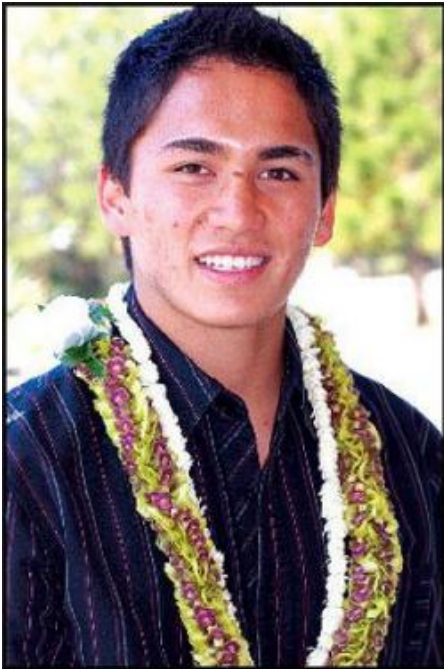


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Malachi Kobayashi, a senior at Hawaii Preparatory Academy, has been selected as a 2011 Horatio Alger National Scholar.

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 receives 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., in early April.

"We are proud to welcome our 2011 National Scholars. These young individuals have persevered through great adversities in their lives, and they clearly represent the Horatio Alger ideals," said Tony Novelly, president and CEO. "The association is proud to help deserving students find continued success in education and throughout life."

Kobayashi is the son of Mark and Sarah Kobayashi of Kapaau. 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 boys varsity soccer team, which he joined as a freshman.

"I'm very thankful for this scholarship and the many opportunities it will provide for me," said Kobayashi, who plans to attend college in California and major in public relations or communications.