

**RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING
NANAKULI HIGH & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Nanakuli High & Intermediate School (NHIS) of the Golden Hawks, was established in 1967 and serves grades 7 through 12. After settling its campus, the school opened its doors to students and graduated its first class in the summer of 1972. **NHIS** is one of few combined high school and intermediate schools in Hawaii's public school system. Most notably, **NHIS's** campus boasts the intriguing copper and bronze sculpture, known as *Tree of Knowledge* by Satoru Abe. By tradition, the Tree of Knowledge blooms annually on the day of commencement ceremony.

The 2011-2012 school year marks four decades of secondary education being offered on **NHIS's** current campus. In honor of **NHIS's** many successes, the Nanakuli Alumni Association-Nanakuli Community Foundation, led by alumni and community leaders, is celebrating 40 years of Golden Hawk pride on Friday, October 14, 2011. This date will be filled with school spirit activities as **NHIS** host Kalani Falcons at its homecoming game.

Every year, **NHIS** celebrates its homecoming with a week-long competition called *Spirit Week*. This is an event which all separate classes from grades 7-12 compete with each other in various planned activities. There are different themes for each day and of the week decided by **NHIS's** student government. This competition is usually concluded with Black and Gold day on the Friday of the homecoming game.

Along with its noon time festivities, Homecoming in **NHIS** is usually accompanied by a parade on the afternoon of the Homecoming game. This parade starts from Pua Avenue and makes its way all the way up Nanakuli Valley into **NHIS**. Within this parade one can see the many various organizations within the school. There are mini floats made by each individual class that students from their respective classes march with in the procession to the school. Other than class floats, there is also a Homecoming court, which consist of class attendants (1 boy and 1 girl) from the 9-12th grade classes in addition to the Homecoming King and Queen, and Mr. and Ms. Golden Hawk.

The Homecoming festivities come to its conclusion with the Varsity team's game and when the winners of the *Spirit Week* competition are announced at half time after the presentation of the Homecoming court. Homecoming is one of **NHIS's** major events not only within the school, but within the community as well.

Furthermore, **NHIS** applauds the involvement and efforts of the school Principal, Darin Pili'alo'ha and Assistant Principals, Flora Nash, Gavin Tsue, Corrina Luna, and Diana Agor, for their scopes of duties by communicating, managing, and promoting high standards and expectations for all students and staff in a safe and learning environment.

Therefore, on behalf of the people of the City and County of Honolulu, the Honolulu City Council commends and congratulates the students and faculty of **Nanakuli High and Intermediate**

School upon their 40th Anniversary Celebration and extend our sincerest Aloha and best wishes for continued progress and success in all their efforts.

DATED: October 14, 2011

TOM BERG, Introducer

Ernest Y. Martin, Chair
