

INSPIRATION HAWAII MUSEUM

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HAWAII'S FIRST NFL
PLAYERS IN 1927

THE 13 PLAYERS IN 2023

A close-up portrait of Tua Tagovailoa, a professional football player, looking upwards and to the left. He has a black cross-shaped face paint on his right cheek and is wearing a white jersey with a Nike logo and a Miami Dolphins logo. The background is a blurred stadium setting.

EWA BEACH

SAINT LOUIS 2017

Tua

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Tua launches Fashion Brand

NFL Quarterback Tua Tagovailoa is in business with the global fashion brand, Perry Ellis.

Tua is from Ewa Beach and his clothing line is inspired by the Hawaiian and Samoan culture he grew up in. Tua is showing the diversity of his Polynesian culture. His fashion brand will launch this summer.

Tua Tagovailoa models his Perry Ellis fashion brand.

Photos: Perry Ellis

FROM THE FOUNDER

Hawai'i is a small state, but per capita, we have the most talented people in the nation. The purpose of the Inspiration Hawai'i museum is to showcase under one roof the achievements of people raised in Hawai'i who went on to inspire the world! While our exhibits are currently under construction, this e-magazine will keep you connected with us.

For this Super Bowl weekend, we compiled a list of 144 young men who attended high school in Hawai'i and played professional football. Our list begins with players from 1927 and includes professional athletes from the National Football League, the American Football League, the United States Football League, the Canadian Football League, and the new XFL owned by Dwayne Johnson. We will publish an updated list for Fall 2024, so please let us know of any players who should be included.

Our other exhibits include Olympic Gold Medalists such as Duke Kahanamoku and Carissa Moore. In music, we have Bruno Mars, Bette Midler, and Israel Kamakawiwo'ole. Our science exhibit includes astronauts Ellison Onizuka and Lacy Veach. Hawai'i Congresswoman Patsy Mink changed America by writing Title IX. There is no arena where someone from Hawai'i hasn't reached the top, including President of the United States.

Indeed, there is something uniquely special about growing up in Hawai'i. We raise remarkable people. The diversity of our culture shapes the values of our young people.

Many museums around the world were created by the elite. Our museum is different. This museum originates from the grassroots level.

We welcome your support.

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1927



WALTER "SNEEZE" ACHIU

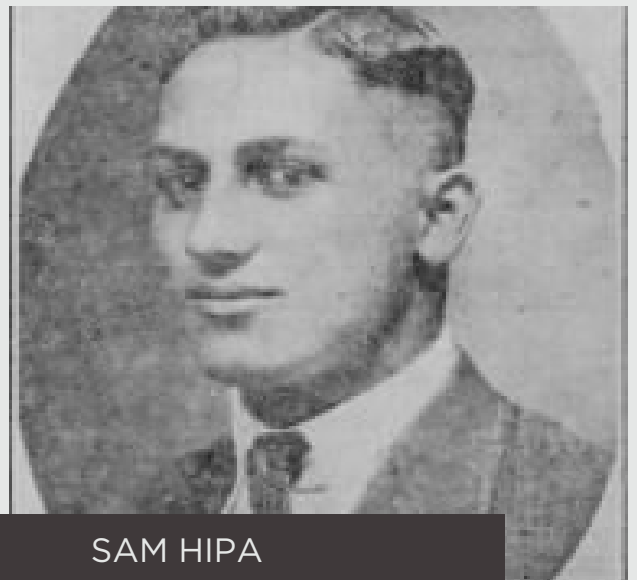
Hawai'i players have been part of the NFL since 1927.

Saint Louis alumni **Walter "Sneeze" Achiu** along with **Sam Hipa** and **Augie Cabrinha** were the first football players from Hawaii to professionally play for the NFL in 1927.

Walter "Sneeze" Achiu's mother was Hawaiian and his father was Chinese. He got the nickname "sneeze" because his last name was pronounced "ah choo." **Augie Cabrinha's** parents were Portuguese.



AUGIE CABRINHA



SAM HIPA

All three, Sneeze Achiu, Sam Hipa, and Augie Cabrinha, left Hawaii to study at the University of Dayton, affiliated with the same Marianist Catholic order as Saint Louis College (now Saint Louis School) in Honolulu.

They were outstanding college athletes and after graduation they were recruited in 1927 to join the Dayton Triangles, one of the original franchises of the National Football League.

Sneeze Achiu made headlines in Ohio for being the first Asian American to play in the NFL. He was the first East-Asian of Chinese descent to play professional sports in America.

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13 in 2023



Tyson Alua
Age 36, Saint Louis
Detroit Lions



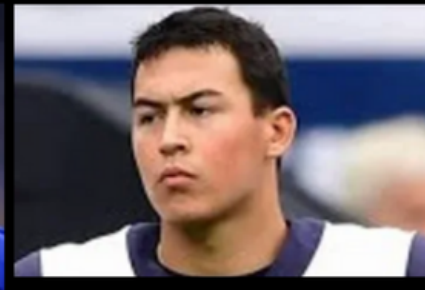
Jeremiah Masoli
Age 35, Saint Louis
Canadian Football League



Marcus Mariota
Age 30, Saint Louis
Philadelphia Eagles



DeForest Buckner
Age 29, Punahou
Indianapolis Colts



Kaimi Fairbairn
Age 29, Punahou
Houston Texan



Kamu Grugier-Hill
Age 29, Kamehameha
Carolina Panthers



Hercules Mata'afa
Age 28, Lahainaluna
New Jersey Generals



Breiden Fehoko
Age 27, Farrington
Pittsburg Steelers



Bradlee Anae
Age 26, Kahuku
New York Jets



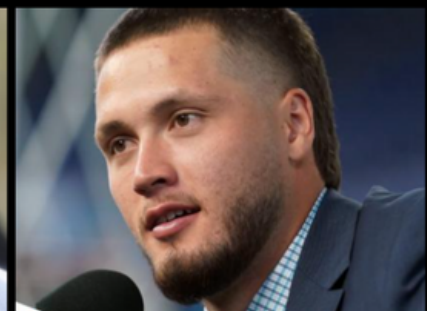
Alohi Gilman
Age 26, Kahuku
Los Angeles Chargers



Tua Tagovailoa
Age 25, Saint Louis
Miami Dolphins



Nate Herbig
Age 25, Saint Louis
Pittsburg Steelers



Nick Herbig
Age 22, Saint Louis
Pittsburg Steelers

29 Players

Kahuku Red Raiders

***Kahuku High & Intermediate School
Kahuku, Hawaii
Founded: 1897
Number of Students: 1,351
Coach: Sterling Carvalho***



Bradlee Anae, DE, Dallas Cowboys/New York Jets, 2020-present

Alohi Gilman, S, Los Angeles Charges, 2020-present

Suaesi Tuimaunei - Tennessee Titans, 2020

Hauoli Kikaha, OLB, New Orleans, 2015-17

Uani Devin Unga, LB, New York Giants, 2014-16

Kona Schwenke, DT, Kansas City Chiefs/New England/Seattle, 2014-15

E.J. Reid, DT, St Louis Rams/Los Angeles Rams, 2010

Al Afalava, DB, Chicago/Indianapolis/Tennessee, 2009-12

Tala Esera, G, Miami Dolphins 2007

Leonard Peters, S, New York Jets 2007

continued

Kahuku Red Raiders

Palauni Ma Sun, OT, Washington Red Skins/ Boise/Spokane Shock, 2007-14
Chris Kemoeatu, G, Pittsburgh, 2006-11
Aaron Francisco, DB, Arizona/Indianapolis, 2005-10
Maake Kemoeatu, DT, Baltimore/Carolina/Washington, 2002-12
Toniu Fonoti, G, San Diego Chargers/Miami/Minnesota, 2002-06
Faasea Mailo, G, New York Jets, 2002
Tevita Ofahengaue, TE, Arizona Cardinals/Jacksonville 2001-02
Itula Mili, TE, Seattle, 1998-2006
Harland Ah You, Canadian Football League 1998
Chris Naeole, G, New Orleans/Jacksonville, 1997-2007
Tim Manoa, RB, Cleveland/Indianapolis, 1987-1991
Lakei Heimuli, RB, Chicago, 1987
Stan Mataele, NT, Green Bay, 1987
Robert Anae, OG, New Jersey Generals, 1985
Brad Anae, D, DT, Philadelphia Eagles/Houston Gamblers/San Antonio, 1982-85
Junior Ah You, DE, New England Patriots/ Canadian Football League, 1972-79
Leo Reed, T/G, Denver/Houston Oilers, 1961
Al Lolotai, G, Washington Red Skins 1945, Los Angeles Dons 1946

21 Players

Saint Louis *The Crusaders*

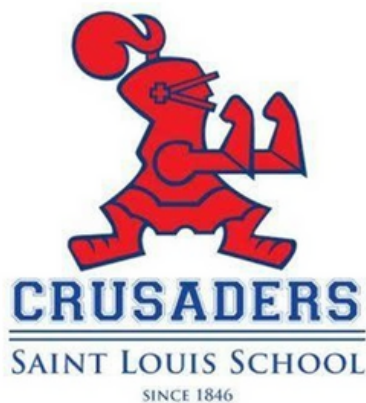
Saint Louis School

Kaimuki

Founded: 1846

Number of Students: 876

Coaches: Cal Lee and Ron Lee



Nick Herbig, LB, Pittsburg Steelers, 2023 - present

Tua Tagovailoa, QB, Miami Dolphins 2020 -present

Nate Herbig, OG, Philadelphia Eagles, New York Jets, Pittsburg Steelers, 2019-present

Marcus Mariota, QB, Tennessee, Las Vegas, Atlanta, Philadelphia Eagles, 2015-present

Jeremiah Masoli, QB, San Francisco'49ers, Canadian Football League, 2011-present

Tyson Alualu, DT, Jacksonville/Pittsburgh, Detroit Lions, 2010-present

Kamalei Correa, OLB, Baltimore/Tennessee, Jacksonville, 2016-2020

Dominic Raiola, C, Detroit Lions, 2001-14

Vili Maumau, DT, Carolina Panthers, 1999

Olin Kreutz, C, Chicago Bears, 1998-2011

Chris Fuamatu-Maafala, RB, Pittsburgh/Jacksonville, 1998-2004

Kaipo McGuire, WR, Indianapolis, 1997-98

Continued

Saint Louis
The Crusaders

Brian Cabral, LB, Atlanta/Green Bay/Chicago, 1979-86

Gary Campbell, LB, Chicago, 1977-83

Hal Stringert, DB, San Diego Chargers, 1975-1980

Jim Nicholson, T, Kansas City, 1974-79

Herman Wedemeyer, B, Los Angeles Dons/Baltimore Colts, 1948-49

Jim Spencer, G, Dayton Triangles, 1928-29

Walter "Sneeze" Achiu, WR/TB/E, Dayton Triangles, 1927-28

Sam Hipa, E, Dayton Triangles, 1927-28

Augie Cabrinha, WB, Dayton Triangles, 1927

Punahou ***BuffanBlu***

15 Players

Punahou School

Manoa

Founded: 1841

Number of Students: 3,731

Coach: Nate Kia



- Kaimi Fairbairn**, K, Houston Texan, 2016-present
DeForest Buckner, DT, San Francisco 49ers, Indianapolis Colts, 2016-present
Manti Te'o, LB, San Diego Chargers/New Orleans/Chicago Bears, 2013-2020
Mark Tuinei, T/C/DT, Dallas Cowboys, 1983-1997
Mosi Tatupu, RB, New England/Los Angeles Rams, 1978-91
John Kamana, RB, Los Angeles Rams/Atlanta, 1984-87
Kale Ane, C, Kansas City/Green Bay, 1975-81
Arnold Morgado, RB, Kansas City, 1977-80
Ray Schoenke, G/T, Dallas Cowboys/Washington Red Skins, 1963-75
Don Parker, G, San Francisco 49ers, 1967
Charlie Ane, T/C, Detroit Lions, 1953-59
Herman Clark, G/LB, Chicago, 1952-57
Jim Clark, T/G/DT/LB, Washington, 1952-53
Harry Field, T, Chicago Cardinals, 1934-36
Honolulu Hughes, B, Boston Braves, 1932.

Kamehameha Warriors

13 Players

Kamehameha Schools

Kapalama

Founded: 1887

Number of Students: 6,900

Coach: Kaeo Drummond



Kamu Grugier-Hill, OLB, Philadelphia Eagles/Carolina Panthers, 2016-present

Brandon Hardin, S, Chicago Bears, 2012-13

Donovan Raiola, C, Tampa Bay, 2010

Makoa Freitas, T/G, Indianapolis Colts, 2003-04

Steven Grace, C, Arizona Cardinals, 2002

Leo Goeas, G/T, L.A. and St. Louis Rams/Baltimore, 1990-97

Kani Kauahi, C, Seattle/Green Bay/Phoenix Cardinals/Kansas City, 1982-83

Kaulana Park, RB, New York Giants, 1987

David Hughes, RB/FB, Seattle/Pittsburgh Steelers, 1981-84

Blane Gaison, DB, Atlanta Falcons, 1981-84

Karl Lorch, DE/DT, Washington Red Skins, 1976-81

Rockne Freitas, T, Detroit Lions/Tampa Bay, 1968-78

Joe Francis, QB/HB, Green Bay Packers, 1958-59

Farrington Governors

12 Players

***R.W. Farrington High School
Honolulu
Founded: 1936
Number of Students: 2,300
Coach: Michael Lafaale***



Breiden Fehoko, NT, Los Angeles Chargers/Pittsburg Steelers, 2020-present
Shawn Lauvao, G, Cleveland Browns/Washington Redskins, 2010-2018
Vince Manuwai, G, Jacksonville Jaguars, 2003-10
Mario Fatafehi, DT, Arizona/Carolina/Denver, 2001-04
Jesse Sapolu, C/G, San Francisco 49ers , 1983-97
Taase Faumui, DE, Pittsburgh Steelers, 1994-95
Al Noga, DE/DT, Minnesota Vikings/Washington Redskins/Indianapolis, 1988-94
Niko Noga, LB, St. Louis and Phoenix Cardinals/Denver, 1984-91
Nuu Faaola, RB, New York Jets/Miami, 1986-89
Pete Noga, LB, St. Louis Cardinals, 1987
Lew Kamanu, DE, Detroit Lions, 1967-68
Wally Yonamine, HB/DB, San Francisco 49ers, 1947

Radford
Rams

5 Players

Wayne Hunter, T, Seattle/New York Jets/St. Louis Rams/Jacksonville, 2004-12
Ashley Lelie, WR, Denver/San Francisco/Atlanta/Oakland, 2002-08
Jack Sims, G , Seattle, 1987
Art Smith, LB, Denver, 1980
Jeris White, DB, Miami/Tampa Bay/Washington Red Skins, 1974-82

Leilehua
Mules

5 Players

Lauvale Sape, DT, Buffalo Bills, 2003-05
Adrian Murrell, RB, Washington/New York Jets/Dallas/Arizona, 1993-2003
Ray Austin, DB, New York Jets/Chicago Bears, 1997-99
Al Harris, DE/LB, Chicago/Philadelphia Eagles, 1979-90
Paul Dombroksi, DB, Kansas City/New England/Tampa Bay, 1980-85

OAHU

Campbell Sabers

4 Players

Matthew Masifilo, DT, Tampa Bay, 2012-15

David Veikune, DE, Cleveland/Denver, 2009-10

Cliff Russell, WR, Washington/Cincinnati/Miami/Denver, 2003-08

Mike Ulufale, DT/DE, Dallas, 1996

Iolani Raider

3 Players

Bern Brostek, C/G, Los Angeles and St. Louis Rams, 1990-97

Jerry Scanlan, T/G, Washington Red Skins, 1980-81

Al Lolotai, G, Washington Red Skins /Los Angeles Dons, 1945-49

OAHU

Kailua Surfriders

3 Players

Samson Satele, C, Miami/Oakland/Indianapolis, 2007-14

Joe Hau'oli Wong, G, Philadelphia Eagles, Miami Dolphins, Oakland, 1999-2003

Russ Francis, TE, New England/San Francisco '49ers, 1975-88

Kalaheo Mustangs

3 Players

Ikaika Alama-Francis, DE, Detroit/Miami, 2007-11

Siupeli Malamala, T/G, New York Jets, 1992-99

Mike AKiu, WR, Houston Oilers, 1985-86

Maryknoll
Spartan

3 Players

Ink Aleaga, LB, New Orleans, 1997-99

Pio Sagapolutele, DT/DE, Cleveland/New England/New Orleans, 1991-97

Mel Tom, DE, Philadelphia/Chicago, 1967-75

Mililani
Trojans

3 Players

Jake Ingram, LS, New England/New Orleans Saints, 2009-10

James Fenderson, RB, New Orleans Saints 2001-03

Ma'a Tanuvasa, DE/DT, Denver/San Diego Chargers, 1995-2001

McKinley
Tigers

3 Players

Dwayne Johnson, Canadian Football League, 1995; owner XFL 2020

Theo Adams, T, Seattle/Tampa Bay, 1992-93

Johnny Naumu, HB, Los Angeles Dons, 1948

Damien
Monarchs

2 Players

Kealoha Pilaes, WR, Carolina, 2011-12

Charles Aiu, G, San Diego Chargers/Seattle, 1976-78

Roosevelt
Rough Riders

2 Players

Chad Owens, WR, Jacksonville, 2005-07

John Simerson, C/T, Philadelphia/Houston Oilers/Boston Patriots, Pittsburgh, 1957-61

Waianae
Seariders

2 Players

Kurt Gouveia, LB, Washington/Philadelphia/San Diego Chargers, 1986-2001

Tom Tuinei, DT. Detroit Lions, 1980

OAHU

Aiea *Na Alii*

2 Players

Brandon Rodd, OL, Buffalo Bills/Oakland Raiders, 2008-09

Tuufuli Uperesa, G, Philadelphia Eagles, 1971

Castle *Knights*

John Kapele, DE/DT/T, Philadelphia/Pittsburgh, 1960-62

Kaiser *Cougars*

Rich Miano, DB, New York Jets, Philadelphia/Atlanta, 1985-95

***National Guard Youth
Challenge Academy***

Johan Asiata, G, Chicago Bears, Canadian Football League, 2009-13

***Pearl City
Chargers***

Doug Hire, DL, Seattle Sea Hawks, Arizona Cardinals, 1987-1988

***University
Laboratory School
Junior Rainbows***

Ricky Andrews, LB, Seattle Sea Hawks, 1990

***Waipahu
Marauders***

Ben Apuna, LB, New York Giants, 1980

MAUI

Lahainaluna Lunas

3 Players

Hercules Mata'afa, DE, Minnesota Vikings, New Jersey Generals, 2018- present

Mitchell Loewen, DE, New Orleans, 2017-18

Wally Yonamine, RB, San Francisco 49ers, 1947

Baldwin Bears

2 Players

John Lotulelei, OLB, Jacksonville/Seattle Se Hawks, 2013-15

Kaluka Maiava, LB, Cleveland Brown /Oakland Raiders, 2009-14

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Hawaii Preparatory Academy Ka Makani

Max Unger, C, Seattle Seahawks/New Orleans Saints, 2009-2018

Daniel Te'o-Nesheim, Philadelphia/Tampa Bay, 2010-13

Kamehameha-Kea'a Warriors

Mana Silva, S, Dallas Cowboys /Buffalo Bills, 2011-12

Kealakehe Waveriders

Jesse Maheolona, DT, Tennessee, Miami Dolphins, Atlanta Falcons, 2006-07

Honoka'a Dragons

Kaulana Noa, OG, St. Louis Rams, 2000-02

KAUAI

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Waimea Menehune

Jordon Dizon, LB, Detroit Lions, 2008-09

MOLOKAI

Molokai Farmers

Kimo von Oelhoffen, DE/NT/DT, Cincinnati/New York Jets/Pittsburgh/Atlanta, 1994-2007

**Total: 144 professional football players from
32 different Hawai'i high schools.**

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