

Sacred Hearts Academy
Pacific and Asian Affairs Council
Club Report 2009-2010



Part 1:

Number of Members: 26

Club Advisor: Heather McHenry (2006-present)

President: Chelsea Maja (2010)

Vice President: Mai Shiomi (2011)

Activities Chair: Lesley Medeiros (2010)

Activities:

- Hawaii Children and Youth Summit and debriefing session
- Fall Conference
- Academic WorldQuest Competition
- Spring Global Vision Summit
- kiva.org money loaning activity
- discussion with Gerald Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
- International Potluck

Travel Scholarship Recipient: Veronica Wong

Paul S. Honda Scholarship Applicant: Chelsea Maja

Part 2:

Hawaii Children and Youth Summit and Debriefing Session

Date: October 13, 2009 and October 15, 2009

Purpose: To discuss and inform others about an issue that is a top priority to children as a Youth Panelist. Discuss the various issues affecting Hawaii's children and to brainstorm possible solutions.

Location: State Capitol and Sacred Hearts Academy Campus

Number of Participants: 1; 14

Lessons Learned: "I learned about the many problems children in Hawaii go through on a daily basis. They introduced me to problems I never knew existed. I was able to bring the information I learned from the conference to my peers and the rest of the PAAC club and together we discussed possible solutions to the problems mentioned at the conference." –Chelsea Maja (President)

Fall Conference and Academic WorldQuest Competition

Date: November 14, 2009

Purpose: To learn about the Six Party Talks and to gain a broader understanding of international affairs. Returning students regrouped and wanted to improve their previous performances and others wanted to experience the thrill of competition.

Location: University of Hawaii at Manoa, Campus Center Ballroom

Number of Participants: 25

Lessons Learned: "We learned to work together and gained a better understanding of the selected topics, such as women in leadership." –Kylee Thiim (senior)

Spring Global Vision Summit

Date: February 20, 2010

Purpose: To learn about the field of microfinance and how it relates to international affairs.

Location: Hawaii Tokai International College

Number of Participants: 9

Lessons Learned: Students got to experience the kiva.org website and understand the impact that loaning money to people in third world countries have on them.

"The PAAC conferences are very informative. I also like that we get to meet foreign kids." – Kaula Robins (senior)

Discussion with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Gerald Anderson

Date: April 7, 2010

Purpose: To discuss international affairs and possible careers related to international relations.

Location: East West Center

Number of Participants: 2

Lessons Learned: Participants were able to get questions answered about international affairs. They learned about the United Nations and the Department of State.

“Bringing in speakers that are successful in the field of international affairs gave us insight into the field. We were able to ask questions about events in the news, an opportunity that most students don’t get to experience.” –Breanna Lindo (senior)

www.kiva.org money loaning activity

Date: April 13, 2010

Purpose: Apply the lessons learned at the Spring Global Vision Summit. We enjoyed the presentation on microfinance and decided that it would be a great way to introduce prospective members to the club. We also used this activity to include members that were not able to attend the conference into the activity of loaning money using kiva.org. Each person contributed a dollar (including our club advisor) to make a \$25 loan.

Location: Sacred Hearts Academy Campus

Number of Participants: 24

Lessons Learned: There are so many people that need money. Through the kiva website, we were able to learn about these people and the problems they face as well as the ways they are trying to improve their lives.

International Potluck

Date: April 28, 2010

Purpose: To explore world cultures through food.

Location: Sacred Hearts Academy Campus

Number of Participants: 26

Lessons Learned: The culture of a country depends on its resources. Students were able to wrap up the school year while bidding farewell to current officers and welcoming the new ones.