



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS
Kapālama
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

May 18, 2020

PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2020

Aloha kākou!

I mua nā poki'i a inu i ka wai 'awa'awa. Never have the words of our namesake been so appropriate. But alas, the worldwide pandemic has asked this of us all: To move forward and drink of the bitter waters. The loss of our traditional graduation is indeed bitter water to drink, but we will "I mua Kamehameha ē a lanakila"!

While we at KS fully understand how important this rite of passage is for our graduates and their 'ohana, we cannot in good conscience hold a traditional graduation ceremony. We would hate to jeopardize the health of any member of our 'ohana, especially our kūpuna. That is why we have instead created a unique and, hopefully, one of a kind celebration: a graduation drive-through and a broadcasted commencement ceremony! This drive-through celebration will not only honor and celebrate the mighty class of 2020, but the students will also be able to pick up their graduation articles (diploma, kihei, lei), and some special makana provided by Po'o Kula's Office and KS Alumni Relations. The following senior events will operate under the protocols and guidelines established by the Governor, CDC, WHO, and our own KS Mālama Ola staff:

KS Senior Laptop & School Property Drop-off
Thursday, May 21, 2020 & Friday, May 22, 2020
Konia Circle – 9:00am-1:00pm

Graduation Drive-Through Celebration
Sunday, May 24, 2020
Konia Circle – 9:00am-3:30pm

Commencement Ceremony Program
Sunday, May 24, 2020
Broadcast on KHII Channel 1005 or Channel 5 &
Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Graduation Website
LINK: www.ksbe.edu/commencement/kapalama
Program 6:30pm-8:00pm

EVENT SAFETY EXPECTATIONS AND PROTOCOLS:

All participants must adhere to the safety expectations and protocols for all events (enclosed).

KS SENIOR LAPTOP AND SCHOOL PROPERTY DROP-OFF:

DATES: Thursday, May 21, 2020 & Friday, May 22, 2020

TIMES: 9:00am-1:00pm

Located at Konia Field, Seniors/families will be allowed onto campus during these designated dates/time to return and drop off their KS laptop and any other school property at various department stations. This drop-off will allow students to return KS items, and avoid additional charges on their school accounts for any missing or damaged items. Individuals will not be permitted to exit their car at any time while on campus, except if retrieving items from their locker. Items to return include, but not limited to: textbooks, uniforms, supplies, cameras, costumes, instruments, etc.

GUIDELINES:

- Seniors must enter campus through Main Gate only and bring their ID.
- Only (1) vehicle per graduate will be allowed.
- Items will be exchanged through front passenger window of vehicle.
- Proper casual dress code attire required. Attire should be in good taste, shirts and footwear required.
- If arriving in a truck, no persons in the bed of truck will be allowed while on campus.
- Upon entering campus main gate, graduates must clearly place the 11"x17" Name Placard on the car dashboard for easy identification of graduate name when entering Konia Circle (provided by KS in mailout).
- Please take a photo of your placard and save on your phone, in the event that you lose or forget your placard on day of event.
- All persons in vehicle must wear a protective mask.
- All persons must adhere to the event safety expectations and protocols (enclosed).
- At no point will a student or family member be allowed outside of their car, except if a student is retrieving items from their locker. Mahalo for your understanding and cooperation.
- All items to return must be bagged individually by student (grocery bag, small trash bag, plastic bag, etc.).
- Each bagged item must include an identification label attached to bag (4 labels provided by KS in mailout)
- Identification label to include: student first/last name; department property belongs to; class name and kumu-name property belongs to.
- Once drop off complete, all persons must exit campus through Main Gate.

Identification label EXAMPLE:

Student Name (Last, First):	Keola Pono
KHS Department of Property:	ENGLISH DEPT.
Class Title:	PACIFIC LITERATURE
Class Kumu:	KUMU KAIWI

Laptop return:

- All items to return for laptops should include laptop bag, laptop, charger, AND extension cord.

Retrieval of property from Konia building lockers:

- Cars must enter through the Ka'ahumanu Gym Parking Lot and will be directed by KS security/staff on traffic route.

- Students will be allowed (2) at a time to exit their car, wearing their protective mask, and retrieve their property from Konia locker.
- Hand sanitization will be available upon entering and exiting Konia.
- Students must only head to their locker and directly back to their cars.
- Note that locks will be cut off of lockers at 2:00PM on May 29, 2020, and contents of those lockers will be removed and disposed of.

Retrieval of property from Athletics/PE:

- Cars may enter Princess lane (Pool/Koai'a parking lot) and proceed to the turnabout where staff will be located to accept uniform and equipment returns.
- Students who need to access the locker room to retrieve personal items will need to be dropped off and cars parked where directed or if driving themselves will need to park their cars where directed.
- Entrance to the locker rooms will be through the doors nearest Mawaena field and exit of the locker rooms will be through the doors nearest the pool.
- A protective mask must be worn, and the number of students allowed access to the locker rooms will be limited to adhere to social distancing practices. Students may retrieve their personal belongings and must head directly back to their cars.
- Hand sanitization will be available upon entering and exiting the locker rooms.
- Note that locks will be cut off of lockers at 2:00PM on May 29, 2020, and contents of those lockers will be removed and disposed of.

GRADUATION DRIVE-THROUGH CELEBRATION:

DATE: Sunday, May 24, 2020

TIME: 9:00am-3:30pm

Located at Konia Field, seniors/families will be allowed onto campus during their designated time on graduation day to pick up their diploma, graduation articles and various makana. A live stream of the drive-through will be available via the KSK Graduation Website at: www.ksbe.edu/commencement/kapalama for any extended 'ohana that wish to tune in to the event. Campus access for graduates will begin at 8:15am.

GUIDELINES :

- Seniors must enter campus through Main Gate only and bring their ID.
- Only (1) vehicle per graduate will be allowed.
- Proper casual dress code attire required. Attire should be in good taste, shirts and footwear required. Dress Whites, optional.
- If arriving in a truck, no persons in the bed of truck will be allowed while on campus.
- Upon entering campus main gate, graduates must clearly place the 11"x17" Name Placard on the car dashboard for easy identification of graduate name when entering Konia Circle (provided by KS in mailout).
- Please take a photo of your placard and save on your phone, in the event that you lose or forget your placard on day of event.
- Items will be exchanged through front passenger window of vehicle.
- All persons in vehicle must wear a protective mask.
- All persons must adhere to the event safety expectations and protocols (enclosed).
- At no point will a student or family member be allowed outside of their car, while on campus. Only at the diploma station will the graduate be allowed out of the car to receive his/her diploma and packet. Mask must be worn. Mahalo for your understanding and cooperation.
- Only students and parent/official guardians may pick-up their graduation articles.
- If multiple graduates carpooling, it will be at the discretion of graduate families.
- All cars will be directed by campus security for traffic flow.
- Once on campus, cars will be directed through the various pick-up stations to receive their graduation articles and makana.

- Graduates must adhere to their designated times of arrival by last name to avoid traffic.
- If students/families are uncomfortable with participating, cannot make it on this day, have a fever, or are not feeling well on that day; **please stay home**. We will have alternate arrangements made at a later date. Please contact class advisor, Denny Ono (deono@ksbe.edu), to coordinate alternate arrangements.

DRIVE-THROUGH SCHEDULE:

Graduates will arrive to campus in waves and alphabetically by LAST NAME. To help with traffic and long lines, graduates must adhere to arriving anytime during their allotted timeframe below.

Graduate Arrival Schedule by LAST NAME:

9:00am-10:00am: LETTERS A-C

10:00am-11:00am: LETTERS D-J

11:00am-12:00pm: LETTERS K-L

12:00pm-1:00pm: LETTERS M-Q

1:00pm-2:00pm: LETTERS R-T

2:00pm-3:30pm: LETTERS U-Z

***ALL SENIOR BOARDERS – May arrive anytime between 9:00am-11:00am**

DRIVE-THROUGH ROUTE:

First station will be at **Pauahi Admin. Building**. Coming up Bishop Drive cars will turn into the upper parking lot of Pauahi Admin. Building, pick up makana from Po'o Kula's Office, then head out of the Diamond Head exit of the parking lot. Cars will proceed up Waonahele Road, and stop at '**Akahi Dining Hall** to pick up their blue satin lei. Then, to **Konia Circle** to pick up kihei, diploma packet, and class swag-bag. Finally, cars will head back down Girls Road, onto Princess Drive and past **Bishop Hall** to pick up final makana from Alumni Relations. Lastly, all cars to exit out through Main Gate.

DIPLOMA PICK-UP STATION:

While in Konia Circle, only the graduate will be allowed to step out of the car – mask must be worn. Graduates family will continue around Konia circle and meet graduate at the mauka side of the field. As directed by volunteer kumu and upon exiting the car, graduate will give his/her graduate name-card to the announcer and will walk across the stage to receive diploma and packet. A professional photo will be taken while their name is announced. Graduate will return to car and continue on drive-through route.

NEW! UPDATES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

NEW! VEHICLE INFORMATION:

While on route, graduate must be on the passenger side of the vehicle to receive items. All individuals in the vehicle should have a mask in order to follow state guidelines. Vehicles used for drive-through **MUST** be passenger vehicles. Semi-trucks, trucks pulling trailers, flatbeds, busses, or anything similar is **NOT** allowed. With the high volume of vehicles and lengthy drive through route, please anticipate some traffic and delays. Your patience, cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated in helping us celebrate our amazing Class of 2020.

NEW! GRADUATION KĪHEI:

Upon further discussion, we have a change for the graduation kīhei distribution. Initially we were going to distribute kīhei on Sunday at the Drive Through Celebration. However, we will now be distributing them at a stop near Midkiff, during the Senior drop-off days, Thursday 5/21 and Friday 5/22. By doing it this way, it is our hope that families will be able to have a special moment at home on Sunday prior to coming to campus where they could tie their graduates kīhei should they choose to wear it over their dress whites for the Drive Through Celebration.

We also wanted to make this change due to the limited time of the event and safety precautions we are held to on the day of the celebration. Students (boarder and day) who may not be coming up on the Senior drop-off days, may pick up their kīhei at the Drive Through Celebration on 5/24. Boarders will have the opportunity to receive their kīhei from their dorm advisors when they come to campus to check out of their dorms. Any students who do not come to campus for either the drop-off or the celebration, the school will arrange for the kīhei to be shipped home, along with the other drive through articles. Mahalo for your understanding and cooperation.

NEW! DRIVE WITH ALOHA:

As a friendly reminder to our 2020 Soldiers and their guests riding up with them, please abide by all posted road signs. We encourage you to drive with aloha. We applaud your patience and understanding while driving on campus. We mahalo you in advance for abiding by all the safety measures that are required for us to follow, by order of the State of Hawai'i and County of Honolulu. While we know it will be extremely tempting, and believe that we would if we could, at no time should anyone step out of their vehicle with the exception of the graduate at the appropriate location on Konia Field. Please know that these guidelines are in place to ensure safety and to comply with state orders. If any of these guidelines are infringed, it may result in ruining it for everyone else.

NEW! MAI POINA:

IMPORTANT! Don't forget to bring your **11"x17" NAME PLACARD** to come onto campus for both the drop-off days and the drive through celebration. Also, don't forget your **GRADUATE NAME CARD** for the drive through as well. Name placards are mandatory in order to gain campus access.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY:

DATE: Sunday, May 24, 2020

TIME: 6:30pm-8:00pm

The Commencement program will be broadcast on KHII Channel 1005 or Channel 5, and also available via the Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Graduation Website - LINK:

www.ksbe.edu/commencement/kapalama. Ceremony printed programs will be included in the diploma packets from the graduation drive-through event.

We wanted to provide you with some information regarding a tradition at commencement that began in 2009 of seniors gifted a specially designed kīhei (a traditional Hawaiian ceremonial garment) in honor of their graduation. Enclosed is an information sheet explaining the kīhei design.

In the next few days, you will be receiving a mailout from our school that will include these reminders and the following items necessary for the upcoming activities: 11"x17" Graduate Name Placard, Graduate Name Card for diploma pick-up and (4) KS Property Identification Labels for the drop-off days.

We look forward, as I am sure you must, to this exciting period in the lives of the members of the Class of 2020.

I mua!



Wendy Erskine, Po‘o Kumu Kula Ki‘eki‘e
Kamehameha Schools Kapālama High School

Enclosures: KSK Class of 2020 Commencement Activities Safety Expectations & Protocols
 KSK Class of 2020 Graduation Drive-Through Celebration Route
 Information Regarding “Kalamakūali‘i—The Royal Lamp” Kīhei
 (1) 11"x17" Graduate Name Placard
 (1) Graduate Name Card for diploma pick-up
 (4) KS Property Identification Labels for the drop-off days

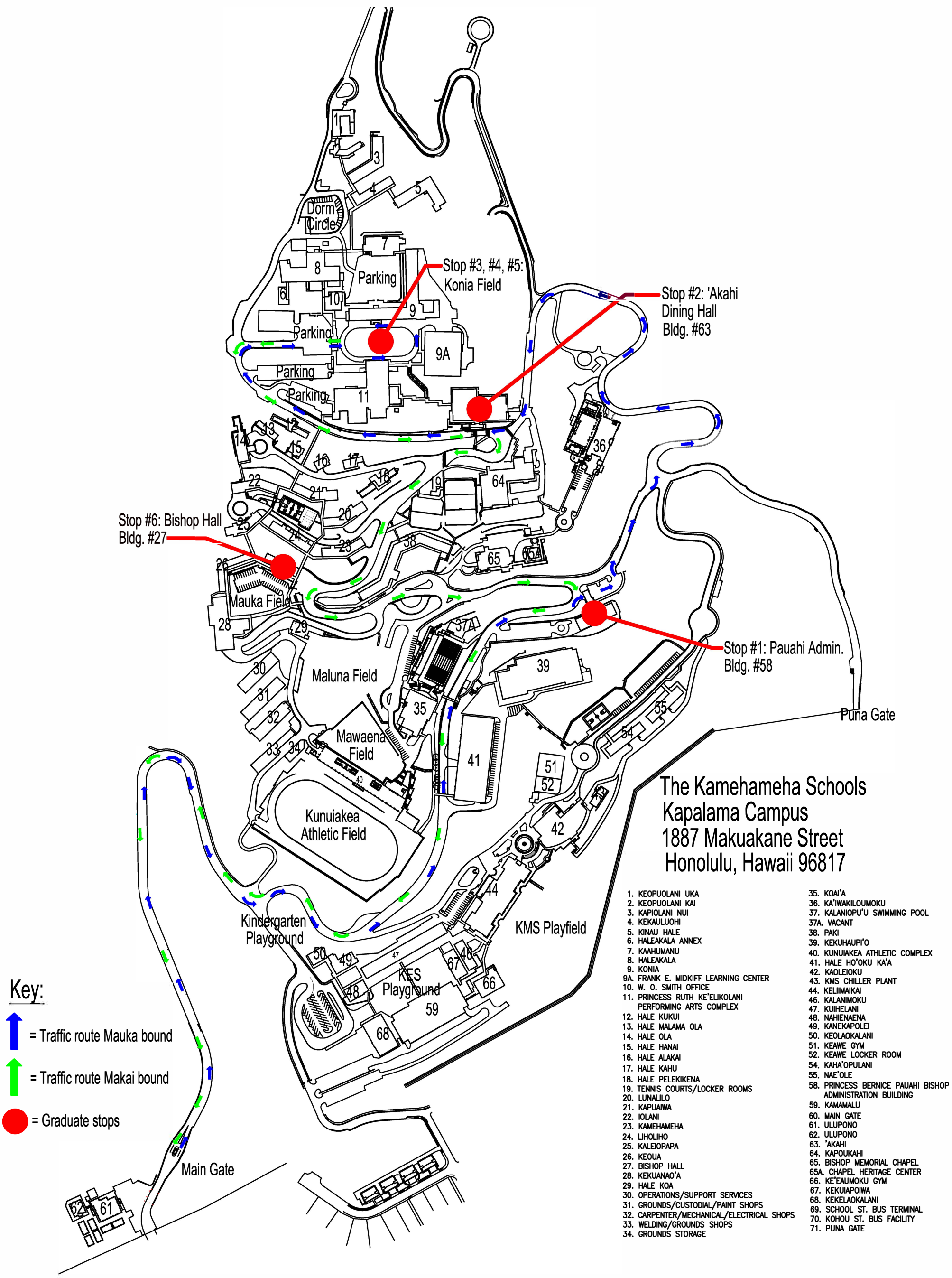
Kamehameha Schools Class of 2020 Commencement Activities Safety Protocols

Protocols apply to all alternative “in-person” events to recognize and celebrate graduates during our current COVID-19 physical distancing situations. Also, included in this is the Senior KS Laptop & Property Drop-off Event.

SAFETY EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL PARTICIPATING GRADUATES & FAMILIES:

- All participating students/families are required to use a mask.
- Individuals will not be permitted to exit their car at any time while on campus, unless retrieving items under supervision from lockers (KS Laptop & Property Drop-off Event) or receiving their diploma at the drive-through.
- There should be no physical contact between employees and individuals in car.
- Physical distancing, remaining at least six feet apart from each other, will be practiced at all times during the event.
- Hand sanitizers will be available for participants prior to approaching the drop-off or pick-up location.
- Any participant with any symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste or smell and any participant placed in quarantine or isolation in the previous 3 weeks (2 for incubation plus 1 for course of asymptomatic infection) should not participate in the event itself.
- No individuals who meet the criteria in the immediately preceding bullet should be allowed in the car or participate in the event; alternate arrangements through the Principal’s Office should be made for individuals who meet these criteria and cannot participate.

KSK 2020 GRADUATION DRIVE THROUGH CELEBRATION ROUTE
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020



KALAMAKŪALI'I

THE ROYAL LAMP

Kamehameha Schools Kapālama marks this special occasion with a kīhei, a traditional Hawaiian garment, gifted to each graduating senior. Having successfully completed our graduation requirements, they have earned the privilege and honor of receiving this special kīhei as a symbol of their passage into the next phase of their lives.

“Kalamakūali'i—The Royal Lamp” was designed by Visual Arts teacher Carl Pao in collaboration with a committee of other high school staff members with expertise in Hawaiian language and culture. The symbols in the design have significance for our school and its location on the heights of Kapālama, the piko (center) of our graduates' formal education over the past few years.

The lamakū, or kukui nut lamp, symbolizes enlightenment or the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom during our graduates' time with us. The four kukui represent each grade level of the high school, joined by a nī'au (coconut midrib) which is anchored in a pōhaku (stone). What we see of the pōhaku is a shape that resembles an 'ahu'ula (shoulder-length feather cloak) that represents Pauahi, our Founder and Benefactress, whose generosity created tremendous educational opportunities for our graduates. The brilliance of the light has grown stronger as they have passed from one grade to the next. We hope that our graduates will continue to add kukui, gaining greater enlightenment in their lives beyond Kamehameha, but always be firmly connected to the piko of Kapālama.

The wavy lines at the bottom of the design represent wai (water), a source of life and knowledge, and symbolize the underground waterway that once flowed through lava tubes and connected Keanakamanō (The Cave of the Shark) Valley at our campus' main gate with Pu'uloa (Pearl Harbor), Oceania and the rest of the world. Our mo'olelo (stories) say that the Hawaiian god Kamohoali'i traveled this waterway in his shark form to Kapālama. The chevron shapes represent a shark's teeth and also the island of O'ahu.

