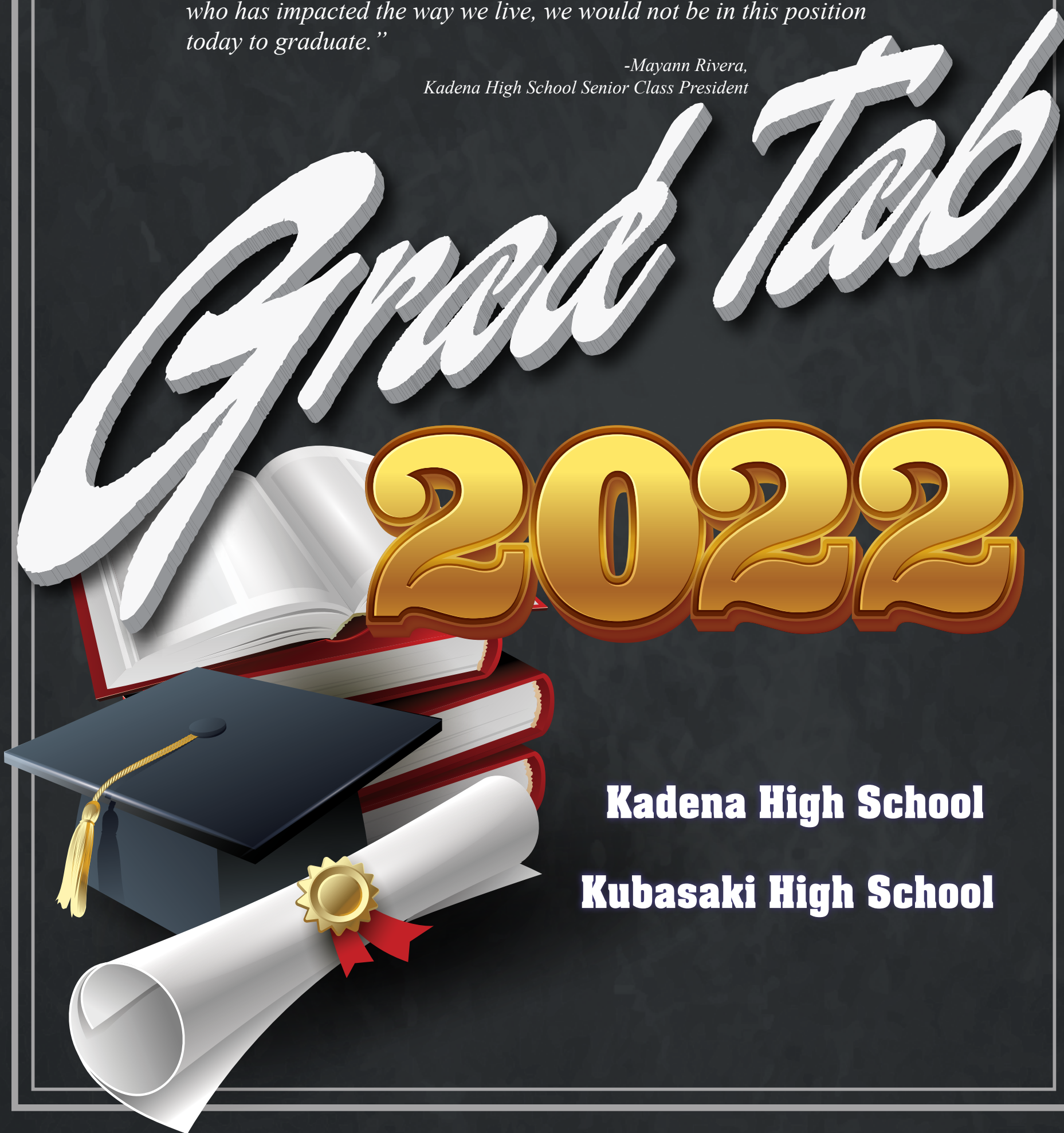


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*-Mayann Rivera,
Kadena High School Senior Class President*



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Barrow, Donovan	Desma, Lukeomen	Knopf, Thomas	Okubo, Grace	Smith, Braedon
Bartolome, Hero Zander	Enriquez, Yvonne	Korkowski, James	Olivas, Alyssa	Smith, Trey
Belcher, Sarah	Field, Emma	Kwiatek, Olivia	Ordonez, Cameron Tomas	Smithee, Xavier
Bention, Kalia	Fitzgerald, Andrew	La Force, Makaela	Ortiz, Kyla	Soriano, Melanie
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Boateng, Vanessa	Fountain, McKena	Lewis, Jeremiah	Patsel, Misty	St. Laurent, Takara
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Ashley

We are so proud of you!

— Love, Mom and Dad



Kayla

We are so proud of you and all of your hard work.


— Mom & Dad



McKenna

Congratulations! Let God lead the way and you will surely shine BRIGHT! We love our Future Marine Biologist!

— Mom and Dad



Raven

Raven!!!!!!!!!!!! YO!U are the greatest. There's nothing you can't do. Don't ever let up, because your light needs to shine!

— The Rivera Family



Skyler

Congratulations, Be confident in everything you choose to do! We are so proud of you and love you BTTS!

— Grandma and Papa



A sincere thanks to everyone!

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Thank you to all our loved ones, the Kadena High School community, and the military family for supporting us. Parents, all the times you have shown up to sports events and spent your time for the teams have been much appreciated. Teachers who have encouraged us to pursue our passions and have adapted to the newest technologies to accommodate us, thank you. To all the staff members that have fought for our pep rallies, homecomings, the PAC-East event, our prom, etc., we will always cherish the memories we have made.

Thank you Principal Kwiatek for all the times you joined our senior meetings to negotiate graduation plans, and for working with the USO and local groups to help support our senior events. The first indoor pep rally back since COVID began was one to remember. We appreciate all the efforts of our assistant principals, Dr. Hayes and Mr. Bragg for motivating us to keep pushing through the year.

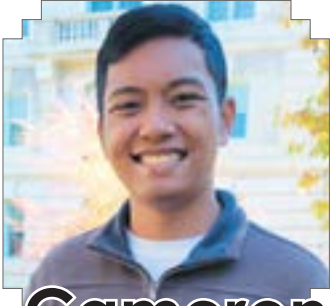
A special thank you to our senior sponsors, Mrs. Faltz Stanley, Mrs. George, and Mrs. Ringgold for being by our side to make events happen in the ways we wanted. Mrs. Faltz Stanley has been with us since COVID first hit and has sacrificed so much of her personal time for the sake of our class. She has gone out of her way to make sure we got what we wanted to the best of her abilities and taken on other roles besides the senior class. She helped plan homecoming, our Torii beach event, and helped us plan the best graduation despite restrictions. She is not only an exceptional teacher, but one of the kindest mentors to our students. We are eternally grateful for all you have done to make graduation happen, and get events back to normal.

Thank you to our counselor, Mrs. Alcazar, for guiding us through the past four years, whether it was a personal matter or an academic one. She is a counselor who not only does administrative work to get our transcripts, applications, standardized testing, etc., but she also is there to be a shoulder to cry on for students and a relatable mother to all the parents. She has always looked out for our desires and wanted us to have fun, while maintaining a reputable image. She taught us life lessons and how we can look forward into the future whether we were going off to college, joining the military, trade school, or were still unsure of what to do. We could not have asked for a better counselor, thank you again!

Thank you seniors for your perseverance, your growth, and forming our class. Despite all the struggles we have endured, the mistakes we have made, our successes, we are beyond proud of how far you all have come as individuals. Everyone has made an impact on one another, and your presence today is what we are all grateful for. We came, we survived, and we conquered because of all your help!

- Mayann Rivera, Class President
Kadena High School Class of 2022






Cameron

We're so proud of you, and all your accomplishments! Can't wait to see what your future holds. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Christian, Colin



Trey

You have worked extremely hard and challenged yourself these last four years. We are very proud of you, congratulations!

— Mom and Dad



Morgan

Congrats on your graduation, the future is yours. Make good choices, have fun, and never stop reaching for your goals. Love you.


— Mom & Adel



Joan

Congratulations to our princess. We're so proud of you.

— Akira and Mom



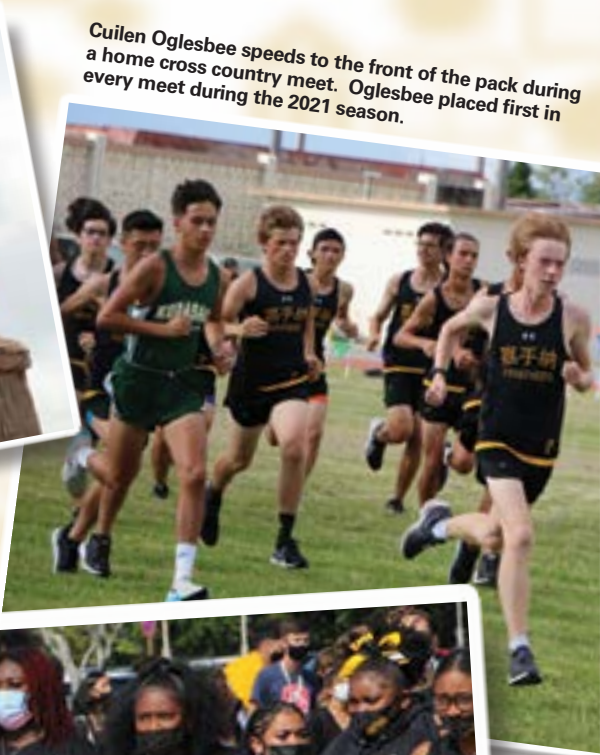
Chase

Congratulations Chase! We are so proud of you and excited for your future! We love you so much!

Mom, Dad, Jack & Logan



Seniors channel their inner children as they play on the ship at Torii Beach during the senior field trip.



Cuilen Oglesbee speeds to the front of the pack during a home cross country meet. Oglesbee placed first in every meet during the 2021 season.

Kadena Hi



Members of the KDHS girls varsity basketball team celebrate their senior status after their final home game.



Members of the KDHS Class of 2022 proudly enter the pep rally with their class banner.

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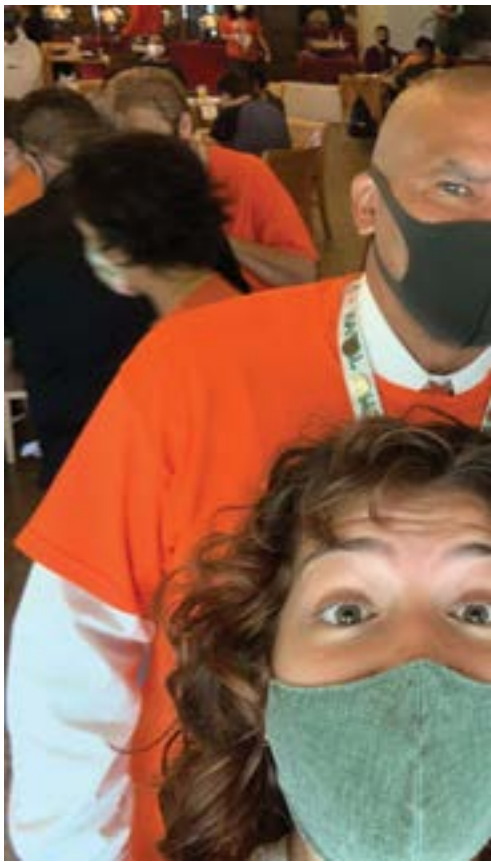
Kaitlyn Dunn paints the traditional Senior Hill behind the Kubasaki building.

There are many benefits to being a third-culture kid. Firstly, they're highly adaptive to their surroundings. For example, if the parent(s) has a job that requires them to move every two years, their children move schools and make new friends every two years too. If parents and schools teach them to have a healthy closure when moving, they are less likely to feel anxious about starting new. With that, they can pick the tools needed to adapt to their surroundings. Furthermore, they can also easily relate to people with diverse backgrounds, be it people with different races, ethnicity, religion, or even perspectives.

-Alondra Pena, KBHS Senior

Fear... something everyone has, but everyone reacts differently to it. Some individuals get scared and break down and hope it somehow goes away. Others prepare and ensure that it cannot happen or minimize the effects of the fear. I find it a waste of time to break down, some magically flying pony isn't going to come solve my problems so I must take matters into my own hands. I honestly don't really care if I succeed or fail because they are side projects. Do I fear failing? No, because if I do it's a fault of my own and I should be able to foresee anything that could possibly hinder my long term plans. Things that pop up from thin air can be handled at that exact moment, you can't waste all your time preparing for every scenario because then you'll never be able to succeed.

-Dante Hasty-Chestnut, KBHS Senior



Alexa Smith, Caleyjaden Croft, Emily Nakagawa, and Mr. Strait enjoying the Senior Breakfast event.

High School



Lyonne Powell spreads some peace during the senior picnic at Torii Beach.



Airi Hartwell, Jalin Settles and Kayla Summerson show their excitement as they enter the Homecoming pep rally.



Kadena High seniors take part in a competitive game of Red Light, Green Light during the senior picnic.



MyLein Tull and Emilia Field pose for a quick photo before the Homecoming pep rally, which was held outdoors this year.

High School

Graduating high school has been a long time goal for me, the thought of finally being able to put all your time into something that you're actually passionate about has always been appealing to me. As it probably would be for any student not only at Kubasaki but throughout the world. One thing that I personally hope for as a member of the 2022 class is that the skills and the experience I acquired throughout high school is put to the test and proven to be useful in real world situations.

-Reuben Kight, KBHS senior



oneizy, Brynn Murray, Natalia Sanchez and Principal vent at the Foster Pool.



Levi Soto brings the ball up during a home game.



Kubasaki High School seniors show Dragon Spirit at their last pep rally.

Growing up in a military family is challenging, while it may not be as hard as it is for the parent or adult who's in the service, it's still hard for us kids. We move about every 3 years and we lose friends when we move or when they move. Keeping in touch is a struggle, the relationship usually doesn't remain intact. It's even harder being farther away from family members. Ever since COVID, it's been hard to travel to see families during the holidays to see them and hold them and feel the joy and laughter being a whole family.

-Raymon Arana, KBHS senior



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Aguirre, Nicholaz
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Armstrong, Sierra
Broomes, Taja
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Carrillo, Isaiah
Chandler, Eldon
Chua, Lyanna
Colling, Nicole
Corbett, MaryEileen
Croft, Caleyjaden
Cruz, Alejandro
Donato, Teriane Jude
Donato, Traciane Jude
Dragon, Jericho
Dudley, Allen

Dunn, Kaitlyn
Espinoza, Emily
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Fluke, Samantha
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Merrill, Isabell
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Morris, Joseph
Murray, Brynn
Nakonieczny, Emily
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Passage, Payton
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Rivera, Naolani
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Rodriguez, Manuel
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Shaver, Aiden
Shiroma, Haruto
Smith, Alexa
Smith, John
Soto, Levi
Swanson, Michelle
Tenywa, Jonathan
Thibert, Micah
Thompson, Cayli
Um, Ryan
Waite, Shayn
Wallace, Anthony
Ward, Brandon
Washington, Timothy
Wheelock, Alexia
Wray, Violah




Ashkii
Congratulations Ashkii! We are so proud of the young man you've become. Dream big, take chances, and work hard!
— Love, Mom, Dad, and Shaun diin



Nicole
Take pride in your accomplishments. Have faith in what you can achieve. And enjoy the journey. "We are....❤️" Penn State!
— Love Mom and Dad



Sierra
Go confidently in the direction of your dreams knowing we'll catch you if you fall. We are so proud of you!
— Love, Mom, Dad and Bella



Chett
Celebrating your successes and looking forward to many more. Congratulations!
— Mom & Dad



Michelle
Your hard work and perseverance have paid off. We are so proud of you and love you very much.
— Mom and Dad



Alyssa
We are so very proud of you and all you have accomplished. We love you so very much!
— Mom and Dad

Thank you

The Great Class of 2022 hails from everywhere one can imagine. It is because of this great attribute that our class has an unrivaled character, a truly unique mix in personality because of the various people within our class. This has led to some of our school's greatest success over the years, most recently of which is the winning of several Pacific East Championships across Japan. There have also been smaller, more personal victories, for our Kubasaki Dragons. In fact, too many to be included in here. But, their victories aren't just our classes' victories, they're our parents and teachers and coaches and friends and mentors, and communities' victories as well. These well-meaning adults and peers have done so much for so many of us. It's only fitting that the letter from the class should include our sincerest gratitude to the people who have been with us and helped us the most. A well-known, but favorite African proverb states that it takes a village to raise a child. As we come to the closing epoch of our teenagedom, we know this proverb to be true. The countless hours our parents, mentors, and teachers have poured into us are uncountable. We thank them for all that they have done and continue to do for us as we make our way to the real world. The values and ethics these people have taught us will guide us as much as a compass guides true to the north.

Regardless of where the class of 2022 will be in the future, our class will be at the forefront of science, engineering, warfighting, and technology. That much can be assured. The dedication and commitment our class has demonstrated throughout the years has prepared us to be successful in college, career, and life.

—Kubasaki High School's Class of 2022



Torance
You did it! We are so proud of you.
— Love Mom and Dad

Growing up in a military family is amazing. Yes, there are the bad times, but there are also amazing times and amazing things you can get out of being a military child. It is truly is a great experience and has set me up for the rest of my life..

—Seth Pilgreen, KBHS senior



Ashkii Mendoza shows his Dragon Fire.



Payton Passage and Brynn Murray at Kubasaki's Fall Pep Rally showing their school spirit.



Kyte Mettke takes a break from conducting the Kubi Pep Band at Kubasaki's Fall Pep Rally.



Michelle Swanson at the Kubasaki Winter Formal Dance.

Being a military brat can be very beneficial. The military world will help you develop skills others don't and you will be more prepared for the real world as it changes your life when it's ready, not when you are, so that's why it's always good to be one step ahead.

—Erick Camacho, KBHS senior

The average military kid can usually withstand new introductions. Many times, this makes many people consider us as adventurous, brave, and/or mature: So, being a senior who is about to live life bigger than myself, and possibly starting completely alone, is honestly frightening and a little exciting. Nonetheless, exploring the genuine thoughts as a military child, who is a senior, might give some insight, empathy, or just some other thoughts.

—Isabell Merrill, Kubasaki High School



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