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Top 4 High School Teams to Compete in the Hawaii LifeSmarts State Competition

HONOLULU –The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) Office of the Securities Commissioner announces the top scoring high school teams for the online portion of the annual Hawaii LifeSmarts State Competition.

Teams from **Iolani**, **Maryknoll**, **Punahou** and **Waipahu** high schools have earned their spot to compete at the in-person State Competition, which will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa Campus Center Ballroom from 8:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m. The event is open to the general public.

The teams will test their skills through written tests, a “speed smarts” activity, and gameshow style buzzer rounds at the State Competition. The winner of the competition will represent Hawaii at the National LifeSmarts Competition in Orlando, Florida from April 13 –16, 2019.

“I’d like to thank all the coaches and students who participated in the Hawaii LifeSmarts online competition this year. Seeing the program grow over the past few years has been so rewarding and we hope more schools will join us,” said Securities Commissioner Ty Nohara. “Congratulations to the top four teams and we’ll see you in February!”

LifeSmarts is a consumer education program designed to teach students in grades 6-12 about personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology, and consumer rights and responsibilities. The Hawaii LifeSmarts program is sponsored by the DCCA Office of the Securities Commissioner in partnership with the Hawaii Credit Union League and the National Consumers League.