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2017 PVT scholarship winners now college grads

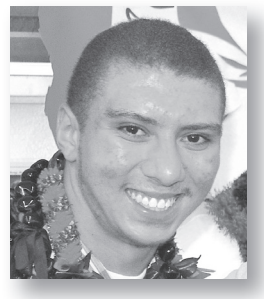
In 2017, PVT awarded college scholarships to 20 students graduating from Nānākuli and Waiʻanae High School. Four years later, nine have received their college diplomas — and these are just the ones we know about.

PVT congratulates Joey Pantil, Lilinoe Kekaula-Van Gieson, Kaila Burnett, and Trystan Frietas from Nānākuli High School. Waiʻanae High School graduates now armed with a college degree include Solofua Grey, RudyJay Keopuhiwa, Raelyssa Medieros, Keane Mirua, and Elmarie Manual.

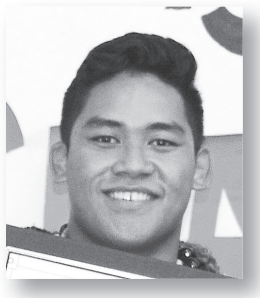
PVT has awarded more than 300 students college scholarships since the program began in 2005.

Elmarie Manuel

Raelyssa Medieros



Keane Miura



Solofua Grey

Joey Pantil, Lilinoe Kekaula-Van Gieson, Kaila Burnett

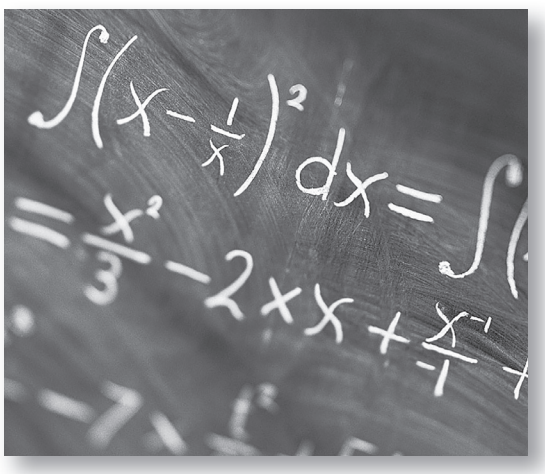
RudyJay Keopuhiwa

We believe in STEM education

PVT is a big believer in STEM education. STEM is Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. STEM's importance is one reason we actively support the Nānākuli High and Intermediate School robotics program.

This summer, we were also happy to support the College-in-7 Math Camp offered to Nānākuli students wishing to enhance their math skills.

Studying STEM subjects such as math will not only develop more engineers and scientists, but also produce more citizens who can learn and think creatively and critically, no matter their career fields. The workforce of tomorrow, in all fields, will demand it.



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Are you ready for some football?

The Nānākuli Jr Hawks football team — for boys and girls ages 7 to 14 — is practicing for its 2021 season debut. In 2020, the team's season was cancelled when parks were closed due to the pandemic.

In April, Honolulu moved to Tier 4 of the pandemic protocols and the Hawks were able to begin practicing once again at Kalanianaole Beach Park.

This year, the team starts the season with 27 players from the Nānākuli-Māʻili area. They'll be wearing uniforms sponsored by PVT, who stepped in to help when it became clear that fundraising for this purpose was being hampered by the pandemic.

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Nānākuli High grads were lovin' it

We like to support schools and students on the Waiʻanae Coast whenever we can, even if it's in a small way. For example, PVT gave every member of the 2021 Nānākuli High School graduating class a gift card for McDonald's Restaurants.

Afterward, we received a nice thank you from the school. NHIS spent last year with classrooms closed by the pandemic, and many of the activities and academic programs that we normally support at NHIS were cancelled. In the upcoming school year, we're hopeful that we'll see a new normal that bears a strong resemblance to life as we knew it before.

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