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**Local High Schools Thunder Into University of Hawai‘i at Manoa For Aloha Bowl**  
*Students To Compete In Regional Stage Of The 21st Annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl*

(Honolulu, HI) – Most teenagers hope to spend the weekend catching up on sleep and spending time with friends. But this Saturday, students around the state will instead be putting their quiz bowl skills to the test by competing in the Aloha Bowl. Six schools from Oahu, Maui, and Kaua‘i will face off in the regional component of the 21<sup>st</sup> annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB). The NOSB, an interdisciplinary ocean science education program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, is a quiz-bowl style academic competition that tests students’ knowledge of ocean-related topics, which include cross-disciplines of biology, chemistry, policy, physics, and geology. The Aloha Bowl will take place on Saturday, February 3 at Sakamaki Hall on the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa campus from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

The competition theme is *Our Ocean Shaping Weather*. Around the country – whether you’re in a hurricane’s path or seeing fewer snowfalls in the Rockies – you can see the effect of the ocean’s influence on your weather. The ocean absorbs half of the sun’s heat that reaches Earth, influencing weather on a global scale as currents move water and heat around the planet and as evaporation of ocean water leads to precipitation. One small change in ocean conditions can produce variations in weather patterns (in the short-term) and climate (in the long-term). Some of the competition questions will focus on this theme.

Students at the Aloha Bowl aren’t the only ones testing their ocean science knowledge – around the nation, young scholars will be competing in 22 other bowls this month. The winner of each regional bowl will compete in the national Finals competition April 19-22 at the University of Colorado Boulder (and co-hosted by the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences) in Boulder, Colorado.

Supporters at home can follow the competition on Twitter with the hashtags #NOSBRocks and #NOSB18.

Confirmed high schools competing in the Aloha Bowl

- Homeschool team – Honolulu, HI
- Iolani High School – Honolulu, HI
- Kalani High School – Honolulu, HI
- Maui High School – Kahului, HI
- Mililani High School – Mililani, HI

- Waimea High School – Waimea, HI

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### **About National Ocean Sciences Bowl**

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership based in Washington, D.C. Now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year, the NOSB seeks to interest students in pursuing a college degree and a future career in the ocean sciences. Through this educational forum, the NOSB strives to encourage and support the next generation of marine scientists, policy makers, teachers, explorers, researchers, technicians, environmental advocates, and informed citizens to consider and appreciate the ocean. Most high school students do not have the opportunity to study ocean science as part of their formal coursework, which makes the NOSB one of the only ways students gain exposure to this field. Many past NOSB participants have moved on to pursue college degrees and careers in ocean science, helping to solve the growing environmental, economic and security issues facing our ocean and planet.

### **About Consortium for Ocean Leadership**

The Consortium for Ocean Leadership (COL) is a Washington, D.C. nonprofit organization that represents the leading public and private ocean research education institutions, aquaria, and industry with the mission to shape the future of ocean science and technology. In addition to its advocacy role as the voice of the ocean research and technology community, COL manages a variety of community-wide research and education programs in areas of ocean observing, ocean exploration, and ocean partnerships.

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