

HAWAI'I STATE STUDENT COUNCIL



REPORT TO THE HAWAI'I STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 19, 2025

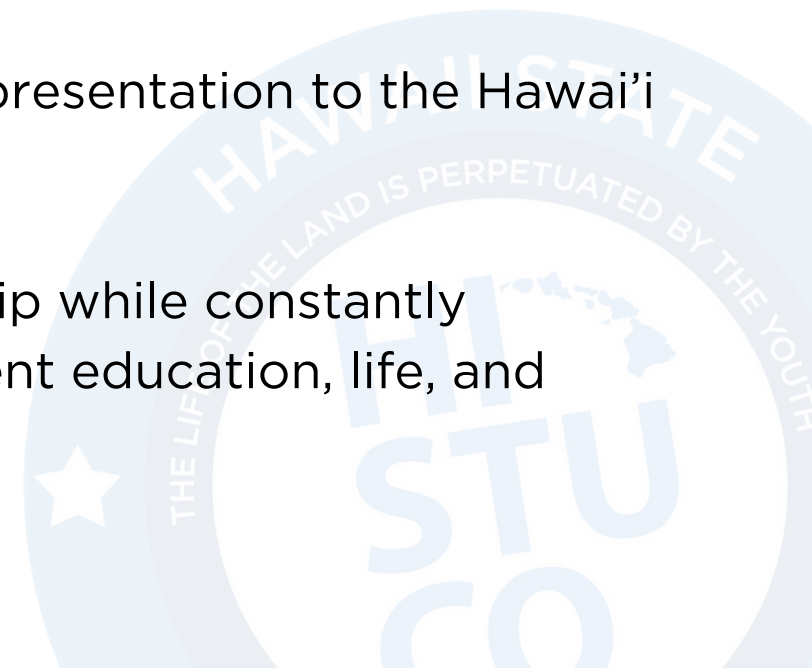
Ethan Yang, BOE Student Member 2024-2025





Purpose of HSSC

- 65 representatives from Hawai'i Public Schools
- Representatives facilitate communication between HSSC and their schools' student councils.
- To be responsible for official student representation to the Hawai'i State Board of Education
- To uphold the ideals of servant leadership while constantly working toward the betterment of student education, life, and welfare in Hawai'i public schools





What Do We Do?

- Hold monthly meetings open to the public
 - Discuss student activities, issues, and concerns via “district reports”
- Host statewide conferences
 - Student leadership (SLC) & legislative advocacy (SSC)
 - Help with the Hawai'i Children and Youth Summit, Traffic Safety Conference, and Middle School Leadership Conference



HSSC Executive Board



Pictured from left to right: Corresponding Secretary Jamie Ortiz, Vice Chairperson Alayna Kadarusman, Chairperson Lotus Yasuda, BOE Student Representative Ethan Yang, Recording Secretary Viane Nicole Ines, and Vice Chair for Operations Logan Riehle. Not pictured: State Advisor Tiffany Frias.

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2025 Secondary Student Conference



January 30th 2025 - February 1st 2025
Hawaii State Capitol





2025 SSC Overview

The Hawai'i State Student Council successfully hosted the 2025 Secondary Student Conference (SSC) from January 30 - February 1, 2025, at the Hawai'i State Capitol. This annual gathering brought together over **300+ student leaders** from across the state for three days of civic education, debate, and advocacy.

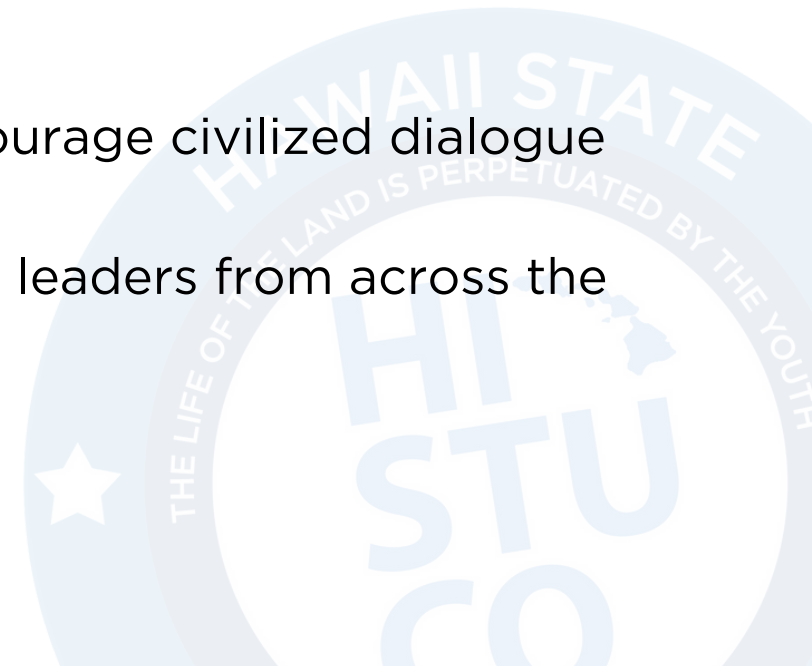
This year's conference featured peer-led sessions and keynote speakers who challenged students to think critically about school relevant issues and concerns.





Desired Outcomes of SSC

- To engage students with the legislative processes
- To promote civic engagement and relationships with local legislatures
- To develop active debate skills and encourage civilized dialogue
- To create relationships between student leaders from across the islands





Highlight Video

SSC 2025 RECAP



Conference Impact

- **Conference endorsed three bills**
 - HB 267: Relating to School Safety
 - SB 1000: Relating to Education
 - SB 818: Relating to Immigration
- **Increased student confidence and civic awareness** as youth leaders return to their schools equipped with new tools, ideas, and a renewed sense of purpose.



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Committee Deliverables 2025



**Student Achievement,
Co-Curricular, &
School Environment**





Committee Deliverables

- Our committees (Student Achievement, School Environment, Co-Curricular Concerns) also worked on a self-directed project throughout the year
- Each committee created and implemented a SMART goal, and worked amongst themselves to present it to the council at our final meeting



Welcome to the Student Achievement Committee Financial Literacy Educational Website!



About

The **Student Achievement Committee** is a committee of the Hawai'i State Student Council (HSSC). This committee is dedicated to enhancing academic and extracurricular success for students across the state. By advocating for student-driven initiatives, supporting educational programs, and promoting leadership opportunities, the committee works to improve student achievement and ensure equitable access to resources for all Hawai'i students. Our Chair is Nyla Bonisa from Kalaheo High School (center), our Vice Chair is Leelah James Abelaye from Castle High School (right), and our Secretary is London Isbell from Kailua High School (left).

- Our **Student Achievement Committee** created a website that taught life skills like personal finance, email writing, and how to change a tire!

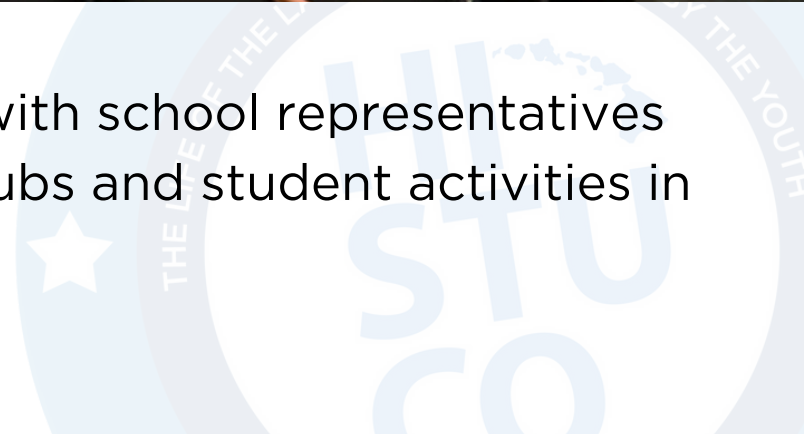
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- Our **School Environment Committee** surveyed students on the concerns they see at their schools and exchanged ideas and solutions. They then met with legislators to discuss and advocate for this issue.



- Our **Co-Curricular Committee** worked with school representatives to establish inner councils to support clubs and student activities in schools.



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2025 Student Leadership Conference



June 5th 2025 - June 7th 2025
Moanalua High School

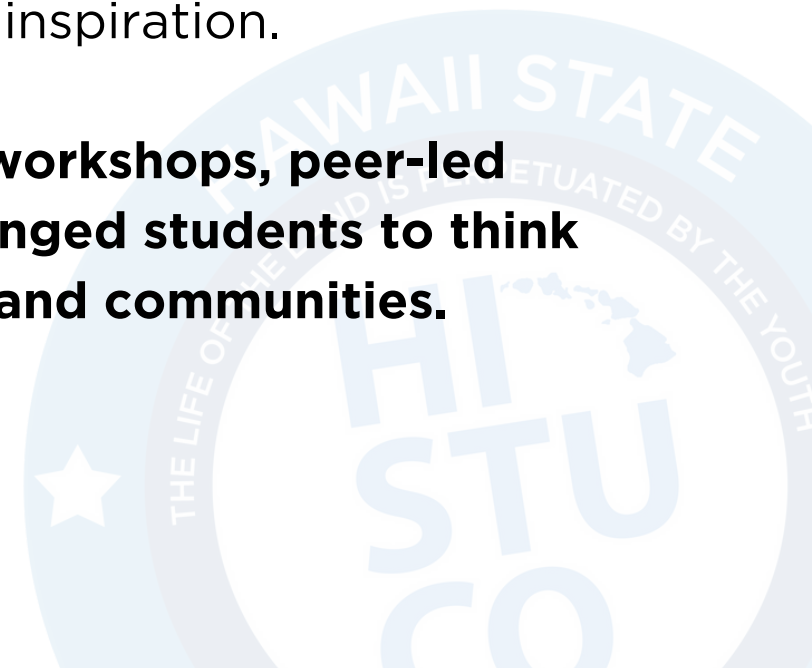




2025 SLC Overview

The Hawai'i State Student Council successfully hosted the 2025 Student Leadership Conference (SLC) from June 5–7, 2025, at Moanalua High School. This annual gathering brought together over **300+ student leaders** from across the state for three days of leadership development, collaboration, and inspiration.

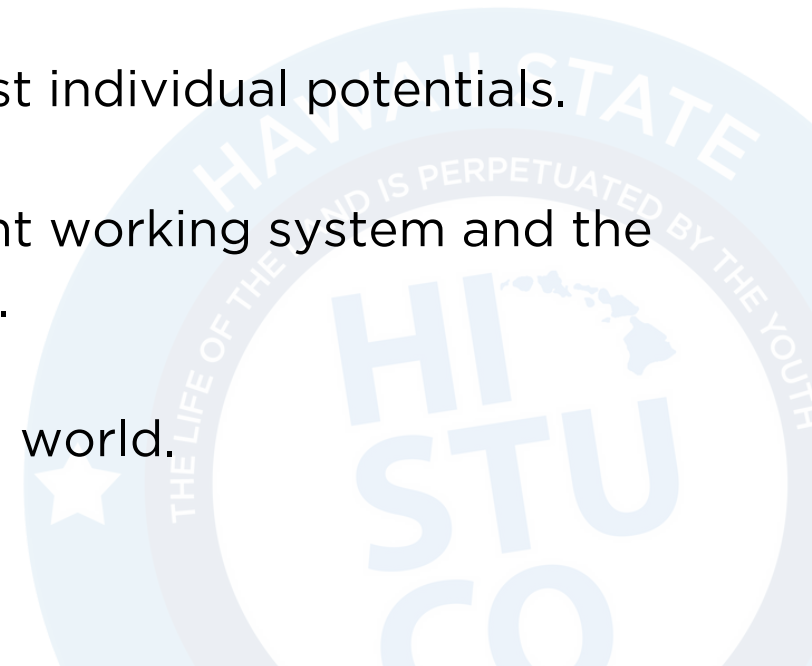
This year's conference featured hands-on workshops, peer-led sessions, and keynote speakers who challenged students to think critically about leadership in their schools and communities.





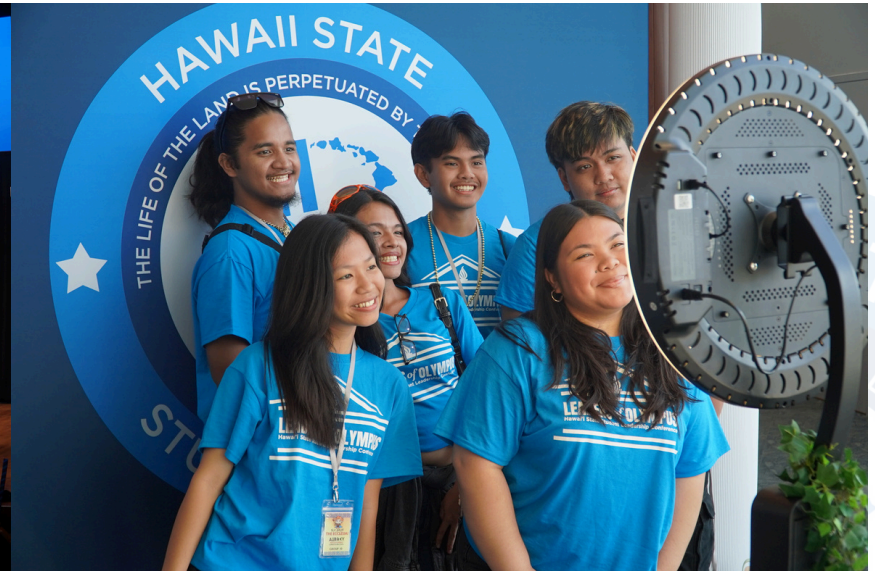
Desired Outcomes of SLC

- To gain an understanding and commitment to servant leadership.
- To collaborate various ideas for activities and projects to utilize during the school year.
- To become motivated to reach our fullest individual potentials.
- To gain and understanding of the student working system and the roles and responsibilities of its members.
- To become successful leaders in the real world.



Conference Highlights

Over 300 student participants representing every island and diverse school communities across the state.



Conference Highlights

Breakout sessions allowed students to explore specialized topics in student government, civic engagement, school climate, and personal leadership styles.



Conference Highlights

Dynamic keynote speakers including nationally renowned youth leadership coach Cara Filler and motivational speaker Brandon Lee White, who empowered students with real-life strategies for resilience, responsible decision-making, and leading with confidence.



Conference Highlights

Senior Recognition and Awards Ceremony honored the accomplishments of outgoing leaders and introduced rising leadership across the islands, including recognition from the National Association of Student Councils (NASC).





Conference Impact

- **Strengthened statewide student leadership networks**, encouraging inter-island collaboration and long-term peer support.
- **Provided the resources and inspiration** to elevate student activities
- **Reinforced alignment with HIDOE's goals** for developing global citizens and future-ready learners.





Overall Social Media Impact

26,508 accounts

Total number of accounts reached with our posts during the conference

178,615 views

Total amount of views on social media posts during the conference

SLC 2025 Facilitators & Staff



Current and former HSSC members volunteered their time and energy this summer to deliver a once of a kind experience for other student leaders across our state.



Special Thanks To



Tiffany Frias
State Advisor



Zach Espino
Volunteer Comms Advisor & Webmaster

And the Radford Rampage Media Crew, our guest speakers, and everyone else who has worked incredibly hard to support and carry out our work!

Mahalo!



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