

## 2026 Youth Xchange Winner & Finalists

### Sponsored Category Finalists

#### Healthy Streets - High School

- **WINNER:** ‘Ike Aku, ‘Ike Mai: Building Healthy Streets Together (Allie Kennedy) – Kamehameha Schools Maui
- **Finalist:** Let There Be Light (Serena Moniz) – Kamehameha Schools Maui
- **Finalist:** Steps to a Healthy Community (Kiara Hamora, Justice Manago, Alohilani Riklon, Mira Wakumoto) – Kealakehe High School

#### Healthy Streets - Middle School

- **Finalist:** Be Alert (Mia Lassoff & Angel Heaton) – Kaimuki Middle School
- **WINNER:** Healthy Streets Healthy Community (Yasmin Soto Gonzalez, Heidi Luwealer, Hannah Colvin, Christina Colvin, Mischa Tracey) – Kealakehe Intermediate school
- **Finalist:** Sidewalk Safety (Jaylin Pang, Kara Tamamoto, Azen Miguel, Taylor Takimoto) – Moanalua Middle School

#### Healthy Streets - Elementary School

- **Finalist:** Fern Streets are Healthy Streets (Isabella Ramones, Sophia Julio, Florenz Abaya, Aaron Pangan) – Mayor Joseph J Fern Elementary
- **WINNER:** Healthy Streets = Healthy Neighborhoods (Zyriel Villegas, Nicholas Castro, Solstice Wong) – Alvah Scott Elementary School
- **Finalist:** Ho Bruh, Slow Down! (Nevaeh Kanui, Kahoku Kaloi-Peneku, Kule'a Kaloi-Peneku, Raegar Afamasaga, Danni Rose Keohuhuloi Peneku, Raegar) – Nānākuli Elementary School

#### Healthy Streets - Jr Expert

- NO ENTRIES SUBMITTED TO THIS DIVISION

#### Healthy Streets - Expert

- **WINNER:** Draw your path (Kaden Anthony, Emma-leigh Kanae-Grove, Alec Vares) – H.P. Baldwin High School
- **Finalist:** Move well, Live well (Xavier Balmilero, Jaycen Laguana, Kaci Kaneshiro) – Moanalua High School

#### Grounded in Aloha PSA

- **Finalist:** Kūpa'a (Kau'i Joaquin) – Kamehameha Schools Maui

- **Finalist:** My Strength Is My Home (Micah Labuanan) – Kamehameha Schools Maui
- **WINNER:** Tides of Aloha (Ethan Ng, Scarlet Manibog, Kayla Shand) – Kealakehe High School

### Overdose Awareness PSA

- **Finalist:** Know the risk. Know how to use Naloxone. (Preston Chambers, Aubry-Makayla Ryman, Saaya Lujan, Leah Fernando) – Moanalua High School
- **Finalist:** One Choice Can Save A Life (Richelle Lalata, Benjamin Bennett, Aizen Saladino) – Kealakehe High School
- **WINNER:** You Have 3 Minutes (Sara-Rose Cluney, Zhailyn Dudoit, Sariah Keahi-Tavares, Kamele Souza) – Kamehameha Schools Maui

### Speak Out About Meth PSA

- **WINNER:** Made For More (Leialoha Akiona) – Kamehameha Schools Maui
- **Finalist:** Real Wealth Is Happiness, Not Meth. (Isabella Cruz-Ameperosa, Caydie Furutani, Maile Liu, Kharice Ivy Custodio) – Moanalua High School
- **Finalist:** You can't Rewind your Choices (Maddie Mikami, Daesu Suk, Genna Fukumitsu, Aundrea Parages) – Moanalua High School

## General Category

### Call to Action - High School

- **Finalist:** Breathe Aloha (Melanie Yoshimura, Stacie Lee, Quincy Higa) – Roosevelt High School
- **WINNER:** Lacking A.I. — Artistic Integrity (Alex Sisavang, Lagi Te Tai) – McKinley High School
- **Finalist:** Unplug the Phone (Emmanuel Cordova, Aidan Nguyen, Ashton Nakagawa, Qihang Chen) – McKinley High School

### Call to Action - Middle School

- **Finalist:** Reach Out (Mu Li, Liam Fong, Isabella Lumabao, Mya Nguyen) – Moanalua Middle School
- **WINNER:** Stalker (Marlee Llanes kaluau, Alina Segawa, Lisa Vanderpool, Sofia Monfort-Chang) – Kealekehe Intermediate
- **Finalist:** Surviving My Childhood (Kaia Baker, Ava Nishioka-DeMello Namauu, Kamana Te‘a Shimabukuro) – Kamehameha Schools Maui Middle

### Call to Action - Elementary School

- **WINNER:** Ignite the Learning (Aria Enomoto-Hahn, Kawhi-James Botelho, Samantha Kuba, Summer Oros, and Zarin Kau) – Kipapa Elementary School
- **Finalist:** Rapid Ohia Death (Hilina'i Mendiola, Villea Bennett-Llanes, Hilinalei Lee, and Liliela Grace) – Kahakai Elementary School
- **Finalist:** This is Me (Albert Pangan, Aaron Pangan, Lele Sales, Isabella Ramones, Florenz Abaya) – Mayor Joseph J Fern Elementary

### Call to Action - Jr Expert

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### Call to Action - Expert

- **Finalist:** Aloha Starts Behind the Wheel (Ryken Gray, Julia Cassandra Bowman, He'enalu Kalima-Padillo) – Kealakehe High School
- **WINNER:** Sounds of Hawaii (Sky Hamane, Adhish Shrestha, Kevin Mo, Jaden Liang) – Roosevelt High School
- **Finalist:** NO FINALIST - 2 ENTRIES ONLY

### Informational - High School

- **Finalist:** 7 ways (Sofia Mayo, Ayden Robinson, Alexandria Tullos (Lex), Kahekili Wolfgramm) – Kaiser High School
- **WINNER:** Our Language, Our Future (Emily Ching) – Kamehameha Schools Maui
- **Finalist:** Nēnē: He Leo Nō Ka 'Āina (Kaylee Lee) – Hawaii Technology Academy

### Informational - Middle School

- **WINNER:** Safe Walks (Jhordyn Santos, SKMark Sichen) – Dole Middle School
- **Finalist:** NO FINALIST - 1 ENTRY ONLY
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### Informational - Elementary School

- **WINNER:** Consider Composting (Aria Enomoto-Hahn, Kawhi-James Botelho, Samantha Kuba, Summer Oros, and Zarin Kau) – Kipapa Elementary School
- **Finalist:** Hawaii News Now Field Trip (Selah Kinimaka, Naveah Valencia Thompson, Katherine Beruan) – Alvah Scott Elementary School
- **Finalist:** Protect Endangered Birds (Brooklyn Hiyakumoto, Ryzelle Valencia, Azhriel Ancheta, Timothy Ragasa, Junrei Antonio) – Waipahu Elementary

### Informational - Jr Expert

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### Mini Documentary - High School

- **WINNER:** A Recipe for Resilience (Ryan Alacar, Landon Espiritu, Triton Gonzaga, Marshall Polito) – James Campbell High School
- **Finalist:** Cheerleading Journey (Chaezie Shiraishi) (Hailey Ishikawa & Karah Pasion) – Moanalua High School
- **Finalist:** Malama The Land (Kairi Makaula) – Leilehua High School

### Mini Documentary - Middle School

- **Finalist:** Kicking With Confidence (Kira Setoda, Azariah Ildefonso, Koi Chang) – Highlands Intermediate School
- **Finalist:** My Special Place (Kylee-Elisanulina Solofua, Jasmine Dayna Cacayorin) – Highlands Intermediate School
- **WINNER:** Serving With Purpose. (Miki Wakumoto, Tehya Master, Jaren Scroggin, Kaylee Kahele) – Kealakehe Intermediate School

### Mini Documentary - Elementary School

- **WINNER:** Bullied to Blooming Author (Reven Burns, Kailee Kaloi-Peneku, Emma Garner, Aiva Garner, Dani Rose Keohuhu) – Nānākuli Elementary School
- **Finalist:** Kahakai's Kickball Success (Mia Ross, Kainani Phipps, Sepe George, and Amelia Isidro) – Kahakai Elementary School
- **Finalist:** School Lunch Waste! (Keido Nishi, Anderson Whiteside) – Moanalua Elementary School

### Mini Documentary - Junior Expert

- **Finalist:** I am Third (Kira Setoda, Azariah Ildefonso, Maila Muraoka, Brooklynn Nagai) – Highlands Intermediate School
- **WINNER:** The Effects of the Lahaina Fire: Recovering and Rebuilding What was Lost (Khrislyn Solano, Hannah Ruiz, Christina Domawa, Rylan Sultan) – Lahaina Intermediate School
- **Finalist:** NO FINALIST - 2 ENTRIES ONLY

### Mini Documentary - Expert

- **Finalist:** For the First Time (Xyandri Ortiz) – Hawaii Technology Academy
- **Finalist:** Halau O Ka Hanu Lehua: Hula is Life (Miya Silva) – HP Baldwin High School
- **WINNER:** Making Miki & Memories (Aaron Hinazumi) – Kauai High School

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### Narrative - High School

- **Finalist:** And For My Next Trick (Matthew Billon) – Mid-Pacific Institute
- **Finalist:** Doom (Blake Nakamura) – Hawaii Baptist Academy
- **WINNER:** The Lighthouse (Cody Ortiz) – Hawaii Technology Academy

### Narrative - Middle School

- **WINNER:** Beyond Their Eyes (Jayen Laforga) – Ewa Makai Middle School
- **Finalist:** Pele's Curse (Teylan Loando, Aubry Tousignant, Hania Ramos, Priya Rossman, Nami Rogers) – Kealahou Intermediate School
- **Finalist:** The Saimin Bandit (Shannen Bumanglag, Tyler Meguro) – Lahaina Intermediate School

### Narrative - Elementary School

- **Finalist:** 2 Seconds (Annabelle Hignight, Colton Clark) – Moanalua Elementary School
- **Finalist:** Forest Kids (Ivy Rysevas) – Makalapa Elementary School
- **WINNER:** The Infectious Smile (Quentin Takatani, Duke Medeiros, Samson Oliveti) – Pōmaika'i Elementary School

### Narrative - Junior Expert

- **WINNER:** Seek Shelter (Ava Choy, Kayla Wainwright, Casey Wong, Emma Ogino, Walter Young) – Hawaii Baptist Academy
- **Finalist:** NO FINALIST - 1 ENTRY ONLY
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### Narrative - Expert

- **Finalist:** Borrowed Time (Callie Yonemoto, Hana Lilly, Neo Domingo, Samantha Nipales) – Moanalua High School
- **WINNER:** On My Honour (Cameryn Koike & Kailey Holbrook) – Mid-Pacific Institute
- **Finalist:** Therapy Session (Callie Yonemoto, Hana Lilly, Neo Domingo, Samantha Nipales) – Moanalua High School

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### News Story - High School

- **WINNER:** Edrina's Talent Show (Nathalie Cristobal, Vanessa Hangai, Edrina Taylor-Kibin) – Moanalua High School
- **Finalist:** Healthy Food, Healthy Life (Victoria Ventura) – Kamehameha Schools Maui

- **Finalist:** Hole in One (Naiya Bello, Melia Reincke) – Moanalua High School

### News Story - Middle School

- **Finalist:** Hang Loose, Share The Shaka (Chancellor Powell, Tylee Seden, Randyn Ranches) – Dole Middle School
- **Finalist:** Nā ‘Ōiwi o Pu‘uanahulu (Kaleikaumaka Canario-Carvalho, Kapili Soong, Kālana Kalahiki, Pili‘ohā Garcia, ‘Ōlali Camara) – ‘Alo Kēhau o ka ‘Āina Mauna
- **WINNER:** Navigating the New (Brooklynn Kiselyk, Brooklyn Asuncion, Layla Kotich, Lauren Takushi) – Moanalua Middle School

### News Story - Elementary School

- **Finalist:** Genki Balls Newscast (Zyriel Villegas, Payton Gattison, Yvhan Torres) – Alvah Scott Elementary
- **Finalist:** Military B.R.A.T.S (Emily Garcia, Truc-Nhi Phan) – Makalapa Elementary
- **WINNER:** Positive Thoughts and Actions (Raylen Grace Ganir, Zeiah Teilani Velasco, Jianne Carlos) – Honowai Elementary School

### News Story - Junior Expert

- **Finalist:** Bayanihan Food Distribution (Jahson Nagasako, Marc Cartagena) – Lahaina Intermediate
- **WINNER:** Spectrafest (Jahson Nagasako) – Lahaina Intermediate
- **Finalist:** The Amazing Shake (Andalyn Young-Kainoa, Stormie Sanchez-Zoller, Sophia Marjanovic) – Honouliuli Middle School

### News Story - Expert

- **Finalist:** A.I. on Air (Sienna Sandoval, Miel Garcia) – Moanalua High School
- **WINNER:** Back on Track (Skyeler Suehiro, Emma Ferrer) – Moanalua High School
- **Finalist:** Kitchen to Kūpuna (Jhera Mau Paulo, Jade Kuhiiki, Ku‘ulei Serrao-Kuamo‘o) – Waianae High School

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### PSA - High School

- **WINNER:** Forward, Not Faultless (Krizelle Murray, Lucy Gregerson) – Kauai High School
- **Finalist:** Put it Down. (Kai Marcoux, Jordyn Flores, Blayzen Jose, Nathalie Gayle Ve, Mikaeighla Vida) – Aiea High School
- **Finalist:** To Love Is To Belong (Caden Koehl, Mio Gambino) – Kaiser High School

### PSA - Middle School

- **Finalist:** Break the Cycle (Brooklyn Asuncion, Azen Miguel, Stephanie Huang) – Moanalua Middle School
- **WINNER:** Stop Brain Rot (Kaila Brownfield, Dominic Fernandes, Zachary Lee, Peyton Lui-Kwan, David Okawara) – Hawaii Baptist Academy
- **Finalist:** You Never Know (Brodie Camara) – Kamehameha Schools Maui

### PSA - Elementary School

- **Finalist:** Clean Coastlines (Chloe He, Jacob Galeria, Jewel Lim, Kobe Hanawahine) – Pearl City Highlands Elementary
- **Finalist:** Invasive Seeds (Wells Szabo Hwang, Aina-Sue Kunkle, Haley Bruner) – Pōmaika‘i Elementary School
- **WINNER:** One Vape is All it Takes (Kylie Nakatsuka, Bennett Sugano, Selah Carrillo, Rylan Dang) – Pearl City Highlands Elementary

### PSA - Junior Expert

- **Finalist:** Leave it Bettah (Ashley DeMateo, Faith Pahinag) – Lahaina Intermediate
- **WINNER:** Mr Turtle (Khrislyn Solano, Hannah Ruiz, Rylan Sultan, Christina Domawa) – Lahaina Intermediate
- **Finalist:** NO FINALIST - 2 ENTRIES ONLY

### PSA - Expert

- **Finalist:** Cover Your Sneeze (Liana Wong, James Kaneshige, Mason Simmons, Max Chong, Dominic Lam) – Hawaii Baptist Academy
- **Finalist:** Olelo (Angelica Joy Burguillos, Dominic Domingo, Levi King) – Moanalua High School
- **WINNER:** Still Here (Ka‘ikena Guzman) – Kamehameha Schools Maui