

CLASS OF

2026

THE 50TH
COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES OF
PARKER SCHOOL

MAY 21, 2026
THE SMART CENTER
WAIMEA, HAWAI'I



PROGRAM

Processional

“Landslide”

by Fleetwood Mac

Oli Mālama Mai Ka‘ū

Members of The Class of 2026 & Faculty

Welcoming Remarks

Stephen Dunn, Head of School

Board President’s Address

Mimi Kerley ‘91

Presentation of Salutatorians

David Clarke, Head of Upper School

Salutatorians Address

Toby Gordon

Adalyn Alexis Ballard



Presentation of Valedictorian

Stephen Dunn, Head of School

Valedictorian Address

Oscar Amos

Commencement Address

Sara Jane Lilley,

Parker School Music and Theatre Teacher

Hula

Waimea ‘Āina Hanohano,

by E. Kaiponohea Hale

Members of The Class of 2026

with special thanks to Kumu Wendi Roehrig

Slide Show

Presentation of Diplomas

Mimi Kerley ‘91, Board President

Stephen Dunn, Head of School

David Clarke, Head of Upper School

Recessional

“Unwritten”

by Natasha Bedingfield

Congratulations to the

Oscar Amos  

Adalyn Alexis Ballard   

Kaliliko'okalani Rose Callero 

Isabel Mizuki Camp 

Bradley Carlson 

Barry "B.J." Daoust Jr.  

Orion Dorrance 

Benjamin Dworkin 

Soren Fesel

Caylee Ai Fushikoshi  

Kai Garcia-Tobar  

Toby Gordon 

Ava Harris 

Kealani K. Iopa  

Mailhana Jara-Hess 

Sydney Jones  

Georgia Mae Kasameyer  

Maile Kailea Miller  

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Ava Naylor  

David-Mark O'Dell 

Anders Ostner

Mikali Beth Paris-Larson  

Takarrah Nouvel Presley 

Aaron Renauer 

Diego Romero Rodriguez 

Zoe Etta Russo   

'Iolani Lily Casar Sanches   

Ethan Schmitt

Sophia Scholz   

Micah Seeley 

Aria Rose Smith 

Hannah Stimac 

Liam Ticarro

Matalynn Nayland Wallman  

Tamar Wessel  

Takumi Namba Wetherell   

OLI MĀLANA MAI KA'Ū

Mālana mai Ka'ū, me Puna, me Hilo

(Buoyant comes Ka'ū and Puna and Hilo)

**Hele mai Kona me Kohala,
me Hāmākua**

(Traveling from Kona, Kohala and Hāmākua)

He ka 'ele 'o Waipi'o, he pola 'o Mahiki

*(Waipi'o is hollow like a hull, Mahiki,
flat like a platform)*

He uka 'o Waimea, he awa Kawaihae

(Waimea is a highland, Kawaihae a harbor)

He kupe no ka wa'a o Poli'ahu

(An end piece for the canoe is Poli'ahu)

He pala Mauna-a-Wākea i luna

*(Mauna Kea, there above,
is the sealant for the wood)*

Pa'a kuahiwi i ke ali'i i ka wa'a

*(The forest is secured by the chief
who cuts down the canoe)*

Ohohia i ka hana 'ana aku ... e

(Rejoicing at the activity)



WAIMEA ‘ĀINA HANOHANO

Aia ho‘i ke aloha
I ka la‘i o Hōkū‘ula,
Me ka honehona a ka wai,
E hoene mai i ka lā.

*The love is there
In the calm of Hōkū‘ula,
With the sweet-sounding waters
Softly murmuring in the day.*

Waimea, ‘āina hanohano
I ka ua Kīpu‘upu‘u,
Me ka nihi a ka ua noe,
Lei ana i ke kuahiwi.

*Waimea, glorious land
In the Kīpu‘upu‘u rain,
With the trailing mist,
Adorning the uplands.*

Noho ana i ka uluwehi
O ka home kau i ka ‘iu,
Ua ‘ike iā Mauna Kea,
I ka wehi o ka uhiwai. (*Hui*)

*Residing in the verdure,
Of the lofty home,
I saw Mauna Kea,
Decorated in the mist.*

Ho‘ohihi mau ka mana‘o
I nā pua lei makamae,
Ulu ana i ke aheahe
O ke kula māhiehie. (*Hui*)

*There is great admiration
For the precious flowers,
Growing in the gentle breeze
Of the beautiful pasture.*

Mahalo aku i ka nani
O nā paliloa uliuli,
Ha‘ina mai ka puana
No ke kulāiwi kaulana. (*Hui*)

*Thanks to the beauty
Of the verdant cliffs,
The refrain is told
For the renowned native land.*

Waimea ‘Āina Hanohano was written in 1996 by E. Kaiponohea Hale, Director at Kamehameha Schools, teacher of Hawaiian values, musician and songwriter. He came to Parker School in May of that year to talk to the seniors. While here, he said he was so moved and inspired by the beauty of Waimea and the feeling of peace and comfort that he wrote this song which references the calm of Hōkū‘ula, the view of the mountains from the home where he stayed, the Kīpu‘upu‘u rain, trailing mists, verdant cliffs and the Parker students.

AWARDS

SENIOR AWARDS

Parker School Board of Directors Award	<i>Isabel Mizuki Camp</i>
Head of School Award	<i>David-Mark O'Dell Sophia Scholz</i>
Richard Smart Award for Academic Excellence	<i>Oscar Amos</i>
Personal Achievement Award	<i>Aaron Renauer</i>
Culff Leadership Award	<i>Barry "B.J." Daoust Jr.</i>
Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Scholarship	<i>Zoe Etta Russo</i>

ACADEMIC

Upper School English Award	<i>Ava Harris</i>
Upper School History Award	<i>Adalyn Alexis Ballard</i>
Upper School Math Award	<i>'Iolani Lily Casar Sanches</i>
Upper School Technology Award	<i>Barry "B.J." Daoust Jr.</i>
Masterpiece Award	<i>Ava Naylor</i>
Artistic Evolution Award	<i>Micah Seeley</i>
Dramatic Arts Award	<i>Mikali Beth Paris-Larson</i>
Social Action and Community Impact Award	<i>Tamar Wessel</i>

AWARDS

CHARACTER

Mahalo Award	<i>Toby Gordon</i>
Kuleana Award	<i>Kaliliko'okalani Rose Callero</i>
Malama Award	<i>Kai Garcia-Tobar</i>
Pono Award	<i>Takumi Namba Wetherell</i>
'Ohana Award	<i>Caylee Ai Fushikoshi</i>

ATHLETIC

Career Athlete Awards	<i>Takarraah Nouvel Presley</i> <i>Takumi Namba Wetherell</i>
Dave Higgins Scholar Athlete Awards	<i>Adalyn Alexis Ballard</i> <i>Toby Gordon</i>

FINE ARTS

Career Achievement in the Visual Arts	<i>'Iolani Lily Casar Sanches</i>
Career Achievement in the Performing Arts	<i>Georgia Mae Kasameyer</i>

Award recipients were announced and honored at our recent Academic Awards ceremony and Senior 'Ohana Night, a Parker tradition for seniors and their families the night before graduation. Please join us in congratulating them on their special recognition and achievements.

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MAHALO

This graduation ceremony would not be possible without the combined kōkua from our many volunteers and people in our community who pulled together to make this ceremony happen. We are so grateful for their generosity and kindness.

- Senior Advisors, Susan Rickards, Adam Ruderman, and Christopher Wong, along with David Clarke who worked closely with the senior class throughout the year.
- Eric Sills, Gary Romero, Downey Kajimwe, and Gerry Delgado—nothing happens without their help.
- Kumu Wendi Roehrig, former Parker School teacher, for teaching our seniors today's hula.
- Gerry Delgado and Adam Palya for providing the sound and live stream of today's event.
- Lei Lawrence and members of the Parker School 'ohana for donating florals and greenery.
- Brooklyn KC for the beautiful flower arrangements.
- Parent and student volunteers for helping with set up.
- And all of the faculty and staff at Parker School for their time, their loving spirit, and their extraordinary generosity.

PHOTOGRAPHY

For the consideration of others, we ask that you not take photos or video in the gym. A professional photographer will capture this momentous occasion. Graduates and their 'ohana will receive an email from Parker School approximately a week after graduation with access to download photos from today's ceremony.

GRADUATE ADORNMENTS

Graduates are wearing lei po'o (head lei) made of palapalai (representing foundation), 'ali'i (strength and grounding), and liko (growth). The maroon lei is made of eyelash yarn and was handmade by Sanae Saito, grandmother of Jamie Saito '21, as a makana (gift) to each graduate.

The kikepa (traditional Hawaiian garment) the graduates are wearing was made by Parker graduate Manaola Yap '04 and the pattern was selected by the faculty to best fit the character of the class of 2026. The Honuamea pattern is rooted in the assurance of renewal, representing new foundations and growth, much like lava cooling to create new earth. It stands as a fitting symbol of the transformative journey of this graduating class.