

Ailana Agbayani

Jolani School ★ Softball

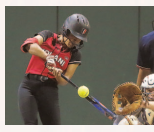


The BYU signee hit for average and power, ran the bases with great speed, and played shortstop at an elite level. Her biggest value, however, was in the pitcher's circle. She was an All-State first-team hurler as a freshman when the Raiders won the state title.

After two seasons without a state tournament, Ailana Agbayani led the Raiders to the IH crown as a senior, and a return to the state final. She went 5-1 with a 3.37 ERA and 53 strikeouts in 52 innings of IH and state tournament action as a senior. She also batted .401 with 24 RBIs, 21 runs scored, three home runs and 10 stolen bases.

Despite two seasons without a state tournament, Agbayani will be a two-time All-State selection.

In her freshman year, she was an elite shortstop in support of older sister Aleah. Ailana earned Star-Advertiser All-State honors while Aleah, a signee with Washington, became player of the year as a senior. After the canceled 2020 season, Ailana Agbayani



had another stellar season as a junior. She was a cornerstone of the Raiders' program as a pitcher, fielder and offensive weapon.

This season, she led the Raiders to an IH championship, and they got within one victory of another state title.

Agbayani grew up under the watchful eyes of father Benny Agbayani, a former Saint Louis and HPV standout who went on to a career in MLB. Unlike her dad, Agbayani bats from the left side, but possesses similar line-drive hitting power to all fields.

Aiva Arquette

Saint Louis ★ Basketball, baseball



The multi-sport standout ended his middle-school career as a tantalizing prospect in football, basketball and baseball. He excelled at a promising career as a wide receiver to focus on baseball quickly becoming a shortstop with major potential.

Basketball, however, became his most successful sport by his senior year. Aiva Arquette grew to 6 feet, 4 inches, and dedication on the hardwood and in the weight room turned the quick, athletic wing into an imposing, dominant scorer on the block. That was a big reason why the basketball Crusaders went 13-0 during a run of exhibition games in 2021. By the '21-'22 season, Saint Louis rose to No. 1 in the rankings and captured its first roundball state title since 1986.

"It's definitely worth it. That's what you think about when you're a kid. It's



awesome," said Arquette, who was voted Star-Advertiser All-State player of the year in basketball.

His play on the diamond was astounding as a junior during league play — without a state tournament. Arquette batted .462 and led Saint Louis to the IH crown. As a senior shortstop, he battled through a sprained ankle as the Crusaders won the IH and reached the semifinals of the state championships.

Arquette signed with Washington in the offseason.

Kaleonaha Bukoski

Kauai ★ Volleyball, soccer



There are days of pure delight for two-sport sensation Kaleonaha Bukoski. Often, those highlights happen on the hardwood and the pitch.

But she will always treasure the moments when "The Gut Up" by Blanco Brown is playing.

"I love dancing it with my sister, Kamale," said Kaleonaha, a captain of the soccer team since freshman year and captain of her volleyball squad for three years.

Bukoski is a two-time All-IF selection in volleyball, and a three-time league all-star in soccer. With junior season canceled by the pandemic in both sports, she likely would have earned more honors.

She was also selected KIF player of the year in soccer and as a senior. Twice, as a sophomore and senior, Bukoski was voted to the all-tournament teams at the Division II state championships.

"At 5-10, she is strong, agile, fast



with endurance like a collegiate athlete and excellent game vision," Kauai coach Chance Bukoski said.

"Her leadership, competitiveness and determination to be better, they are infectious to people around her," Kauai teacher and assistant athletic director Joseph Cassler said.

Bukoski has a 3.8 grade-point average and plans to major in Kinesiology at Pacific Lutheran (Tacoma, Wash.). She intends to try out for the soccer team.

O'shen Cazimero

Kohala ★ Basketball



One of the best hoopsters in the Cowboys' proscenium, O'shen Cazimero sparked the 2019-20 team to its first Division II state championship. Then a sophomore, he scored 23 points in the final against Roosevelt, averaging 22 points per game in the tourney. He is a two-time Star-Advertiser All-State selection and was the Gatorade player of the year as a junior.

In three seasons, Cazimero helped Kohala to three BIF D-II championships. He averaged 21 points per game as a senior, including 29 points per game at the state championships.

More than most communities, Kohala takes immense pride as a community in basketball. The legacy traces back decades to the years of Bradley Establin, when the late Joe Mattos was coach. Cazimero may just be the best of the Cowboys over the past 40 years, a sharpshooter from deep and off the dribble, a crisp and precise passer, a tough-nosed and opportunistic



defender who turned steals into breakaway dunks — at 5 feet, 9 inches tall.

One of Cazimero's favorite shows is "Last Chance U," which features college athletes looking for a long-shot opportunity to play Division I sports. He will play at Southwestern Oregon Community College next season.

Erin Hikiji

Milliani ★ Wrestling, judo



Erin Hikiji's prowess on the mat includes wrestling state titles at 97 pounds during her sophomore and senior seasons. There was no state wrestling tournament in her junior year. She finished the season third in the national rankings.

In judo, Hikiji is a two-time state champion at 58 pounds, winning the titles as a freshman and as a senior. There was no judo state tournament in her sophomore and junior seasons.

That didn't stop her high school coach, Jamie Keehu, from making a profoundly astute comparison.

"She reminds me of Trevis Lee," said Keehu, referring to Saint Louis' three-time state champion and two-time NCAA champion. "Erin's mental toughness separates her from the pack. She is grounded and focused. She doesn't take shortcuts and never makes excuses. Erin is extremely confident in her abilities, but humble enough to ask for guidance when needed."

Hikiji plans to wrestle at the University of Providence (Mont.), where she will study Forensic Science.

Her father, Tatsuhiko "Tate" Hikiji, was the first wrestler to win three state championships in a row (1968-70). He instilled wrestling and judo culture in his daughter.

"Her size, her work ethic, and love of what she is doing. I'm very happy and proud of her," he said.



"She's such a unique player," Kamehameha coach Chris Blake said. "Her skill sets, she's so dynamic offensively and over the course of her time, her commitment to improve to make herself a complete player is who she is where she is today. She's like a five-skill baseball player. The good thing about it is whatever she would ask her to do she would work hard to make it happen."

Devin Kahahawai

Kamehameha ★ Volleyball



Ranked second nationally in the class of '22 by PrepVolleyball.com, Devin Kahahawai's travel log is like few others. She is currently training with the U.S. women's national team in Louisiana — which meant missing her graduation ceremony. She also played with the national team last fall during the high school season and has been part of national training programs since '17.

The 6-3 outside hitter is a three-time Star-Advertiser All-State selection, landing at No. 6 as a sophomore when the Warriors won the state championship. She led Kamehameha to the IH title as a junior.

When the state tourney returned in '21, the Warriors defended their title and Kahahawai was voted All-State player of the year. All while maintaining a busy travel and practice schedule with Spike and Serve Volleyball Club.

She has signed with Texas and plans to be a pre-med major.



As a senior, the 5-9 guard/forward averaged 15.9 points per game, including 22 against Archbishop Mitsy (Calif.) and Centennial (Calif.) with Lefotu's flawless talent on both ends of the court setting the tone.

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Jovi Lefotu

Jolani ★ Basketball, volleyball



Jovi Lefotu's legacy as a Raider includes three state championships in as many years. She was voted All-State as a sophomore (No. 4 in the Fab 15) and outright player of the year as a senior. Jolani went 16-2 — the losses were to powerhouse Archbishop Mitsy (Calif.) and Centennial (Calif.) with Lefotu's flawless talent on both ends of the court setting the tone.

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legends players, from Nani Cockett to Shawna Kuehu to Lia Galdeira to Chanelle Molina — have accomplished at the highest level.

"It feels good to see all the sacrifice and dedication pay off. Big thanks to my mom (Dawn) and dad (Masa). They're my biggest supporters," Lefotu said.

Lefotu has signed with Hawaii, where she will rejoin older sister Lily Lefotu Waihanaka, who was inducted into the Hall of Honor in 2021.

Grace Monahan

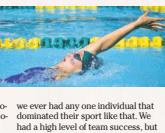
University Laboratory ★ Swimming



She accolades by one of U.S.'s greatest student-athletes ever — according to athletic director Walt Qutan — are immense. Just on the high school level, not club, she won two state golds as a freshman and was named one of the Top 300 swimmers in the nation. Grace Monahan repeated those feats as a sophomore, breaking the state mark in the 200-meter intermediate relay, and added two more golds as a senior for a total of six individual championships.

She has never lost a high school race. Not bad at all for a scholar-athlete. Not one of the smallest high schools in Hawaii. At this spring's state championships in Keana, she took the 200 intermediate medley (2 minutes, 1.97 seconds) and 100 freestyle (54.80) titles, and helped U.S. place in the top 12 in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. U.S. placed sixth overall.

"She's right at the top. I don't think



we ever had one individual that dominated their sport like that. We had a high level of team success, but as far as individual, she is as good as any we ever had," Qutan said.

She swims six days per week with Kamehameha Swim Club. Somehow, she managed to maintain a 3.88 grade-point average.

"She is very humble for her level of success and always has a smile on her face," Qutan said. "She could have been a state champion in track. Her mile times were some of the best we ever had."

Monahan will swim at North Carolina State next season.

Kaliana Salazar-Harrell

Konauewa ★ Basketball



The latest in a long line of Konauewa girls basketball phenoms was truly phenomenal as a freshman and sophomore. As a senior, Salazar-Harrell took her game higher and the Wildcats to the state final.

As a freshman, the explosive point guard averaged 15 points per game. Then she bumped it up to 22 ppg as a sophomore.

As a senior, Salazar-Harrell averaged 25.5 ppg at the state tourney in wins over Milliani and Lahainalua. She had 24 points and three steals against Milliani in the state quarterfinals, then poured in 27 points with three more steals to oust MIL champion Lahainalua before suffering a knee injury in the final against eventual champion Jolani.

Salazar-Harrell was No. 3 in the All-State Fab 15 voting as a sophomore, and was a close second to Jovi Lefotu as a senior. She was also No. 3 in the All-Defense voting.

"Kaliana is a dangerous scorer who's



deadly accurate from distance on the catch and shoot or off the dribble," Jolani coach Dean Young said. "She looked significantly stronger this season and it showed when she attacked the rim."

Salazar-Harrell signed with Cal State Fullerton and intends to major in Kinesiology.

Kale Spencer

Kamehameha-Maui ★ Basketball, volleyball, football



Kale Spencer is the most versatile, elite-level talent in three Maui Interscholastic League sports since Shane Victorino.

At 6 feet 4 and 225 pounds, he was a two-sport starter at linebacker and offensive line on the gridiron — a Star-Advertiser All-State second-team selection — who sparked Kamehameha-Maui to a stunning win over OIA champion Kaiser in the Division II state tournament. He was the key scorer and rebounder (all-Maui) for a Warriors basketball team that nearly beat two-time defending champion Maryknoll in the state championships, and a go-to, all-Maui, outside hitter for the volleyball team.



"Kale is a true definition of the most versatile and talented student-athlete with great leadership qualities," Warriors football coach Ulua Aka said.

L.P. Kupaiani Akeo, the dean of students, praised Spencer, who is part of the school's "rigorous" information Technology Engineering academy while taking AP Calculus. "Kale does not shy away from challenges. His compassion and maturity are beyond his years, and he is well loved by his peers, as well as those who have the pleasure of teaching him," Akeo wrote.

Spencer has a 3.6 grade-point average and was president of the Associated Students of Kamehameha Schools Maui (ASKM). He signed with Long Island University for the volleyball team.

Blaze Sumiye

Moanalua ★ Wrestling, judo, football



The ever-confident Blaze Sumiye won state wrestling titles at 145 and 161 pounds, and a judo state title at 176.

Lost to the pandemic, a probable additional state wrestling title and two state judo titles.

Sumiye's 4-0 win over Kamehameha's Aiyden Corroli in the 2022 state final capped a perfect senior year.

"I love all my teammates. I love my dad (John Ramos). He was there for me from the start. All these extra trainings he made me do inside the garage, it's not for nothing. I love this guy with everything I have," Sumiye said. "I love my mom (April Ramos). She's always taking me to practices. She's the team mom. She takes care of every single kid like her own. They make it so easy for me to go out there and do what I've got to do."

He also went out for football as a senior and became a tenacious pass rusher, leading on the All-State third team as a defensive lineman.



"I don't think there is anyone else who can match Blaze's accolades," Moanalua football coach Vince Nihipali said. "Blaze is the greatest all-around student-athlete I have ever coached."

Sumiye will wrestle at the University of Providence (Mont.) and plans to major in Business Administration.

Teva Tafiti

Punahou ★ Football



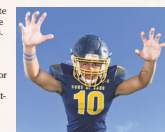
Teva Tafiti's impact was immediate as a freshman contributor to one of the state's top defensive units.

By sophomore year, the defensive end/linebacker was an All-State first-team selection, making his first big splash with a 79-yard fumble return for a touchdown against Kapolei.

Tafiti again earned the All-State first-team honors as a senior, listed as the top prospect in Hawaii by 247Sports for three years in a row. His development, adding on size and maintaining his edge speed was substantial. As a 6-3, 225-pound pass rusher with the ability to cover and stop the run, Tafiti was offered roughly two dozen college scholarships.

"In some ways, he's the modern hybrid defender, and yet he's also very much the old-school football player," Kia said. "He is unique to me, but I'm certain many Punahou players will be compared to his standard — both on and off the field — for years to come."

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