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## 12th GRADE

## YOUR CHALLENGE

Identify next steps to implement your **post-secondary plan** and **achieve your college and career goals** ❤️ 🔋



**BONUS LEVEL**

Time to celebrate. It is your final year in high school. Talk with your family about final steps and what is needed to help your transition into adulthood.

### Academic:

- Maintain strong grades in all of your high school classes.

- Create a list of teachers, coaches, employers and other community members from whom you can request a letter of recommendation.

- Participate in a new student orientation and other summer programs at the college you plan to attend.

### College:

- Finalize your college list. Make a checklist of each school's application deadlines.

- Complete the FAFSA, college applications and scholarship applications.
- Attend a line-by-line FAFSA completion workshop or email [fafsa@hawaii.edu](mailto:fafsa@hawaii.edu) if you need help.

### Career:

- Update your resumé and personal statement.
- Continue your summer employment and/or volunteer work.

Take Early College classes. Early College classes taught me how to register for college, how to use STAR and Laulima and take courses at a community college. It really prepared me for how it feels to be a college student that's learning online.

April Cacdac, Class of 2021  
Leilehua High School

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# HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL GUIDE

## HEY STUDENTS!



Welcome to the next level in your journey: **HIGH SCHOOL**. Get ahead of the game and level up - master high school by following these tips and win at your future.

## 9th GRADE

## YOUR CHALLENGE

Develop **successful study habits**, create a **high school plan**, and begin to identify a **post-secondary path**



**BONUS LEVEL**

Talk with your parents about what you would like to do after high school and identify supports that you can take advantage of while in high school.

### Academic:

- Ask questions and learn about the existing resources to support your high school goals.
- Learn about the different courses and/or pathways offered at your school, clubs, sports, arts and other opportunities.
- Use a calendar or planner to keep track of all your assignments and their respective due dates.
- Create a time management plan to balance classes and extracurricular activities.

### College:

- Find out who is the college counselor at your school. Find out where the college and career center is located.
- Attend a college presentation at your school or an online presentation.
- Explore Early College classes offered at your school.
- Ask your counselor about college readiness programs such as GEAR UP, Upward Bound or Educational Talent Search and get involved.

### Career:

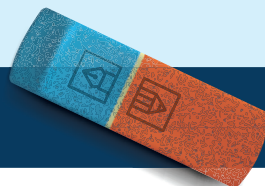
- Take an interest survey or personality assessment, e.g., RIASEC, to find your passion.
- Start a brag sheet (list of all of your involvement and achievements, such as extracurriculars, jobs, summer programs, etc.).
- Ask family members about their jobs and careers.
- Apply for a summer job or volunteer with an organization in your community or with an online opportunity.





# 10th GRADE

# YOUR CHALLENGE



Explore your **college and career options** and make decisions to achieve your **goals**



**BONUS LEVEL**

Talk with your parents about potential careers. With your family, explore colleges and career job shadow opportunities.

### Academic:

- Review your course options and include any programs you are eligible for such as Honors, AP, and other advanced courses.

### College:

- Meet with your college counselor to ask questions about college preparation.

- Attend an in-person or virtual college fair.
- Start taking the PSAT/NMSQT to practice for the SAT.
- Complete a financial literacy workshop.
- Start looking for common scholarship/college essay prompts or questions and begin brainstorming ideas of how to respond to those prompts.

### Career:



- Use your brag sheet and an online resumé guide to draft your first resumé or refine yours if you already have one.
- Talk with people whose careers interest you and go on job shadowing or site visits if they are offered by your school.
- Continue your summer job or volunteer work or consider applying for an internship.

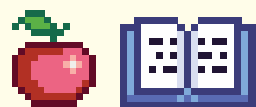


“Taking summer programs aimed for freshmen! Taking programs during the summer helped me familiarize myself with the expectations of college (late work, emailing professors, making appointments).”

Theresa Pacada, Class of 2021  
Leilehua High School

“Taking AVID! That was the best decision I took in regards to college planning and preparation in high school. AVID classes went through a lot of note-taking practice, college essay prompts, college expectations, how to e-mail professors, and college financial literacy. It was a great way to be more prepared and know what to expect from college.”

Aelyn Ibarra Medina, Class of 2021  
Konawaena High School



# LEVEL UP

# 11th GRADE

# YOUR CHALLENGE



Map out a **post-secondary path** and prepare to reach your **career goals**



**BONUS LEVEL**

Talk to your family about what you need to do to prepare for life after high school. As a family, attend a college and career event. Discuss how they can support you and your plans.

### Academic:

- Challenge yourself with advanced courses in areas of interest to you.

### College:

- Participate in college/career readiness activities such as financial aid information night, college fair, career fair and college presentations.
- Complete a draft of your personal statement. Ask your high school college counselor for guidance.

- Explore college websites and identify the estimated cost of attendance to help calculate how much financial aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Reach out to current college students from your high school or community and ask questions.
- Sign up for ACT or SAT and do a free online practice test.
- Refine your college list to include “safe,” “match,” and “reach” schools. Make a checklist of each school’s admission requirements.

- Research and apply to summer programs on college campuses.

### Career:

- Update your resumé and brag sheet.
- Talk with people whose careers interest you to find out the education required for each.



“I did a summer mentorship program the summer after I graduated. It was designed for graduating seniors, regardless of the post graduation plans. It was tailored towards what the student wanted to be mentored in, so for me we primarily focused on getting a job, resume building, and mock interviews. As for college, KAN helped me familiarize myself with Lulima and also connecting with others who previously/currently attended my college, they helped guide me through class registration, and helped me understand the difference in structure with college and high school.”

Mariel Limos, Class of 2021  
McKinley High School

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