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School in Honolulu, Hawaii, United StatesPacific Buddhist AcademyLocationHonolulu, HawaiiUnited StatesCoordinates21°19′00″N 157°51′06″W﻿ / ﻿21.3167°N 157.8516°W﻿ / 21.3167; -157.8516InformationTypeIndependent Co-educational Preparatory Day (high school)Religious affiliation(s)BuddhistDenominationJōdo ShinshūEstablished2003Head of schoolJoshua HernandezMorseFaculty10Grades9–12Number of students75Campus typeUrbanColors) Teal, Indigo & GoldAthleticInterscholastic League of HonoluluMascotDragonAccreditationWASC, HAISWebsitepacificbuddhistacademy.org The Pacific Buddhist Academy is a private, co-educational college preparatory high school in Honolulu, Hawaii. The school's stated mission is "To prepare students for college through academic excellence, enrich their lives with Buddhist values, and develop their courage to nurture peace."*[1] Students of all beliefs and religious backgrounds are welcome; conversion to Buddhism is not part of the school's mission. Founded in 2003,[2][3] the school is the only Jōdo Shinshū Buddhist high school in North America.[4] Pacific Buddhist Academy's first class of 14 students graduated in 2007; its total enrollment as of the 2013-2014 school year, in grades 9 through 12, is 71 students. The school won accreditation in 2009 from the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools[5][6] and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges[4][7] for a six-year-term through June 2015, with a mid-term visit in spring 2012. Pacific Buddhist Academy was founded with an initial \$1.5 million endowment[4] from the Jōdo Shinshū Buddhist Church of Kyoto, Japan. The school also receives significant financial support from the temples and individual members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, which operates Hongwanji Mission School, covering preschool through grade 8. Pacific Buddhist Academy and Hongwanji Mission School are affiliated academically, but the academy was founded as a separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to allow for independent fundraising efforts. Team sports are conducted through the academy's membership in the Interscholastic League of Honolulu. Pacific Buddhist Academy's curriculum aims to combine traditional college preparatory content with group projects and a global, applied approach to learning. Instructors seek to recognize and build upon students' individual learning processes as they teach students to think critically and creatively, and to collaborate. The school works to integrate basic Buddhist principles—including interdependence, compassion, mindfulness, and gratitude—into the courses as well as daily academic life. Pacific Buddhist Academy class sizes do not exceed 24 students. Coursework makes extensive use of on-campus wireless Internet access. Pacific Buddhist Academy offers core academic courses, electives, and co-curricular opportunities. Core academic offerings include: English Math Science Social studies Japanese Language Buddhist Education Electives are divided into four related strands: budō or martial arts, emphasizing spiritual & philosophical development, the expressive arts, the visual arts, and academically-based electives (standard and honors track). Students also have the opportunity to participate in academic, community service and social clubs. Peace Studies, fine, performing, and budō arts classes, service learning projects, and Buddhist education comprise the peace education program at Pacific Buddhist Academy. The foundation for these programs is derived from Buddhist principles that focus on wisdom and compassion. The perspectives of all schools of Buddhism are recognized, but with an emphasis on Shin Buddhist teachings. Buddhist Living classes are required for four years, and students attend temple services each Friday. As freshmen, students focus on personal spiritual development through experiential learning. They enroll in courses such as taiko (Japanese drumming), kendo (swordsmanship), and judo that foster self-awareness and the unity of mind, body and spirit. In their sophomore and junior years, students focus on interpersonal communication, mediation, and conflict resolution skills that directly apply to their developing and intensifying relationships with peers and parents. Finally, in their senior year, their attention moves to clarification and application of their personal values at the community, national and international levels as they engage in peace projects. Pacific Buddhist Academy students can compete on the Interscholastic League of Honolulu's Pac-Five teams in baseball, girls' softball, judo, swimming, tennis, track and field, water polo, and wrestling. In addition, the academy fields its own cross-country, boys' basketball and girls' bowling teams. Students also can participate on Pac-Five member teams in girls' basketball and volleyball. The Pacific Buddhist Academy campus fronts Fall Highway in the Nu'uana area of Honolulu on the grounds of the Hawaii Betsuin, the main temple of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Classrooms and administrative offices occupy a remodeled annex building of the Betsuin. The academy also shares a gymnasium, martial-arts dojo, swimming pool, science labs and art and music classrooms with Hongwanji Mission School, a Betsuin-run elementary school located on the opposite side of Fall Highway. The campuses are connected by a pedestrian tunnel. As of 2010, the academy has launched a capital campaign for the construction of a new classroom building along the Lusitana Street side of its campus, as part of a plan to expand to a maximum of 240 students over the next 10 years. The first phase of the construction is planned to accommodate 120 students. In late 2017, the Harry Jeanette Weinberg building opened to learning, while continuing to utilize the "old building" for extra-curricular activities. Reflecting Hawaii's diverse ethnic heritage, 42 percent of the academy's students identify themselves with more than one ethnic group, with the overall breakdown as follows: American Indian, 5.45 percent; Asian, 89.09 percent; Filipino, 14.55 percent; Hispanic or Latino, 18.18 percent; Pacific Islander, 16.36 percent; White, not of Hispanic origin, 25.45 percent, and Other, 1.82 percent.[4] One-third of student families identify themselves as Buddhist, one-third Christian and the rest specify no religious affiliation.[4] Lauren Tsai, illustrator and model Hawaii portal ^ PBA mission statement Archived 2010-05-26 at the Wayback Machine ^ Essoyan, Susan (February 18, 2003). "Buddhist school to focus on peace". Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Honolulu, retrieved December 1, 2009 ^ Kayal, Michele (August 23, 2003). "Buddhist Academy Stirs Hope of Revival in Hawaii". New York Times, New York City, retrieved January 18, 2010 ^ a b c d e WASC final report. ^ HAIS letter ^ HAIS accreditation listing ^ WASC accreditation listing Pacific Buddhist Academy Hawaii Association of Independent Schools Western Association of Schools and Colleges Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Jōdo Shinshū Buddhist Church Retrieved from " Regarding preparation for college through academic excellence. PBA emphasizes a rigorous course of study for each learner. We accomplish this individualization by maintaining a 6:1 student-to-teacher ratio, and by focusing on the primary of the teacher/student relationship. We emphasize rightness-of-fit for our college admissions model.Regarding enrichment with Buddhist values, PBA accomplishes this by integrating Buddhist values across the curriculum. Of the Buddhist values, both conditions of existence and the six paramitas (or "perfections," in Sanskrit) are emphasized. The former include the impermanence of all things, the interdependence of all beings, and an understanding of karma that emphasizes the importance of our actions, positive and negative. The six paramitas are ideals to strive toward, and include dana, or selfless giving, shila, or moral conduct, kshanti, or patience and perseverance, virya, or energetic endeavor, dhyana, or contemplation, and prajna, or wisdom. Shin Buddhism's particular contribution to Buddhist teachings emphasizes that the practice of the six paramitas is an expression of gratitude for the help and guidance all beings constantly receive from a compassionate universe.Regarding the development of students' courage to nurture peace, the school emphasizes, first, the achievement of inner peace – or more accurately, the cultivation of it, which can only be accomplished through an understanding and care for the self. Like the paramitas, the accomplishment of inner peace is an ideal, and PBA's educators understand that the adolescent self is a process of emergence. Beyond this, as often as possible, the school seeks ways for students to practice and apply their learning in the community Accredited by the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), PBA offers students of all faiths and spiritual traditions an inclusive learning environment to foster leadership, intellect, and spirit in the service of peace.Open to grades 9-12. At Pacific Buddhist Academy, we believe all things are interdependent. When subject areas are integrated, students realize that the fields of language, math, history, and science affect each other. This concept of interdependence animates our academic philosophy - we prioritize inquiry, interdisciplinary and collaborative learning. PBA's curriculum is based on universal values like compassion, gratitude, and interdependence. It is the philosophy of Pacific Buddhist Academy Athletics to provide high quality sports programs in a nurturing environment. We seek to develop the young person physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. We value athletics and view them as an integral part of a child's overall development and education.Additionally, we believe that athletics can teach positive values, build self-confidence and promote a respect for others. We encourage student athletes to give their best effort for each practice and competition as an expression of gratitude for their teammates, coach, and opponent. We stress the value of teamwork and teach that good sportsmanship and individual and team development supersede winning. We also believe that winning without honor or integrity is not truly winning. PBA is a member of the Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) and Pac-Five Athletics. Pac-Five gives students from small schools like PBA the opportunity to participate in a wide array of sports such as football and soccer, baseball and softball, wrestling and judo, swimming and water polo and track and field. PBA adheres to all ILH and HHSAA rules and policies, including those regarding recruitment and inducement of prospective student athletes.PBA sports offerings fall into 3 categories: stand-alone teams, combination teams, and PAC-Five teams. PBA stand-alone teams include Boys and Girls Bowling, Boys and Girls Cross Country and Boys and Girls Golf. We combine with Assets School for boys basketball and St. Andrews Priory for girls. And we participate with Pac-Five Athletics in all other sports.Navigate to the Sports Seasons page for a view of available sports by season. To view the most updated schedule for any ILH sport go to the ILH website and look for "ILH Schedules - Click on Sport" in the bottom right corner.Girls Swimmingphoto credit: @takeoeyphoto Cross CountryPac-Five Football At PBA, it's not enough we graduate young people ready to excel in college. We achieve this component of the school's mission each year, and our graduates succeed in institutions of higher learning across the U.S. and internationally. But we are also concerned that they direct their thinking, their words and their actions toward the ends of making peace in their communities. What that means - directing themselves towards the ends of making peace - varies from individual to individual according to the dictates their conscience, their personal experiences, and the historical and environmental inheritances that influence all of us. But that aspiration - to direct ourselves towards the ends of peace - is fundamental to PBA's mission.Thoughts, words and actions that promote peace takes mindfulness, training, practice and not a small amount of courage. PBA's program is designed to give students and teachers – indeed all members of our educational community – opportunities to develop courage.Learn More At Pacific Buddhist Academy, we pride ourselves with our 100% college acceptance rate. Since opening its doors in 2003, all but one PBA graduate has gone on to higher education, and the single exception joined the Marines, the fulfillment of a lifelong dream and family tradition. PBA's curriculum is designed to prepare students for college, the working world, and engaged citizenship. Exploration of higher education is encouraged from the 9th grade year and life skills courses prepare students to live independently. Our graduates have attended colleges and universities across the world. Click the link below to learn more about some of their stories.Alumni Stories In 2003, PBA opened its doors to the the first class of 17 studentsPacific Buddhist Academy has gone on to graduate over 250 graduates. Since then, 100% of PBA's graduates have been accepted into colleges and universities across the nation and internationally. A member of the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools (HAIS) since 2003, PBA was first accredited by HAIS and then the Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) in 2009. PBA is also a member of the Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) and Pac-Five Athletics. Pacific Buddhist Academy'sclass of 2023In 2017, PBA completed the expansion of its campus.The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation donated \$1.5 million dollars to turn our dreams into a reality.We celebrated the grand opening in September of 2017.The new building features:Over 12,000 square feet of classroom space (plus 5,000 square feet of land space)8 new classroomsA high-tech science labA room dedicated to the art of tea ceremonyLarge areas for student gathering. A generous donation of \$2.3 million dollars from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, donations from temple members of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i, and members of the community helped PBA complete a \$9 million capital campaign.