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National Letter of Intent Signing Day, Hawaii Class of 2017

On November 9, 2016 at the Elks Lodge Honolulu, located in Waikiki, Hawaii high school athletes for the class of 2017 are invited to sign their national letter of intent or scholarship agreement to play collegiate sports. The event is open to all student athletes committing to play the following collegiate sports: Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Golf, Tennis, Crew, Swimming, Diving, Rugby, Lacrosse, Riflery, Wrestling, and others, with the exception of Football, Soccer, and Men’s Water Polo. On Wednesday, February 1, 2017, a signing day event will be held for Football, Soccer, and Men’s Water Polo.

Event participation is only limited to space availability and pre-registration is required. A total of 22 female and 22 male student athletes can be accommodated at this signing day event. Student athletes are highly encouraged to pre-register immediately.

Presented by Education-1st, a non-profit 501c3 organization, the class of 2017 signing day events will continue a 14-year tradition of annual signing day events in Hawaii, established by Doris Sullivan and her Pacific Islands Athletic Alliance (PIAA). Instrumental in providing programs to promote collegiate sports opportunities for Pacific Rim high school students, Sullivan and her team of volunteers have been committed to helping hundreds of student athletes year after year through PIAA. Beginning with the class of 2017, signing day events will transition from PIAA to Education-1st.

Since 2003, Education-1st have been providing college and career readiness programs for Hawaii students and their families. Serving over 6,000 families through its programs and services, Education-1st, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Asai Gilman, expressed, “over the years, Doris Sullivan and her volunteer team at PIAA, have being providing a tremendous amount of services to student athletes and their families throughout the Pacific Rim. College coaches know Doris very well and communicate with her on a personal level because they know her heart is in the right place. Doris and her volunteer team at PIAA have set the standard, the model, and the tradition, of highlighting the accomplishments of student athletes signing their letters of intent. Education-1st is honored to continue the legacy of Doris Sullivan and PIAA.”

Student athletes and their families who want to participate in the November 9, 2016 signing day event, should pre-register immediately. Once space is full and pre-registration is closed, a waiting list will be created to accommodate more student athletes in the event a cancellation occurs and space is made available. Student athletes and their families can pre-register by sending an email with the student athletes name, high school, collegiate sport committing to play, college or university committing to, and all pertinent contact information. Emails should be sent to Education-1st Director of Operations, Kawika Kane; email: KawikaK@edu-1st.org

“I am pleased and confident in turning over PIAA’s National Letter of Intent Signing Day events to Education 1st. I’ve known Asai Gilman for a very long time and I know his organization will do a great job with the student athletes, parents, Elks Club, and Sheraton Waikiki, in making it great, as it has been for the past 14 years.” –Doris Sullivan, Pacific Islands Athlete Alliance

Special mahalo to: Doris Sullivan, Pacific Islands Athletic Alliance, Elks Lodge Honolulu, John Ahokovi and ‘ohana; all media representatives, high school sports leagues and associations; school administrators, high school faculty, high school coaches, student athletes and their families; event volunteers, and all supporters.