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HPA Student Wins \$20,000 Scholarship

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Malachi Kobayashi, a senior at Hawaii Preparatory Academy, has been selected as a 2011 Horatio Alger National Scholar. Kobayashi is one of 104 high school seniors—and the only student from Hawaii—to receive the national award from the Horatio Alger Association. Each student will receive a \$20,000 scholarship to a four-year school of his or her choice and will be honored at the Horatio Alger Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. April 6 to 10, 2011.

As a 2011 National Scholar, Kobayashi will travel to Washington, D. C. for an all-expense–paid trip to the National Scholars Conference.

During the four-day event, the scholars will attend college preparation sessions, listen to esteemed speakers, participate in ceremonies at the U. S. Supreme Court, the U. S. Department of State and DAR Constitution Hall. They will also meet with other 2011 Horatio Alger Award recipients.

Malachi is the son of Mark and Sarah Kobayashi of Kapa'au. He is a certified lifeguard and has been active with the Boy Scouts and junior lifeguarding programs. At HPA, he is a Student Ambassador and a captain on the boy's varsity soccer team which he joined as a freshman.

Kobayashi plans to attend college in California with a major in public relations or communications.

The Horatio Alger Scholarship Program is one of the largest need-based scholarship programs in the county. The Association annually awards nearly \$7 million in college scholarships in the United States.