

In Gassho,

Chad Okawa

Federation President



Letter from the editor

Hello everyone! Happy New Year! I hope you are all enjoying your second semester of school so far. I just wanted to start off with a quote that I have been thinking about a lot recently it goes "In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure". This quote really reminds me to stay motivated and just strive for my dreams. I think we all should think deeply about this because many of us feel unmotivated at times but we just need to think of the long run. The hard times are yet to come but they will be over in a blink of an eye!



Kaylie Okuni
Federation Vice
President



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United of Hawai'i

United of Hawai'i did a feed the hungry on Christmas day and prepped a few days before. Although it was a holiday, we had a lot of juniors come out which we thought made the event more special and fun! It was a great feeling to be able to give back to others during a time of warmth and giving. On New Year's Eve, we helped pass out candles and service booklets, along with greeting guests. We also sang "Upside Down" by Jack Johnson during the service which we found to be a heartwarming song to start the new year! We are looking forward to a new year full of new adventures, projects, and laughter!



-Sara Igawa
United of Hawaii
President



United of Honolulu

Happy New Year everyone! We hope you are having a good couple of first weeks of the 2023 year! Recently, Honolulu United made breakfast for members at the Windward Buddhist Temple as a Thanksgiving service project. We made miso soup, eggs, Portuguese sausage, and bacon for the temple members to eat after morning service. Our members had a lot of fun and really want to do it again! On December 26th, several of our members helped at the Aiea Hongwanji temple to make mochi for the new year!



-Karli Koyanagi
United of Honolulu
President



United of Maui

I just wanted to start by saying thank you to those who will be at the winter federation and I hope you guys have fun! It's crazy how we haven't had an in-person federation meeting in two years! Nonetheless, Maui United has been having our regular monthly meetings which have been a mix between both hybrid and in-person. We have been working very hard to plan this federation meeting so I hope you guys enjoy it! We have been fundraising a ton with McFundraiser coupons which we have been selling to whomever!



-Kaylie Okuni
United of Maui
President

United of Oahu

Since the Fall federation meeting, we have been holding regular in-person monthly meetings.

For one of those meetings, we took out the knockerballs we bought last year! We also hosted a movie night where we watched a couple of episodes of Avatar the Last Airbender and ate ono pizza and desserts.

Our United has grown from 2 members last July to 9 and we hope to gain more members in the future. Oahu United has been busily preparing for this year's convention. We hope to see you all there!



Ty Wakahiro
United of Oahu
President



United of Kauai

Hi everyone!

We've continued our monthly meetings where we talk about community service events, recruitment, and new announcements. Our members are actively recruiting members and are excited to meet the new recruits. As the holidays rolled around, our United participated in several holiday-related events, including the Thanksgiving Interface and a Mochi sale. We loved having all of our members home for the holidays! We hope everything is well and you are enjoying the new semester.



Madison Doo
United of Kauai
President



**GET TO KNOW YOUR
2022-2023**

UNITED PRESIDENTS

AND ADVISORS!

MATCH THE FUN FACT WITH THE UNITED PRESIDENT/ADVISOR

United Presidents :

- a. Madison Doo (Kauai)
- b. Sara Igawa (Hawaii)
- c. Kaylie Okuni (Maui)
- d. Karli Koyangi (Honolulu)
- e. Ty Wakahiro (Oahu)

- ___ 1. Before moving to Hawaii, they used to live near San Francisco, California
- ___ 2. They are only five feet tall
- ___ 3. They were born and adopted in Japan
- ___ 4. They prefer to eat soggy food that was meant to be crispy
- ___ 5. Their dream job is to work at Nike because they really enjoy collecting sneakers

United Advisors :

- a. Aunty Gay (Oahu)
- b. Aunty Alisa (Honolulu)
- c. Aunty Kaleigh (Kauai)
- d. Uncle Wayde (Maui)
- e. Aunty Arynn (Oahu)
- f. Aunty Joy (Honolulu)
- g. Aunty Sandy (Hawaii)
- h. Aunty Diane (Maui)

- ___ 1. They were born on Christmas
- ___ 2. They have a film degree from UH Manoa and have been to Japan 32 times
- ___ 3. In preparation for running the Great Aloha Run They are doing the Lord of the Rings 5-part running challenge. So far they've finished The Shire (145 miles) and is 30% done with The Fellowship (98 miles).
- ___ 4. They are a dog lover of all breeds and have welcomed six canines into their home
- ___ 5. They used to work in entertainment at Walt Disney World
- ___ 6. Her and Aunty Joy have been friends for over 20 years and have also been a Jr.YBA advisor for 20 years
- ___ 7. Her favorite animated movies are Up and Meet the Robinsons



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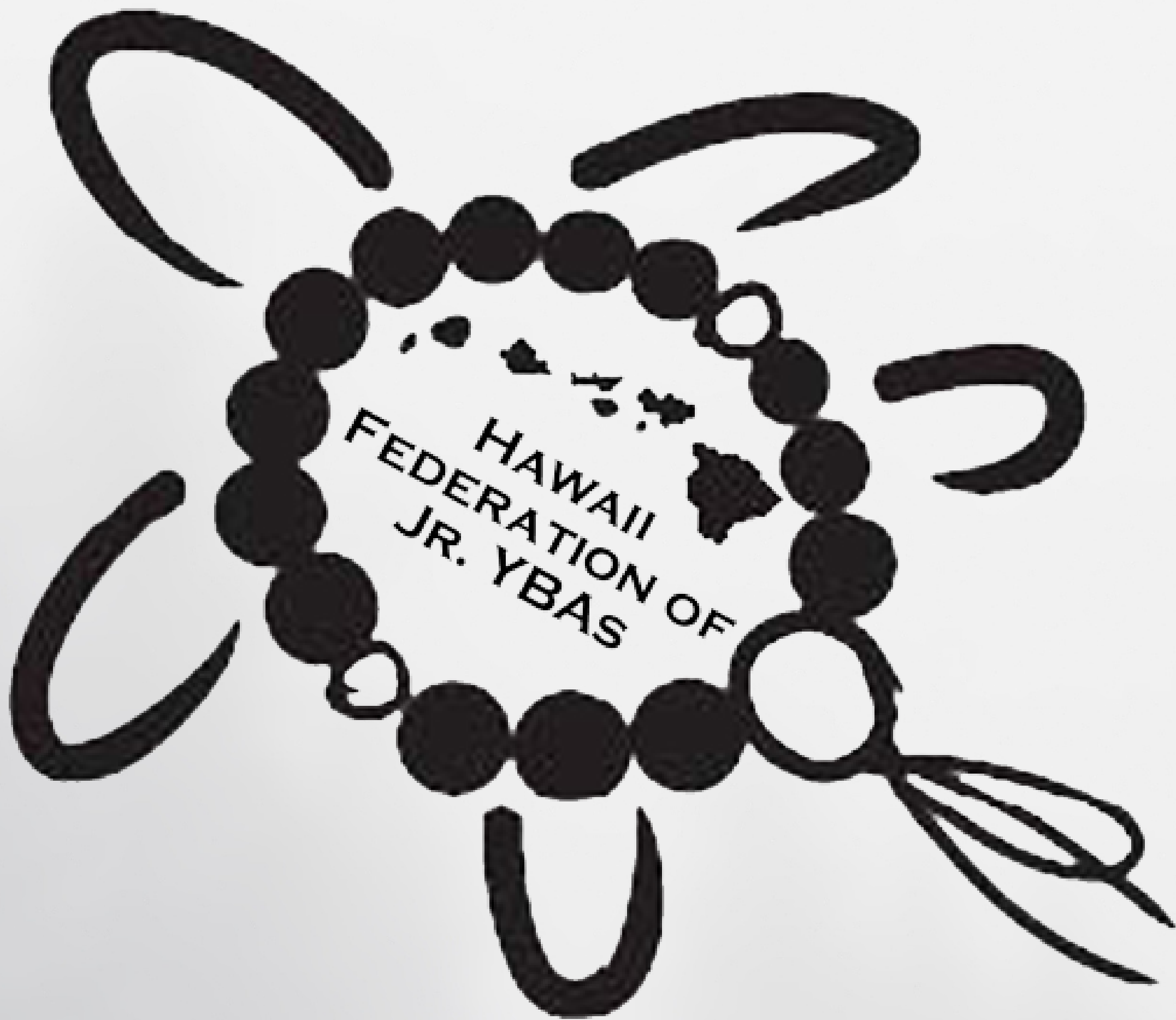
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