

Hawaii Gymnasts Win At US National Championships

July 16-19, 2014, local gymnasts competed at the USA Gymnastics Championships in Louisville, KY. This meet was the national championships for the highest levels (i.e., 8, 9, 10, youth elite, junior elite, open elite and senior elite) of the Trampoline, Rhythmic, and Acrobatic disciplines in USA Gymnastics (the Olympic national governing body for gymnastics). [The Women's and Men's Artistic Gymnastics Championships were held separately.] The trampoline gymnastics competitive events were individual trampoline (TRI), synchronized trampoline (TRS), double mini-trampoline (DMT), and power tumbling (TUM). The trampoline gymnastics discipline showcased over 1,600 of the best gymnasts in America with the elites qualifying for placement on world teams representing the US in international competitions.

Event results are listed below from the highest to lowest skill levels:



Sydney Senter (12, Hawaii Baptist Academy) – DMT Youth Elite (11-13 yrs) **3rd Place**; TRI Youth Elite (11-13 yrs) **13th Place**.



Alexander Paul (12, Moanalua Elementary) -- DMT Level 10 (11-12 yrs) **1st Place (National Champion)**; TRI Youth Elite (11-13 yrs) **8th Place**. Alexander also represented Region 2 (California, Nevada, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Hawaii) as the regional champion in the regional all-star competition and placed **1st** in his age division on DMT.



Kayttie Nakamura (12, Kaimuki Middle) -- DMT Level 10 (11-12 yrs) **2nd Place**; TRI Youth Elite (11-13 yrs) **4th Place**.



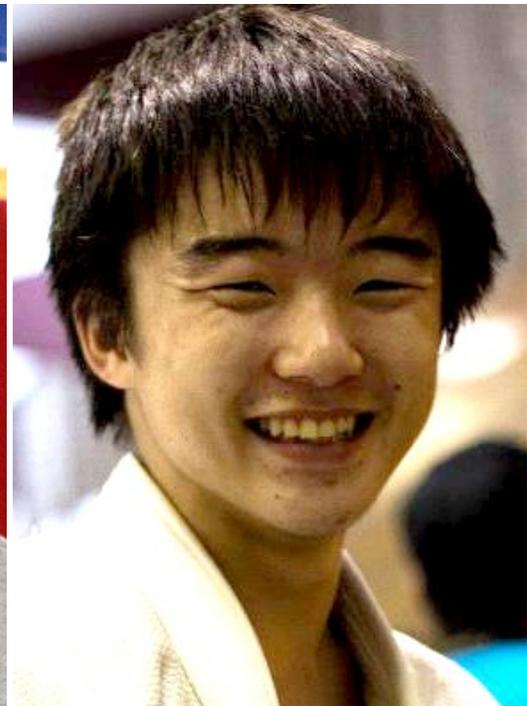
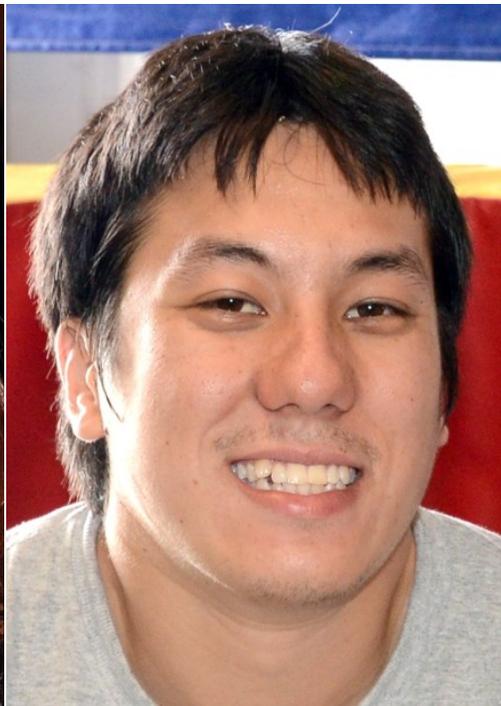
Julia Wilson (15, Aiea High) – DMT Level 10 (15-16 yrs) **11th Place**; TRI Level 10 (15-16 yrs) **12th Place**.



Maia Amano (11, Noelani Elementary) – DMT Level 9 (11-12 yrs) **2nd Place**.



Jasmine Eustaquio (13, Moanalua Middle) – DMT Level 8 (13-14yrs) **24th Place**; TRI Level 9 (13-14 yrs) **11th Place**.



Official results are posted at <http://www.usagymchamps.com/results/>.

All gymnasts compete for the Hawaii Trampoline and Tumbling Club and train at Hawaii Academy in Honolulu. They are coached by Nani Vercruyssen (with assistants Spencer Dupio and Kelsen Onigama). For additional information contact Dr Donna Mah (mah@hawaii.edu; 842.5642). Photographs available upon request.