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Grace Scholarship

Scholarship Essay

As my senior year comes to an end, I'm looking back on the 4 blessed years I've had at Waimea High School. My time here has been blessed by the grace of God with good health, education, sports, extra curricular activities and a supportive family through it all. My family has been my backbone all my life with all things I've ever accomplished. My faith has guided me through the difficult trials that I've met along the way and given me the strength to overcome and build resilience within myself and the challenges I've faced.

Christianity was introduced to me at a young age at my baptism. With my busy life, there have been times where I lose focus on my faith, and I'm in need to recollect my mind and prioritize my schedule towards my beliefs. My grandmother is a constant reminder of that. She is the glue of our tight-knit Christian Family. Without her, many of us would not have a sense of reason upon our practice of religion. Thanks to Grandma, I've learned to keep my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the center of my life and in my heart in all that I decide to pursue.

My high school career has not been easy, the workload has been very demanding and trying. Not to mention all the leadership programs I participate in; National Honor Society, LEO(Leadership Experience Opportunity) Club, Center for Tomorrow's Leaders, Ambassadors and Girls Varsity Soccer. I've reflected on daily scriptures to practice my faith, one being "*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*" -Isaiah 41:10 I've found peace and so many relations in scriptures and learned to release all of my troubles and to trust in God.

A prayer that has always kept me resilient through difficult, and intimidating times is "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*". -Phillipians 4:13 These prayers affect my daily approach

in what I aim to pursue. I truly believe my faith impacts my performance throughout presentations, assignments, workshops, programs, on the field, and my view of reality. I aim to improve my performance in my academics, leadership and on the field. With all being said, I have no fear, I will lean on God for strength, and I will put in the work and dedication to reach my goals.

What my Christian Faith meant to me during high school? It meant finding self-assurance to have faith in my God. It has given me confidence, independence and has taught me how to sustain resilience. It reminded me to keep life revolving around family oriented foundations. It meant learning how to prioritize my responsibilities and opportunities that have come my way. It has taught me to rely on God during both succeeding and failing times. I can only pray that I will continue to wake up everyday by his purpose and deliver my performance in all aspects of my life on an improved level each time.