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What does Kaiser mean to me?

From my bedroom window I can see the sparkling lights of Kaiser High School. Every night when I was younger I would look out to those lights and think “wow one day I will be there.” As a little girl I went to multiple graduations at Kaiser and always walked around wide eyed and amazed at the scenery. It always looked so big and intimidating but from the first day that I stepped on campus and officially became a Kaiser Student I knew that I was home.

First I was happy to be in a place that was familiar. Since I grew up in Hawaii Kai, Kaiser was a safe place that I felt comfortable in. I already had a lot of friends that I grew up with which made it super easy to transition to the school. The community always supported everything I did at Kaiser and they always made me feel welcomed and loved. It was also the school that my dad, sister and aunty graduated from. I was so eager and excited to follow in their footsteps and make them proud. Since they are huge influences in my life, going down similar paths made me feel whole and complete.

Another thing that Kaiser did for me was it helped me figure out who I was and what I wanted to do. I made connections with friends and faculty that were always there for me and guided me in the right direction when I was lost. I took photography, graphics and leadership and I found out that I truly enjoy all of those. I even found my passion when I took AP Biology because now I will be attending the University of Hawaii and I will be majoring in Biology. All of these opportunities and relationships helped me to figure out who I wanted to be.

Lastly Kaiser gave me meaning and a sense of pride. It wasn't just the High School I went to but it was a place of happy memories and many learning opportunities. I loved planning events that my classmates could have fun at and I loved representing our school when we went out to help the community. The moment I remember distinctly was during the soccer season we got our uniforms and I was so thrilled because my chest had Kaiser written across it. That felt amazing, but it also made me nervous to play in the first game because I waited my whole life to be a Kaiser High School soccer player and that finally came true!

Kaiser was my past, is my present and my future. It was always the school I wanted to go to and I can't believe that my time at it is almost over. I will always remember the fun memories and amazing moments at Kaiser High School and I am beyond proud to soon be an alumni.