

**HONORING AND COMMENDING
JAMES CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY
CHEERLEADING SQUAD**

Someone once said, "Cheerleading is more than a sport, it's an attitude." And if an attitude is the measure that sets one apart from mediocrity, then we have found a group of athletes that have immeasurable attitude! But attitude is not all there is to these young athletes whose rigorous year round training and disciplined program proved to be just as phenomenal as their academic successes. Over 85% of these fine athletes maintain a GPA average of over 3.0 and above. Each team member is forced with the idea and importance of being a great student is to be a privileged athlete. These young ladies and gentlemen work extremely hard year-round lifting weights, running, conditioning, stunting, tumbling and managing their personal life and academics coupled with spirit leadership at games and community service events throughout the year.

Two years ago, James Campbell High School (JCHS) was privileged to be invited to the American Grand National Cheer Competition in Las Vegas, Nevada. There this disciplined team under the expert direction of Head Coach Wendy Kahoaka, Assistant Coaches Violetta Wright and Tristan Cullen, and Choreographer Ward Kea, brought home two National titles for JCHS, its proud community and the State of Hawai'i. This accomplishment was an awesome feat and the first time ever a National Cheerleading title was brought home for the school.

In April of 2011, JCHS received yet another invitation to participate in the "Gator Bowl" Cheer Competition/Parade/ and Half-time show in Jacksonville, Florida scheduled for December 29, 2011-January 4, 2012. This invitation meant that this cheer team from Ewa Beach would be among the elite collegiate cheerleaders, marching alongside other teams from New York, Pennsylvania, California, Illinois and abroad.

For the people of Hawai'i it was inspiring to have witnessed the cheerleading squads on the field with Ohio State University and Florida State College teams with nine cheer teams and seven high school marching bands participating in the Gator Bowl Parade and half-time show with over 500 other students. But the best was yet to come.

On December 29, 2011, JCHS Varsity squad walked away with winning 1st place in the National title and their JV winning 2nd place in the competition hosting cheer teams nationwide. This spectacular team not only took the championship but also took the honor of winning the "Best Choreography," "Judges Choice," and the "Most Spirited Fans Awards."

Therefore, on behalf of the people of the City and County of Honolulu, the Honolulu City Council extends its heartfelt congratulations and Aloha to the 2012 James Campbell High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad, its coaches, and principal Naomi Takamori for bringing pride and recognition to their school with the incredible accomplishment of winning the Gator Bowl Cheer and Dance National Competition in Jacksonville, Florida. The Council wishes them great success in all they do in the years ahead. They are truly number one in our eyes!

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