

# Nimitz student wins national contest

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A second grader from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Elementary School at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam has been selected as national Navy winner of the 17th Annual Art and Essay Contest sponsored by the Armed Services YMCA.

Alisa Haase, daughter of Navy Hull Maintenance Technician 1st Class Jeffrey Nix and Yasuyo Nix, submitted a picture she drew of her family, depicting what a military family looks like. The contest was open to boys and girls nationwide, and Alisa's drawing was selected the winner. She is the first student representing Hawaii to win in the 17 years of this event.

More than 100 children entered the contest from each branch of service.

"We're really proud of her winning this very special recognition," said Marcy Kagami, principal of Nimitz Elementary. "We encourage our students to be active in extracurricular activities and are really proud."

Alisa's mom, Yasuyo, said she worked very hard on her drawing and had been asking for months about who is the winner. Alisa was given the news in front of her schoolmates during an assembly in the school auditorium.

"She's a really outstanding student," said her teacher, Roxanne Kauffman.

The Armed Services YMCA of Hawaii serves more than 43,000 U.S. service members and their families on the island with locations at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army AirField.

They provide social, educational and recreational programs to help promote a healthy lifestyle, strengthen families, and connect them with the local community.

For more information on the ASYMCA, visit <https://www.asymca.org/honolulu-hi/>.



Marcy Kagami (left), principal of Nimitz Elementary School at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Carol Wear, JBPHH branch director of Armed Services YMCA, announce Alisa Haase as the national Navy winner of the ASYMCA 17th Annual Art and Essay Contest on May 14 during a school assembly.