Welcome to the Team Kawika, Jodi and Diana

Special Olympics Hawaii is excited to welcome the addition of three new staff members. Kawika Smith has joined the team as director of corporate sponsors, Jodi-Anne Yoshida as Oahu regional director and Diana Lo as administrative assistant.

"We're excited for Kawika, Jodi, and Diana to join the Special Olympics Hawaii ohana. All of them are committed to serving the local community and I personally look forward to seeing how their work will impact our athletes and organization." said Nancy Bottelo, Special Olympics Hawaii president and CEO.

Kawika Smith comes to Special Olympics Hawaii from Argosy University, where he served as associate director of business development. In his new position, Kawika will be responsible for raising funds for Special Olympics Hawaii by cultivating individual donors and year-round corporate partners and sponsors.

Jodi-Anne Yoshida brings more than 15 years of experience in marketing, communications and events. In her new role, Jodi will be responsible for overseeing and ensuring quality sports
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Mahalo for Supporting the 18th Annual Cop on Top
This year's 18th Annual Cop on Top fundraiser raised more than $254,900 statewide to support Special Olympics Hawaii programs and athletes. A big mahalo to all of the dedicated volunteer off-duty law enforcement officers that participated and perched atop 10 foot scaffolds at locations around the state.

Keepin' it Cool!
Aukake Classic participants "chilled" out at Special Olympics Hawaii's health education station focusing on hydration and sunscreen. Ice cold cucumbers and mandarin oranges were distributed to share that you can "eat your water" by consuming fruits and vegetables that are high in water content. Participants also learned about the importance of reapplying sunscreen throughout the day and were encouraged to reapply at the station.

Take the Leap Over the Edge
Calling all thrill seekers! It is not too late! There are still a few spots left to participate in our 11th Annual Over the Edge fundraiser. This year's event will take place Saturday, October 26, at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa, where participants have the unique opportunity to rappel more than 400 feet down the side of the hotel and experience truly breathtaking views of Waikiki and Diamond Head.

The registration fee is $100 per participant or $25 if you are part of a team. There is no registration fee for returning rappellers. All participants are asked to raise a minimum of $1,000 in donations, must be 18 years of age by the day of the event and weigh less than 300 pounds.

To register or make a donation visit: www.classy.org/event/11th-annual-over-the-edge/e238013.

29th Annual Tip a Cop Raises Dough-nations
Volunteer, off-duty law enforcement personnel from around Oahu will get a taste of what it's like to serve at a popular restaurant during the 29th Annual Tip a Cop fundraiser. The annual event takes place at all Oahu California Pizza Kitchen locations. The fundraiser aims to raise awareness and collect tips (or donations) for Special Olympics Hawaii athletes and programs.

The event will take place during the following dates and times:

- Friday, October 18, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, October 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sunday, October 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Diana Lo joins Special Olympics Hawaii with a background in events and operations. As an administrative assistant, Diana will play a key role in helping to ensure that the sports and development departments run smoothly.
Athlete Tyler Morimoto Speaks at the Lili`uokalani Trust's iHuddle Conference

Special Olympics Hawaii athlete Tyler Morimoto spoke as a representative of youth sports champions from Hawaii at the Lili`uokalani Trust's iHuddle conference. The conference focused on supporting the most vulnerable and underserved youth and their ohana.

Thank You Coach Merv Lopes

A huge mahalo to Coach Merv Lopes for supporting our basketball program for the last 25 years. This was his last basketball clinic with us. A hui hou!

Holoholo Club

*Windward Mall - Every Tues. Afternoon*
4:00 - 4:30 pm in front of Big City Diner

*Ala Moana Center - Every Wed. Afternoon*
4:00 - 4:30 pm in front of Target on Mall Level 2

Top Walkers This Month:

"We're thrilled to have the opportunity to continue to partner with such a beloved and popular restaurant like California Pizza Kitchen here in Hawaii, and are so thankful for their generosity and commitment to giving back to the community," said Nancy Bottelo, president and CEO of Special Olympics Hawaii. "Seeing the connection with families and our law enforcement community through delicious food and great service is what makes Tip a Cop a success year after year."

**UNIFIED SPOTLIGHT: Changing the TIDE:** A Middle School Leadership Summit

On Thursday, September 20, 2019 Maui High School's Recreational Leadership Classes hosted 40 middle school students with and without disabilities creating a day camp-like educational summit. The students from Kalama Intermediate School, Lokelani Intermediate School, Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School and Jarrett Middle School gathered in the Maui High School gym to learn about Changing the TIDE: Tolerance, Inclusivity, Diversity, and Equality. Discussion group leaders and high school students with and without disabilities led the middle school students through five stations relating to the TIDE themes. Under the guidance of student leader Camryn Guerpo and teacher Jessica Adkins, student leaders at each station ran activities and reflections that related to one of the four themes. Each letter in TIDE represents a theme close to these unified students’ hearts.

According to Camryn, these themes are important because everyone is different. "We all strive for the same things and want to be loved and treated equally," Camryn says.

"Events like this are truly important to remind us all that we are more alike than different, and for kids to learn to work with people from all walks of life," said shared adult observer and unified sports coach Kimi Kawachi from Waialua Elementary.

The Recreational Leadership Class at Maui High School served as the leaders of the summit. Demonstrating to younger students that both students with and students without disabilities can be leaders and running activities and group discussions were incredible ways to model inclusion. “Having the high school students work closely with the middle school students was amazing because you don’t often see those two groups mixing and interacting together,” said shared chaperone and adult observer Jowana Lobendahn of After School All Stars Hawaii.

"These kids believe in inclusion so much that they want to pass it on to the next generation of high school students," says Amanda Fretto, inclusive leadership teacher from Kamakahelei Middle on Kauai.

"Not only that, but teachers and other adults can tell kids that inclusion and diversity are important, but the message is always understood better coming from other students than from adults."
Athlete - Anuenuemakamae Abella: 226 miles
Athlete - Seth Ishiki, 221 miles
Parent - Randall Yokota: 217 miles

**Overall Top Walker:**
Parent - Randall Yokota: 6,624 miles

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The event was extremely successful. Students were engaged for an entire day and certainly learned a lot. Kaimanu from Kamakahelei Middle School said, "my favorite activity of the day was the game where we had to collect the balls because we all had to work together with the group to complete the task." At the end of the day, the student participants were asked to raise their hand if it was their first time working closely with someone with disabilities. Many of them raised their hands and after a day like that, we know it won’t be their last time.

Maui High School student Camryn Guerpo, who received a youth innovation grant from Special Olympics, led the event. She has been involved in Maui High School’s Unified programming for three years and knew it was important to teach others about tolerance and inclusion. "It is important to feel like you belong, it boosts your energy and confidence for life," said Camryn. Youth Innovation Grants can fund events and programs like this. These grants give young people, like Camryn, the tools needed to expand their horizons through projects.

The number one thing Camryn learned? Not to procrastinate because events take way more work than she thought. Check out this website to learn how your students can receive funding to create events just like this one.

**SPONSOR FEATURE:**
Law Enforcement Torch Run
For the past 34 years, the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Hawaii has raised resources and awareness for our athletes. Since its inception, the law enforcement community has volunteered hundreds of thousands of hours and raised over $8,360,072. We'd like to thank all of the federal, state and county law enforcement officers that participate in the annual First Hawaiian Bank Troy Barboza Law Enforcement Torch Run as well as volunteer at our annual Tip A Cop and Cop on Top events.

In addition to these signature events, there are also several events created and organized by law enforcement officers such as the Hawaii State Law Enforcement Surfing Classic, the Law Enforcement Canoe Regatta, the Hawaii Luau Poker Run and the First Responders Submission Grappling Invitational Tournament. Law enforcement also participate in the Polar Plunge and Over the Edge to support our athletes.

From September 19 to 21, law enforcement officers from Oahu, Hawaii Island, Maui, Molokai and Lanai, along with Special Olympics Hawaii staff, attended the 2019 International Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference in Aurora, Colorado. During the conference, they engaged with other law enforcement from around the nation and the world and enhanced their commitment to supporting Special Olympics and our athletes.