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## Linton selected to attend leadership conference

St. Mark student heading to nation's capitol this month



Kailani Linton, daughter of Alan Linton and Kathleen Funk-Linton of Kaneohe has been selected to participate in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) in Washington D.C. June 20-25.

Kailani is one of 250 students nationwide to be accepted for this program. She will represent Hawaii and her school, St. Mark Lutheran School, Kaneohe.

Themed "Voices of Leadership: Reflecting on the Past to create the Future," the JrNYLC introduces young people in grades 5-6 to the rich tradition of leadership throughout American history, while helping them develop their own leadership skills.

During the six-day program, scholars take part in educational activities and presentations, as well as meet with elected officials and key Congressional staff members on Capitol Hill.

Participants are selected based on demonstrated academic and leadership potential. Kailani's fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Victoria Flores, nominated her based on her scholastic merit, maturity, and strength of character.

Kailani, 11, was born in Guam in 1998 and moved to Hawaii in 2002 with her family. She attended Maunawili Elementary School from 2004-2008, where she excelled in math, reading, writing, speech and enrichment as well as being involved in the Student Council.

She is completing her first year at St. Mark where she continues to excel in all subjects, plays saxophone in the school band, and sings in the choir. She received "Top Gun" Award at Star Base Atlantis-Pearl Harbor Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific, Ford Island which she attended with her class in January. She plays basketball for St. Mark's Girls Junior Varsity basketball team and is in her 6th year of piano.

Kailani is sponsored by her parents and Kalu Glass Co., Inc. Her father is President of Kalu Glass Co., in Hawaii and her mother is a Realtor for Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties.