



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS
Kapālama
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

May 2023

PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2023

Aloha kākou!

Commencement time, with all its activities, is approaching. It marks the culmination of thirteen years of schooling and a new beginning for your children. This is an exciting moment for the graduates, their families and their friends.

This year's accumulating events will be held at Kawaiaha'o Church (Baccalaureate) and the Stan Sheriff Center (Commencement) located on the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa campus.

REHEARSAL | Friday, May 26, 2023 | Kawaiaha'o Church & Stan Sheriff Center

7:30 am- Departure from Kekūhaupi'o Gym

1:15 pm- Return to Kekūhaupi'o Gym

SENIORS must ride the KS bus to rehearsal locations

Transportation: There will be NO country buses. Seniors are responsible for their OWN transportation to campus for rehearsals. Parking will be available at Hale Ho'okū Ka'a.

SENIORS must ride the KS bus to rehearsal locations.

Attire: School uniform (including covered shoes)

***ATTENDANCE at rehearsal is MANDATORY**

BACCALAUREATE | Saturday, May 27, 2023 | Kawaiaha'o Church

7:00 am- Seniors report to Kawaiaha'o Gym

7:15 am- Sanctuary Doors Open (ticket required for entry)

8:00 am- Baccalaureate Service Begins

Attire: Special Events Attire

GIRLS: Uniform Special Events white mu'umu'u purchased from Lands' End, a long white or beige slip, fully enclosed white flats or pumps.

BOYS: Long-sleeved white Special Events dress shirt, blue sash, white dress pants purchased from Lands' End, belt, white dress shoes (no athletic or canvas shoes), full-length white socks. **Blue sash is needed for Baccalaureate Service ONLY.**

NOTE: Ribbons, flowers, lei, hair decorations and jewelry except for watches and class rings are not to be worn for both Baccalaureate and Commencement events.

Parking: Kawaiaha'o Plaza parking garage will be available for parking (enter via Mission Lane). Parking is NOT available on the church grounds.

Tickets: Each senior will receive TWO (2) tickets for members of their family to attend the service. Seating is available on a first come, first serve basis.

COMMENCEMENT | Sunday, May 28, 2023 | Stan Sheriff Center

2:00 pm- Seniors report to Gym #1

3:00 pm- Stan Sheriff Center Doors Open via entry at Gate A (ticket required for entry)

4:00 pm- Commencement Ceremony Begins

Attire: Special Events Attire

GIRLS: Uniform Special Events white mu‘umu‘u purchased from Lands’ End, a long white or beige slip, fully enclosed white flats or pumps.

BOYS: Long-sleeved white Special Events dress shirt, white dress pants from Lands’ End, belt, white dress shoes (no athletic or canvas shoes), full-length white socks.

NOTE: Ribbons, flowers, lei, hair decorations and jewelry except for watches and class rings are not to be worn for both Baccalaureate and Commencement events.

Students must wear kīhei and blue silk lei for Commencement (kīhei and lei will be given at check-in at Stan Sheriff Center).

Parking: Parking is \$10 and may be paid at the kiosk. Be sure to display the parking pass on your dashboard. Parking is available in the Parking Structure and on the Upper Campus of UH Mānoa. Enclosed is more information about parking.

Tickets: Each senior will receive TWELVE (12) tickets for their family to attend the ceremony. Two (2) tickets for the floor level and TEN (10) tickets for the Upper Levels. Seating is available on a first come, first serve basis.

There are no extra tickets. Students are encouraged to check with one another if any additional tickets are needed and available.

Livestream: Commencement will be livestreamed on the Commencement Website- <https://bit.ly/ksk2023>

At Kamehameha, Commencement ceremonies are conducted with dignity and pride. They exemplify our Hawaiian ancestral value of pono -- to be correct and proper. In keeping with this tradition, we ask you to remind your children and guests about appropriate behavior and demeanor. Only people who will support the occasion in a positive, respectful, and dignified way should be invited to attend.

For the safety of students, staff, and guests, please follow the instructions of Stan Sheriff staff, HPD, security staff, and school personnel. Mahalo for your cooperations with the school and facility rules of the Stan Sheriff Center.

We believe that catcalling, loud cheering, yelling, and signs distract from the recognition of each student being honored on stage. We ask your support in maintaining the dignity of the ceremonies.

Parents and guests are asked to refrain from moving to the front of the stage to take pictures. Professional photos will be taken of each graduate by Ace Portrait Studio during the ceremony and made available for sale to the graduates. See enclosed for more information.

Our Hale Ola staff would like us to remind all of you to feed your child before arriving to the Stan Sheriff Center. It will be a long night and it's important that your child is fed and well-hydrated for the evening's festivities.

LEI GREETING | Sunday, May 28, 2023 | Les Murakami Stadium

3:00 pm Les Murakami Stadium opens for guests to wait in the stands. Please respect barriers set in place by the staff. Barriers will be removed once ALL graduates have entered the stadium.

6:30pm Commencement Ceremony Ends

8:00pm Lei Greeting Ends

Please follow the pathway setup along the Parking Structure and T.C. Ching Athletics Complex (map of pathway enclosed) to the Lei Greeting area. Mahalo for your patience and please be mindful of other guests as you make your way to the stadium. Please be kind and courteous to others and the staff at the Les Murakami Stadium.

IMPORTANT University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

- Please drive carefully and observe traffic regulations while on campus at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- Tailgating is not permitted before or after the program.
- Please refer to the enclosed guidelines from the Stan Sheriff Center and the Les Murakami Stadium.

Enclosed we have included a Senior Calendar of Year-End Activities, Special Events attire for Baccalaureate and Commencement, information regarding “Kalamkūali‘i-The Royal Lamp” kīhei, and information from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa to help you and your ‘ohana prepare for the culminating events.

We want all families to support their graduate in an orderly manner without compromising safety. Please follow the instructions of University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa staff, HPD, security staff, and school personnel. Any unruly guests may be escorted off the premises. Mahalo for your cooperation.

Find us on the web at: <https://bit.ly/ksk2023>

For any questions, please contact Special Events Coordinator, Andrea Los Baños at khsspecialevents@ksbe.edu.

We look forward, as I am sure you must, to this exciting period in the lives of the members of the Class of 2023.

I mua!



Wendy Erskine, Po‘o Kumu Kula Ki‘eki‘e
Kamehameha Schools Kapālama High School

Enclosures: Senior Calendar of Year-End Activities
Special Events Attire for Baccalaureate and Commencement
Information Regarding “Kalamakūali‘i—The Royal Lamp” Kīhei
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Information
Baccalaureate Tickets (2)
Commencement Tickets (12)

SENIOR CALENDAR OF YEAR-END ACTIVITIES

The following activities are **MANDATORY** for all Seniors: ALL Senior activities during the school days (Monday-Friday), Commencement Rehearsals, Baccalaureate Services, and Commencement Ceremony.

Monday, May 22

EVEN Schedule

2:20 pm - 3:00 pm Grade 12 Commencement Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 23

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Senior Transition Summit

Senior Check-Out

3:10 pm

Terminal and country buses depart

Wednesday, May 24

8:00 am - 10:30 am

Senior Alumni Panel

12:20 pm - 1:50 pm

Commencement Rehearsals

3:10 pm

Terminal and country buses depart

Thursday, May 25

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Senior Class Meeting in Auditorium

8:35 am - 10:00 am

Senior Activity in 'Akahi

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Senior Check-Out (Make-up)

12:15 pm

Terminal and country buses depart

Friday, May 26

Baccalaureate/Commencement Rehearsal

7:15 am- Board buses at Kekūhaupi'o Gym

7:30 am- Departure from Kekūhaupi'o Gym

1:15 pm- Return to Kekūhaupi'o Gym

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SENIORS must ride the KS bus to rehearsal locations.

Attire: School uniform (including covered shoes)

***ATTENDANCE at rehearsal is MANDATORY**

Saturday, May 27

7:00 am

Seniors report to Kawaiaha'o Gym next to the Kawaiaha'o Church
(Seniors must arrive dressed in Special Events Attire)

7:15 am

Kawaiaha'o Church sanctuary doors open

8:00 am

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE – KAWAIAHA'O CHURCH

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

PO'O KULA RECEPTION- KA'TWAKĪLOUMOKU

Sunday, May 28

2:00 pm

Seniors report to Gym #1

(Seniors must arrive dressed in Special Events Attire. Kāne-no blue sash needed)

4:00 pm

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY- STAN SHERIFF CENTER

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

LEI GREETING- LES MURAKAMI STADIUM

8:00 pm - 7:30 am

PROJECT GRADUATION (Optional)

SPECIAL EVENTS ATTIRE FOR BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT

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Students must wear kīhei and blue silk for Commencement (kīhei and lei will be given at Stan Sheriff Center).

LANDS' END STORE

Address

Nā Lama Kukui
560 Nimitz Highway #118
Honolulu, HI 96817
Phone: (808)-585-7441

Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday - Monday: CLOSED

KALAMAKŪALI‘I

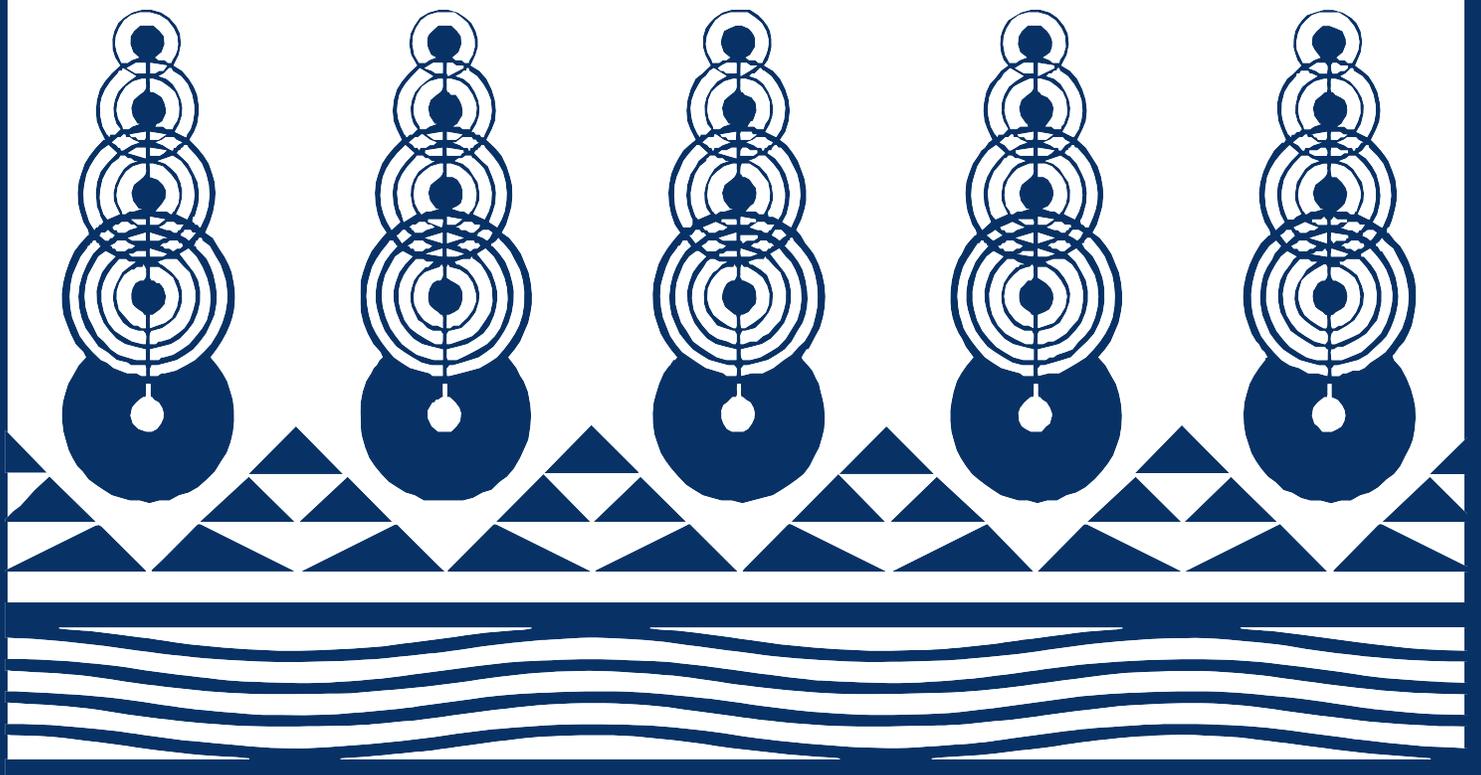
THE ROYALLAMP

Kamehameha Schools Kapālama marks this special occasion with a kīhei, a traditional Hawaiian garment, gifted to each graduating senior. Having successfully completed our graduation requirements, they have earned the privilege and honor of receiving this special kīhei as a symbol of their passage into the next phase of their lives.

“Kalamakūali‘i—The Royal Lamp” was designed by Visual Arts teacher Carl Pao in collaboration with a committee of other high school staff members with expertise in Hawaiian language and culture. The symbols in the design have significance for our school and its location on the heights of Kapālama, the piko (center) of our graduates’ formal education over the past few years.

The lamakū, or kukui nut lamp, symbolizes enlightenment or the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom during our graduates’ time with us. The four kukui represent each grade level of the high school, joined by a nī‘au (coconut midrib) which is anchored in a pōhaku (stone). What we see of the pōhaku is a shape that resembles an ‘ahu‘ula (shoulder-length feather cloak) that represents Pauahi, our Founder and Benefactress, whose generosity created tremendous educational opportunities for our graduates. The brilliance of the light has grown stronger as they have passed from one grade to the next. We hope that our graduates will continue to add kukui, gaining greater enlightenment in their lives beyond Kamehameha, but always be firmly connected to the piko of Kapālama.

The wavy lines at the bottom of the design represent wai (water), a source of life and knowledge, and symbolize the underground waterway that once flowed through lava tubes and connected Keanakamanō (The Cave of the Shark) Valley at our campus’ main gate with Pu‘uloa (Pearl Harbor), Oceania and the rest of the world. Our mo‘olelo (stories) say that the Hawaiian god Kamohoali‘i traveled this waterway in his shark form to Kapālama. The chevron shapes represent a shark’s teeth and also the island of O‘ahu.



UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I PARKING

General Parking Information

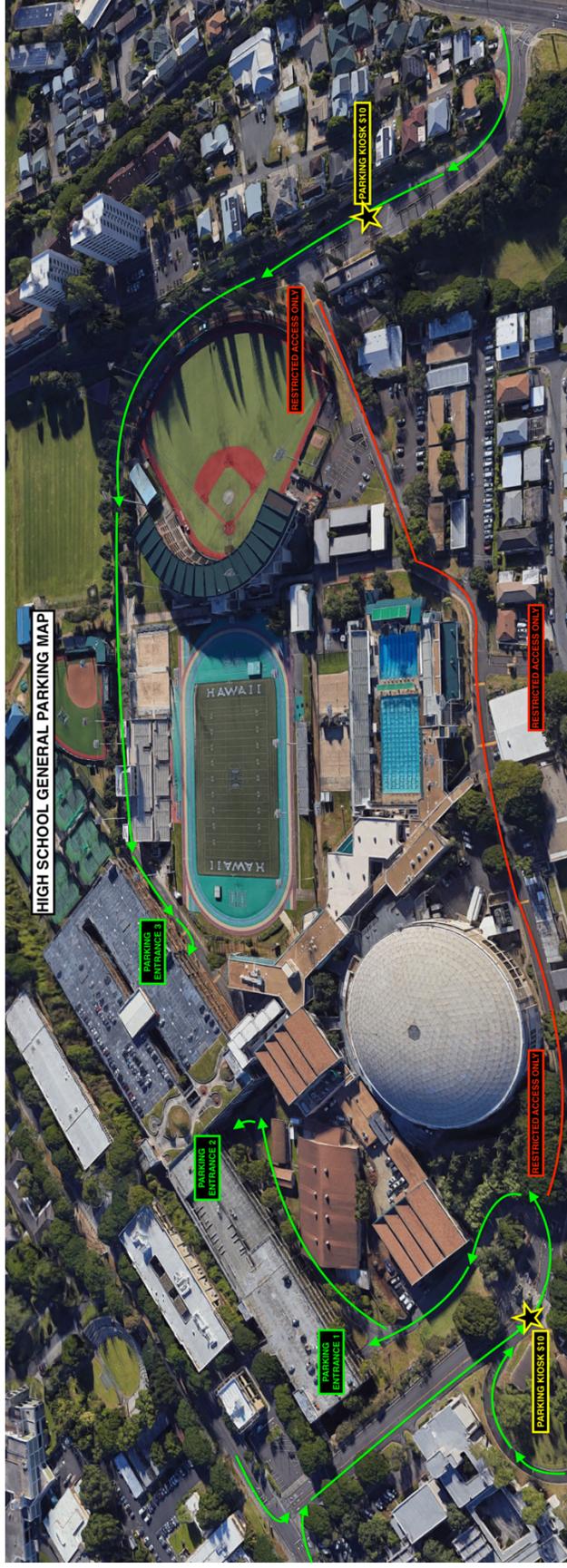
- Event parking is \$10 and can be paid at the kiosks located at the various entry points both upper and lower campus.
 - Accepted forms of payment are cash and card (NO American Express)
- The following is prohibited in the parking areas at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
 - NO TAILGATING
 - ANY EQUIPMENT TO COOK FOOD ON CAMPUS (hot pot, hibachi, grill, etc.) are prohibited.
 - No weapons (i.e. guns, knives, batons, tasers, etc.)
 - No tobacco products, e-cigs, vapes etc. (UH Mānoa is a smoke-free campus)
 - No illegal drugs
 - No alcohol
 - No pets. Exception: Service dog (Emotional support animals, comfort animals, and therapy dogs are not service animals under Title II and Title III of the ADA)
 - No loitering
- Parking will be available on the Lower Campus in the parking structure (Zone 20) and on the Upper Campus in designated lots. Please see below for more information.
- Handicap parking is available on a first come, first served basis in the designated stalls provided.
- All parking at the University of Hawaii Manoa campus is available on a first come, first served basis.
- Please expect delays and heavy traffic in this area.
 - We encourage guests to carpool and arrive early.
 - Please be mindful of the surrounding neighborhood and posted traffic signs.
 - Mahalo for your patience and understanding in keeping everyone safe.
- To contact the UH parking office and for more information scan here:



<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/commuter/events/graduation/high-school/>

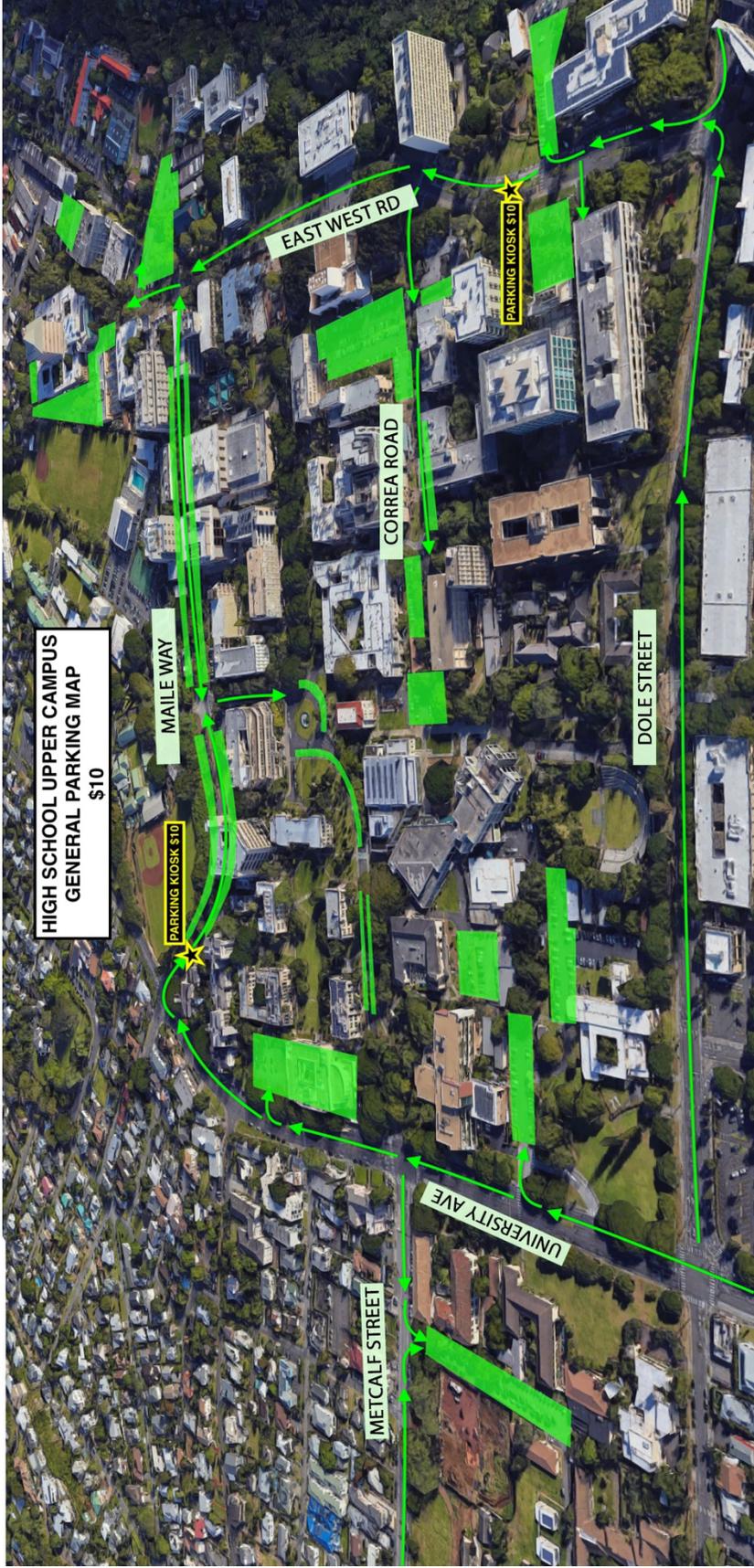
Lower Campus Parking-Parking Structure (Zone 20)

- The parking structure (Zone 20) can be accessed via Dole Street, Exit 24B (Lunalilo Off Ramp) and Kalele Road located off of Waialae Avenue.
 - Once you have entered lower campus there are three (3) parking entrances into the parking structure.
- Please see below for a map indicating entry points to lower campus and entry points into the parking structure.



Additional Parking- Upper Campus Parking

- Upper Campus parking can be accessed via Dole Street, University Avenue, and Metcalf Street
- Please see below for entry points and parking areas for the Upper Campus
 - Please note that there will be NO shuttles available to the Lower Campus. All guests must walk to and from Stan Sheriff/Les Murakami Stadium
 - No loitering on campus



UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I ATHLETIC FACILITIES: STAN SHERIFF

Prohibited Items and Guidelines

- No reusable bottles (i.e. Hydro Flask, Takeya, Yeti Thermos, Stanley, etc.)
- No outside food & beverages
- No weapons (i.e. guns, knives, batons, tasers, etc.)
- No tobacco products, e-cigs, vapes etc. (UH Mānoa is a smoke-free campus)
- No illegal drugs
- No alcohol
- No pets
 - Exception: Service dog (Emotional support animals, comfort animals, and therapy dogs are not service animals under Title II and Title III of the ADA).
- No umbrellas
- No coolers
- No noisemakers
- No fireworks or devices that will emit smoke and/or sparks.
- No confetti, silly string, glitter, streamers, poppers, and/or any device that will emit celebratory items.
- No helium balloons
- No strollers
- No tripod or monopod extended to floor
- No camera lenses exceeding four (4) inches in length
- No flash photography
- No drones
- No laser lights
- No seat backs
- **No OVERSIZED SIGNS**
 - **Signs should fit in your lap and cannot obstruct walkway/aisles**
 - **No sticks, pipes, or rods may be brought into the Stan Sheriff Center**
- No drapping feet on/over seat
- No sitting in aisle/walkway
- Shirt and footwear required
- All bags and packages are subject to search.
 - All bags may be denied entry if they won't fit or contain unsuitable items
- **ANY EQUIPMENT TO COOK FOOD ON CAMPUS** (hot pot, hibachi, grill, etc.) are prohibited.

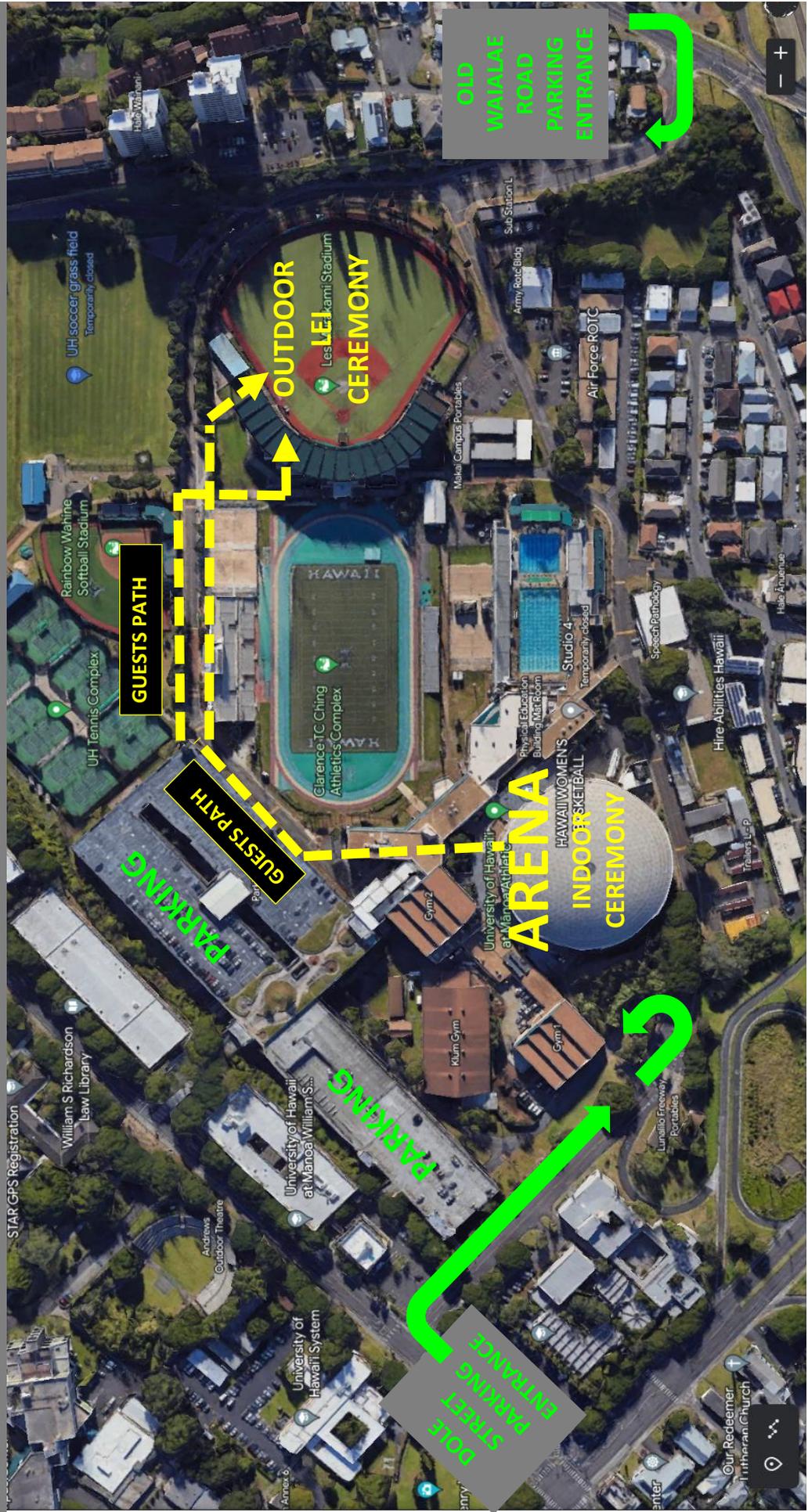
LEI GREETING

- 3:00 PM LES MURAKAMI STADIUM OPENS (Please be respectful of barriers setup by the staff if you arrive early to wait in the stands)
- 6:30 PM COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY ENDS
- 8:00 PM LEI GREETINGS ENDS

Mahalo for your patience and please be mindful of other guests who are attending the Lei Greeting. Please follow the pathway setup by the campus. For your safety you may cross the street along the pathway at designated crosswalks. See Les Murakami Stadium guidelines for more information.

LOWER CAMPUS PARKING ENTRANCES 

GUESTS PATH TO OUTDOOR LEI CEREMONY 



OLD WAIALAE ROAD PARKING ENTRANCE 

BOLE STREET PARKING ENTRANCE 

UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I ATHLETIC FACILITIES: LES MURAKAMI STADIUM

Prohibited Items and Guidelines

- No weapons (i.e. guns, knives, batons, tasers, etc.).
- No tobacco products, e-cigs, vapes etc. (UH Mānoa is a smoke-free campus)
- No illegal drugs
- No alcohol
- No pets
 - Exception: Service dog (Emotional support animals, comfort animals, and therapy dogs are not service animals under Title II and Title III of the ADA)
- No coolers
- No food or beverages (i.e. alcohol beverages, tailgating, bentos, setting up a food line, etc.)
- ANY EQUIPMENT TO COOK FOOD ON CAMPUS (hot pot, hibachi, grill, etc.) are prohibited.
- No fireworks or devices that will emit smoke and/or sparks.
- No confetti, silly string, glitter, streamers, poppers, and/or any device that will emit celebratory items.
- No drones.
- No laser lights
- No pull wagons or carts.
- No tables and/or chairs. Exception: wheelchair and rollator.
- No bicycle, e-bike, skateboard, scooters, motorized scooters, mopeds, etc.
- **All signs must be handheld.**
 - **No staking into the turf, no large frame, no securing to any fence or structure.**
 - **As a courtesy to fellow graduates and safety for all, signs should be limited to a manageable size.**
- Shirt and footwear required
- All bags and packages are subject to search.
 - All bags may be denied entry if they won't fit or contain unsuitable items

****We kindly ask that all families and guests remain behind the ropes until all of the graduates have entered the field.****

LES MURAKAMI STADIUM LEI GREETING LAYOUT

