



Dear La Pietra Community,

As part of our Global Exchange Program, we're thrilled to welcome four outstanding students from our sister school in Japan, Hakuho Girls' High School, to our community! This unique program is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate cultural exchange and broaden our students' global perspectives.

To make this exchange a success, we're seeking four families willing to open their homes and share the warmth and hospitality of our community with our Japanese visitors. By hosting a student, your family has the chance to build lifelong friendships, experience Japanese culture up close, and play an essential role in our school's mission to foster cross-cultural understanding.

Please note, this is a one-way exchange with our Japanese guests visiting us here in Hawai'i. While our students won't be traveling to Japan this year, hosting is a wonderful chance to bring Japanese culture into your home and create lasting connections.

Here's what to expect as a host family:

- **Dates:** January 28 - February 11, 2025
- **Commitment:** A safe, comfortable place to stay, family-style meals, and the opportunity to involve the student in your daily life. Our hope is that each student feels welcomed as part of your 'ohana, sharing in your family's daily routines and activities.
- **Benefits for Your Family:** Hosting enriches your home with new perspectives, life-long friendships, and the joy of cultural exchange!

If your family is interested in learning more about this opportunity, please reach out directly to Ali Beste at [abeste@lapietra.edu](mailto:abeste@lapietra.edu) or (808) 922-2744, ext. 115. We'd love to connect and answer any questions.

Thank you for considering this meaningful opportunity to support our exchange program and create cherished memories for both your 'ohana and our visiting students.

With gratitude,

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