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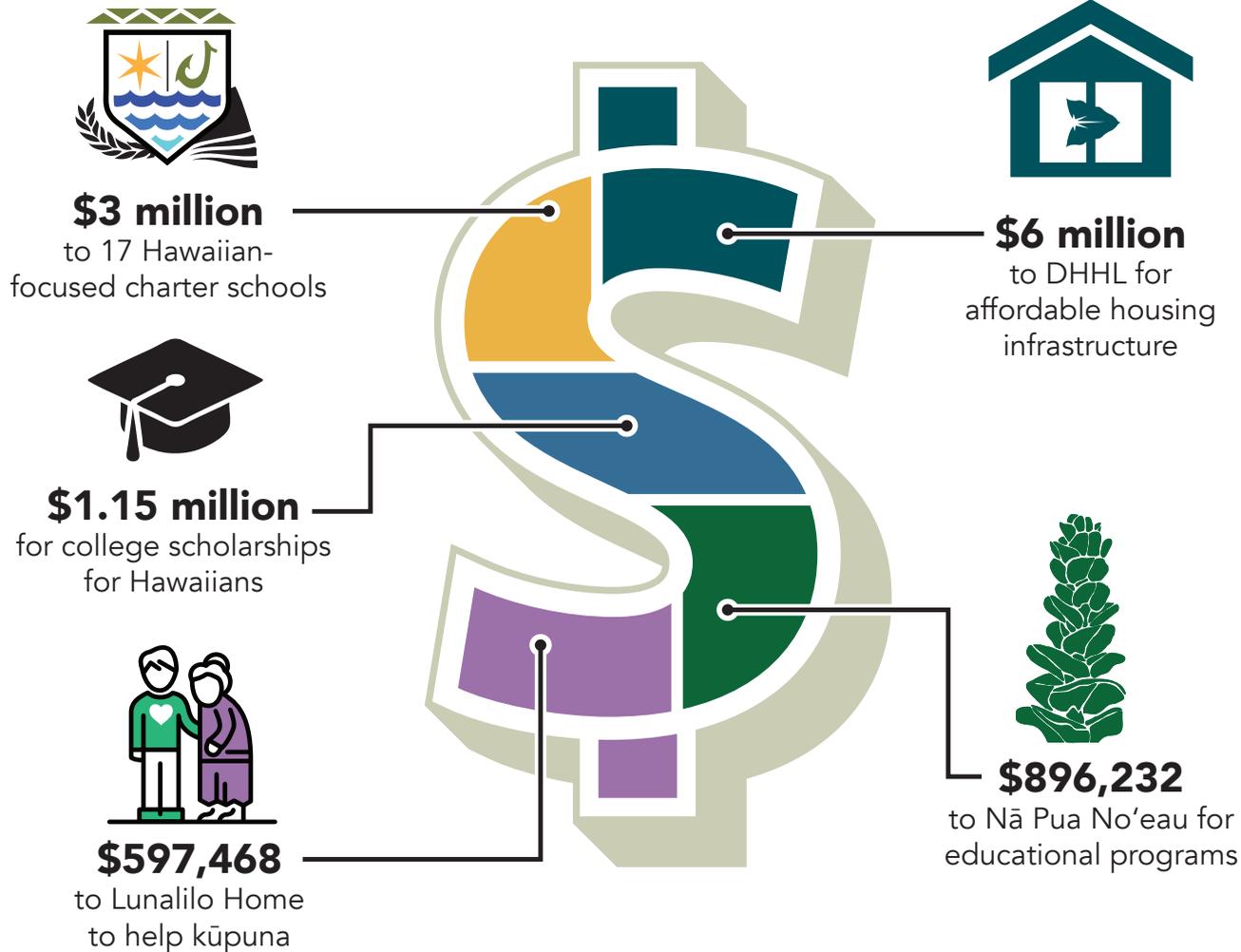
## RAGING WATERS

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Catastrophic flooding on Kaua'i and an explosive eruption on Hawai'i Island have destroyed homes and upended lives. - Photos: Kilauea fissure. - Mario Tama/Getty Images; Kaua'i flooding. - Courtesy Kaua'i Community

# Where did OHA spend the \$14 million cited in the recent state audit?

These funds went to programs providing housing, educational and elderly services to the Native Hawaiian community. Programs receiving funds included:



These funds helped meet some of the most urgent needs of our beneficiaries. This is money well spent. Of these funds, \$13.1 million was approved by the OHA Board in public meetings that are subject to the state's Sunshine Law. Moreover, nearly \$10.9 million of the \$14 million went to support historically underfunded state programs serving Native Hawaiians.

Get the full details and read the list of \$14 million in OHA spending at [www.oha.org/oha-audit/](http://www.oha.org/oha-audit/).

  
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## RESPONDING IN TIMES OF CRITICAL NEED

### Aloha mai kākou,

**W**e’re often asked how the Office of Hawaiian Affairs improves conditions for Native Hawaiians. How we respond is now more critical than ever, as communities on either end of the main pae ‘āina cope with catastrophic events and uncertain futures.

Historic flooding along Kaua‘i’s north shore and an explosive eruption in the Kīlauea East Rift Zone on Hawai‘i Island call for distinctly different approaches. Collectively, however, they’ve forced thousands of residents to evacuate, and an untold number of homeowners and renters will have nothing to return to. We have a duty to respond to the staggering needs of these communities – of our people – and do what we can to help them resume a sense of normalcy.

We’ve hit the ground running in Kaua‘i, where an intense, record-setting deluge in April dumped 28 inches of rain on the Waipā ahupua‘a over a 24-hour period. At the time, some 300 homes were evacuated. While most of the island has recovered, the hardest-hit areas continue to suffer. OHA responded immediately by donating fuel, then followed up in the field when our beneficiaries raised concerns that weren’t rising to the media’s attention. In May, a team from OHA’s administration and Trustee Dan Ahuna’s office went into these remote areas to see the damage firsthand and talk with community members on the ground to assess how OHA can contribute in a meaningful way.

Hā‘ena, Wainiha and Hanalei residents have shown tremendous resiliency and initiative, coming together to help with the clean up, run donation centers and operate shuttles in and out of areas where highway repairs restrict access. But we need to meet them more than halfway, which calls for out-of-the-box thinking to cut through bureaucracy and address immediate needs. I will be working closely with our Board of Trustees to direct much-needed OHA resources to both Kaua‘i and Puna. Plans include \$500,000 in relief aid; additional funding through our emergency, home improvement and business loan programs; and OHA staff outreach. We will be posting updates on our support efforts on oha.

org/kauai and oha.org/puna.

The situation in Puna is still evolving. At the time of publication, the explosive eruption showed no signs of stopping. Thousands of residents have been forced to evacuate as the lava flow entered residential subdivisions, cut off highway access and sent toxic volcanic ash and gases into neighboring areas. There’s an immediate need for transitional and permanent housing, and we need to provide other types of support to help people cope mentally and emotionally during this traumatic time. As we did in Kaua‘i, we’ll be sending a team to Hawai‘i Island to hear directly from Puna beneficiaries.

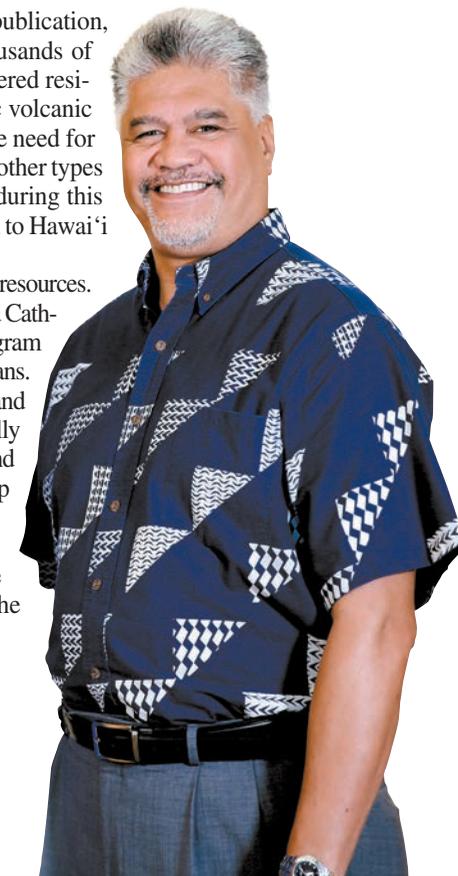
In addition to relief dollars, OHA can invest time and leverage resources. We can work with service providers, such as Helping Hands and Catholic Charities, who administer the OHA-funded Pūnāwai Program that provides emergency financial assistance for Native Hawaiians. We can advocate for our beneficiaries before state agencies and nonprofit organizations. We can put people on the ground to really understand and address the unique needs in each community. And we can commit for the long haul and go the extra mile to help residents kūkulu hou, to rebuild.

Beneficiaries on Kaua‘i and Hawai‘i Island have set an example by coming forward to help their neighbors in these times of crisis. We need to follow their lead, step out of the box and step up to the challenge. ■

‘O au iho nō me ke aloha a me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,

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STEM scholar, Jessie Wallace. - Photo: Courtesy



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Kamehameha Day celebrations honor the founder of the Hawaiian Kingdom in a tradition that dates back to 1871.

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## EDUCATION

## HO'ONA'AUAO

To maximize choices of life and work, Native Hawaiians will gain knowledge and opportunities at all levels.

# Hawaiian language 'Moana' premieres June 10

By Ka Wai Ola Staff

Disney's first Polynesian princess will speak 'ōlelo Hawai'i when a Hawaiian language version of "Moana" premieres on World Oceans Day.

Auli'i Cravalho, who was a freshman at Kamehameha Schools Kapālama when she was cast as the titular character, will reprise the lead role as Moana. Wai'anae's Nicole Scherzinger also returns to voice Sina. University of Hawai'i Mānoa student Christopher Kaipulaumakaniolono "Kaipu" Baker steps into the role of Maui.

"I can't wait for everyone to experience this beloved movie in 'ōlelo Hawai'i, giving us all the opportunity to watch something that we already know and love in a language that is so special to us," said Scherzinger in a UH release in April.

The University of Hawai'i's Academy for Creative Media System announced plans for an 'ōlelo Hawai'i version of "Moana" in November. The redubbed film will be used as a Hawaiian language educational tool, but creating it with professionals from Disney Animation has already provided valuable experience to those involved.

The University of Hawai'i's updates on the project included Baker's perspective on the experience: "Just the level of technology and the professionalism that everybody had throughout the project made it feel that we were making a very strong and concerted effort to really put forth the best project for our people."

Baker also pointed out that education will help Native Hawaiians advance: "Be what our ancestors were, which was really smart, literate, amazing scholars in their own right, and we can apply that to virtually every field and every walk of life so I think the University of Hawai'i is a really critical base to achieving that."

The project pulled together five UH programs and was recorded at

Disney's animated "Moana" became a successful blockbuster hit. - Image: Walt Disney Animation Studios

## World Oceans Day Celebration

> June 10, 4 to 9 p.m.

Celebrate World Oceans Day, Papahānaumokuākea and Hōkūle'a's Mahalo Hawai'i sail at Ko Olina Resort. "Moana" in 'ōlelo Hawai'i debuts at sunset on the beach. Free. [www.KoOlina.com/events](http://www.KoOlina.com/events).



Auli'i Cravalho voices the title character in both the original and 'ōlelo Hawai'i versions of Disney's animated film "Moana." - Photo: Courtesy University of Hawai'i



Re-recording "Moana" in the Hawaiian language brought together faculty and staff from UH-West O'ahu, UH-Mānoa and Honolulu Community College. - Photo: Courtesy University of Hawai'i



Kaipu Baker is the voice of Maui in the 'ōlelo Hawai'i version of "Moana." - Photo: Courtesy University of Hawai'i

Honolulu Community College's Music and Entertainment Learning Experience (MELE) program, where students and alumni worked on the audio engineering. UH highlighted some of the project's key players:

- Chris Lee, founder and director of Academy for Creative Media (ACM) System, served as executive producer.
- Rick Dempsey, SVP Creative, for Disney Character Voices International (DCVI), provided oversight for the project for Disney along with DCVI Executive Director Bryan Monroe.
- Heather Haunani Giugni, a Native Hawaiian filmmaker and cultural specialist for UH West O'ahu's 'Ulu'ulu, Hawai'i's Moving Image Archive, and Sharla Hanaoka, director of creative media at UH West O'ahu, produced and supervised UH West O'ahu ACM students.
- UH West O'ahu ethnomusicologist Aaron Salā

(pictured) served as musical director.

- UH Mānoa Director of the Institute of Hawaiian Language Research Puakea Nogelmeier (pictured) and his team translated the original script from English to Hawaiian.

- UH Mānoa Theatre and Dance Kumu Tammy Haili'opua Baker (pictured) oversaw casting and directed the dialogue.

- Honolulu CC MELE recording faculty member Jon Ross supervised the student recording engineers.

- UH Mānoa ACM graduate Kaliko Mai'i was associate producer.

In a statement when the 'ōlelo Hawai'i version was announced, Cravalho said, "I am so deeply proud of my Hawaiian roots. To perform the role of Moana, acting and singing in the Hawaiian language, is so deeply humbling and exciting."

Other voices include Kelikokauaikekai Hoe as Ali'i Tui, Kalehuapuake'ula Kawa'a as Puna Tala and Kamakakehau Fernandez as Tamatoa. Another two dozen 'ōlelo Hawai'i actors and singers were also cast in the re-recording.

Disney's animated feature has already been translated into Māori and Tahitian. The "Moana" re-recording is the first time a Disney film is being translated into Hawaiian.

"We are so thrilled that we have the opportunity to make a Hawaiian version of the film, especially with the incredible Auli'i," said "Moana" producer Osnat Shurer. "To now make a Hawaiian language version, after recently collaborating on Tahitian and Te Reo Māori language versions, goes beyond any dreams we had for the film's impact within communities that deeply inspired the movie."

The premiere will be part of Ko Olina Resort's second annual World Oceans Day event on June 10, a collaboration with Aulani, a Disney Resort and Spa, UH, NOAA, the Polynesian Voyaging Society and other community partners. The event also features ocean education and sustainability activities and live entertainment. The film will also be screened on June 23 at Bishop Museum, as part of Ua Ao Kaiwi'ula: Celebrating 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, Wayfinding and Culture. ■

# OHA supports STEM scholars

By Sterling Wong

Graduation day is special for every college student. But for non-traditional students who enroll in college later in life and frequently have children, their often-complicated journeys to their diplomas makes graduation day especially meaningful.

Below we share the stories of three non-traditional Native Hawaiian students who, with the help of the OHA Higher Education Scholarships, graduated from college in May. OHA has provided \$500,000 to UH to provide approximately 200 scholarships to Native Hawaiians over the next two years. The program is intended to support non-traditional students pursuing degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

## Jessie Wallace

Jessie Wallace sees her children watching her.

The 31-year old single mother knew that her return to school wasn't just about finding a better paying job to support her 10-year old son and six-year old daughter. It was about setting an example.

"I wanted to show my kids that they can go to college and do anything they want," she said. "I want them to know that you don't give up, you have to push through until you're done."

So she made sure that her children saw her studying in her room late at night. She made her son do his homework while she did hers. "If I gotta do it, so do you," she would tell him.

Wallace had previously earned her associates in culinary and worked at Mama's Fish House, near Pā'ia. She decided she needed a new profession and enrolled at UH Maui College. She chose to study technology after hearing that there weren't a lot of women in the industry. "I had no idea what I was getting myself into," she said.

Being a single mother and working full-time while going to college was difficult. She saw many of the

students who started at the same time as her graduate. The school work itself was challenging but rewarding. She did an internship with the Federal Aviation Administration and completed her seven-month



Jessie Wallace alongside with her children. - Photo: Courtesy

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— Jessie Wallace, graduate and OHA Higher Education Scholarship recipient

long capstone project: building a lighted, dancing water show, like a mini-version of the fountains at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas.

After four years, Wallace graduated in May with her associate degree in electronics and computer engineering technology. Her degree will bolster her resume as she applies for a promotion.

The day before her graduation she wasn't ready to think about pursuing her bachelor's degree. She just wanted to appreciate what she'd accomplished. "When I walked out of my last class, I couldn't believe I was finally done," she said. "I was at the end of the tunnel. I did it! I

praise God for carrying me through this journey."

## Nathan Nahina

Nathan Nahina thinks big. But big thinkers sometimes take a little longer to find their path in life.

A longtime sponsored skateboarder, Nahina's creativity and free spirit took him from job to job after



Dennis Ramos and his proud family. - Photo: Courtesy



Nathan Nahina and his family. - Photo: Courtesy

graduating from Leilehua High School. He was admittedly "wild" in his younger days.

Nahina finally decided to buckle down and return to school. But still, his eight-year path through college wasn't without some unexpected turns. He made a connection with his culture ("that wasn't planned") and about halfway through college, he became a father ("my son gave me a focus I never had before"). And in many ways, he began to see himself differently, especially next to many of his younger classmates.

"Being older, college was a much different experience for me," said Nahina, now 31. "I had some life under me, and I was taking school serious. I had something to prove."

College allowed Nahina to bring his big ideas to life. At UH, he met like-minded people who also wanted to bridge Hawaiian culture and technology. Having long wanted to make his own version of the popular game

Flappy Birds, he was able to participate in a workshop that developed He Ao Hou: A New World, a Hawaiian language video game. He hooked up with Purple Mai'a, a non-profit that teaches coding and computer science to Hawai'i's youth. Through the program, he teaches at the Boys and Girls Club and at Ānuenue, a Hawaiian language immersion school in Pālolo.

In May, Nahina graduated from UH Mānoa with a bachelor's in computer science. He's already received an offer for a reliable job in his field that will bring him closer to his dream of owning a house for his family. But that's not enough for Nahina. He wants to continue his work with Purple Mai'a and plans to establish a business to foster Hawaiian culture-based media and technology.

In the week leading up to his graduation, Nahina had been too busy to properly square his emotions.

"This has been a really long

road," he said. "Graduation hasn't hit me yet. I'm super stoked, but you know, I'll probably cry."

## Dennis Ramos

In 2015, Dennis Ramos was 36 years old and unsure about future.

The 1997 Mililani High School alum entered the workforce before he even graduated. For years, he worked two jobs, as a truck driver during the day and in the restaurant industry at night. But a back injury was preventing him from sitting for extended periods and he could no longer shift his truck's clutch, meaning his days as a driver were over.

"It was a shock for me," Ramos said. "I had no idea how I was going to support my wife and stepdaughter. I was ready to give up."

Running out of options, he returned to school. A Pell Grant, a Kamehameha Schools scholarship and an OHA Higher Education Scholarship helped him pay for school. He slammed his schedule with 15 to 17 credits a semester, taking difficult and competitive science and medical classes. He went to summer school. "Once I told myself I was getting my degree, I was going to do whatever I possibly could to get it."

In May – after just two years in school – Ramos graduated from KCC with an associate degree in medical assisting, a growing industry with job opportunities. He's planning to attend UH West Oahu to earn his bachelor's in health care administration and has already received job offers to work while he finishes his degree.

Grateful for all the assistance that got him to this point, his goal is now to give back. He served as a KCC tutor and mentor, and wants to eventually develop a clinic for keiki battling illness.

"This has been a real journey," Ramos said. "But it's encouraging, considering where I came from. Now I want to return the support every chance I get."

The UH-OHA Higher Education Scholarship Program application period for the school year 2019-2020 begins on November 1. For more information about the program, contact Dr. Joshua Kaakua at (808) 956-3252 or ohastem@hawaii.edu. ■



The Hawaiian Inter Club Council of Southern California is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its annual ho'olaule'a, this year themed "Onipa'a" to commemorate Queen Lili'uokalani's stand against the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy. - Photos: Courtesy

## The Hawaiian Inter-Club Council of Southern California celebrates 40 years

By Lono Kollars, Pelekikena

For four decades, Hawaiian clubs and nā hula hālau from Southern California and Nevada have joined together for an two-day ho'olaule'a in Los Angeles that attracts tens of thousands of attendees each year.

The original ho'olaule'a concept, "Sharing the Heritage, So That It May Live On," was presented by the late Kumu Hula Wayne Kahoonei Panoke during a table discussion with community leaders about fundraising to support the organizations' various activities, programs and scholarships.

In 1978, Hui O Hawaii O San Fernando Valley hosted the first ho'olaule'a in Southern California at North Hollywood Park. The wood booths and stage were constructed on site and previously owned carpet was laid on the floor of the stage so that the entertainers would not have to worry about splinters. The 30-foot stage backdrop featured one-of-a-kind Hawaiian scenery across the stage, painted by Moana & Bob Smith.

Melvin Prestige and Ron Togu-chi provided \$4,000 in seed money

to get things going. Al Pelayo represented our community before the City of Los Angeles, which has jurisdiction over North Hollywood Park, the ho'olaule'a's



Club members perpetuate Native Hawaiian heritage even if they aren't on the 'āina. - Photo: Courtesy

first venue. Pelayo would also be instrumental in securing Alondra Park, the present day site of the ho'olaule'a, with help from the late Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and Gardena Councilman Mas Fukai; many other club members volunteered to get things started.

The Hawaiian Inter-Club Council of Southern California (HICCSC) was formed for the sole benefit of Hawaiian clubs in Southern California and Nevada, and took on the kuleana to administer the ho'olaule'a. The

HICCSC has no individual members but currently has 26 member clubs that provide direct service to our Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Island communities here in Southern California. For these member clubs, the annual ho'olaule'a is their biggest fundraiser.

We have 15 food booths that sell a variety of island foods (no duplicated menus), over 200 craft and boutique vendors, game booths for the children, and

courtesy booths for organizations providing service to the community. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department estimates the crowd size at about 40-50,000 people over the two-day period.

Mahalo to Sam Rosero, Ray Patacsil and John Kaulukukui for their reflections of how HICCSC started.

On our 40th anniversary year, we are excited about our accomplishments and acknowledge the work of our community leaders to preserve and share our Hawaiian heritage. ■

## Kamehameha Schools to build community learning center in Nānākuli

Submitted by Kamehameha Schools

Kamehameha Schools (KS) will continue its commitment to the Wai'anae Coast community by building the Agnes Kalaniho'okaha Cope Community Learning Center (Cope Center) in Nānākuli.

The Cope Center will serve as a place for gathering and learning with an emphasis on health, education and 'āina (land). The Wai'anae Coast Region is home to the third-largest concentration of Native Hawaiians in the state with upwards of 28,000, including nearly 10,000 in Nānākuli alone.

KS is investing \$10.9 million for the construction of the learning center at the three-acre site, and will engage the local community in the coming months leading up to the planned groundbreaking in 2019. The Cope Center is slated to open to the public in the summer of 2020 and will feature an innovative design-build planning, permitting and construction process as part of KS' approach to functioning as a high-performing Native Hawaiian organization.

"Nānākuli is home to a rich learning environment both in and out of school. Kamehameha Schools is committed to doing our part to bring the community's long-held vision for this site to life," said KS Wai'anae Coast Regional Director Kalei Ka'ililihiwa. "We committed to this project back in 2010 and finally have lift off! We look forward to talking story with the community as our plans progress. We are so grateful for the support of the community to date, and look forward to working closely with residents to bring this center to life."

To build the center, KS has enlisted the support of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands to secure a lease for the site in Nānākuli. Neighboring projects include the newest satellite location for the Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center and the Nānākuli Commercial Center,

a project of the Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association. Upon its completion, the Cope Center will become another community hub of learning along with well-known resources already in Nānākuli, such as the Boys & Girls Club, the new Nānākuli Public Library, and both DOE and public charter schools.

The Cope Center will encompass approximately 6,800 square feet with a large multi-purpose room that can divide into three smaller spaces. Covered lānai will allow for hybrid indoor/outdoor gathering areas, and ample outdoor space with minimal landscaping will allow for community māla (gardens) to be incorporated.

The learning center is named for and honors the professional legacy of Dr. Agnes Kalaniho'okaha Cope, known fondly by many as "Aunty Aggie," a longtime Nānākuli resident and champion for Native Hawaiian health, education, culture and the arts. Dr. Cope was a founder of community-owned and -driven Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and also served as Board Chair for both Papa Ola Lōkahi and Ke Ola Mamo.

"Employment trends suggest that health, education and agriculture are emerging industries in West O'ahu. Our core programming will cater to young adults and offer career development classes as well as learning opportunities in those areas," said Ka'ililihiwa. "These programs will give our young people a leading edge in the work place. The Cope Center will provide platforms through which students can realize that post-secondary education is not only attainable, but leads to real career opportunities in communities they live in."

The community can connect with KS by calling the project hotline at 843-9655, visiting [www.ksbe.edu/waianae\\_coast/cope\\_center](http://www.ksbe.edu/waianae_coast/cope_center), or emailing [CopeCenterInfo@ksbe.edu](mailto:CopeCenterInfo@ksbe.edu). ■

# OHA releases report on the health of Native Hawaiian women

By Office of Hawaiian Affairs Staff

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs launched *Haumea: Transforming the Health of Native Hawaiian Women and Empowering Wāhine Well-Being*, a 150-page report on the well-being of Native Hawaiian females at Ka Waiwai on May 4.

About 100 leaders and representatives of various Native Hawaiian-serving organizations, state agencies and not-for-profit organizations attended the launch event, which included presentations and speeches about the importance of the study's findings as well as discussions on recommendations and next steps. *Haumea* coincided with Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, when communities across the United States celebrate the unique cultural heritage of Polynesians, Mela-

nesians, Micronesians and Asian Americans.

*Haumea* builds upon *Kānehō‘ālani: Transforming the Health of Native Hawaiian Men*, OHA's 2017 report on the well-being of Native Hawaiian men. This year's *Haumea* report is grounded in data gleaned from various state departments, federal survey systems, among other sources. However, what sets *Haumea*'s apart from previous research is its wide-ranging scope and cultural emphasis toward solutions and systems advocacy.

"OHA's goal with this report is to raise the profile of the health challenges and inequities facing our native women so we can have an open discussion within our community, with the broader public and with decision makers about how to move forward with solutions," said Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe, OHA Chief Executive Officer/Ka Pouhana.

This new publication examines important issues impacting Native Hawaiian females from keiki to kupuna, including mental and emotional well-being, suicidality, physical health, chronic diseases, maternal and child health, intimate partner violence, incarceration, economic wellness, poverty rates, under-represented occupations, gender wage gaps, and much more. The report also underscores the importance of investing in community and culture as a source of resilience and well-being for Native Hawaiians. *Haumea* includes system-wide recommendations for policy and programmatic consideration to help elevate women's well-being as a priority in Hawai'i.

OHA is developing a similar report on the health of Native Hawaiian 'ohana, slated for release in 2019, which will feature a focus on families, including transgender non-binary research, data and recommendations.

To view *Haumea: Transforming the Health of Native Hawaiian Women and Empowering Wāhine Well-Being*, please visit [www.oha.org/wahinehealth](http://www.oha.org/wahinehealth).

To view *Kānehō‘ālani: Transforming the Health of Native Hawaiian Men*, please visit [www.oha.org/kanehealth](http://www.oha.org/kanehealth). ■

## [QUOTES FROM WĀHINE]



### Kealoha Fox

Ka Pou Kāko'o Nui (Executive Manager to the CEO), Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
*Kealoha led the research process in gathering and compiling the data within the Haumea Report, and was the lead author of the report.*

"The Haumea Report is a pretty comprehensive initiative and it started with in-depth research and discussion with community leaders and experts that are really interested in helping to address the health and well-being of Native Hawaiian women and girls. And so the report itself is six different chapters and they each have a unique identity that touch on really specific areas where we can make concrete improvements, make policy changes, and create collaborative solutions that will improve the health and well-being of wāhine, not just for this generation but we hope for generations to come."



### Diane Paloma

First female CEO, Lunalilo Homes  
*Diane is a contributor to the chapter on Leadership and Civic Engagement in the Haumea Report.*

"So my perspective on the things that we can do now to create better health and well-being for Hawaiian women is really some critical things that really don't have to do a lot specifically with health in terms of disease management or illness, but it's things like equity – salary equity, respect for women, respect for our kupuna, respect for our mothers – these are so critical in building this long pipeline of wāhine leaders and mana wāhine who are in the community doing their work every day, no matter what industry you're in. And I think that if we elevate those elements of mana wāhine, that's how we get to Native Hawaiian health and well-being."



### Leina'ala Bright

Cultural Health Specialist, Waimānalo Health Center  
*Leina'ala is a contributor to the chapter on Physical Health in the Haumea Report.*

"You know, when you look at the big picture and you look what's going on to our culture and our people, it's just so sad. And so going from there, looking at our women involved in the criminal system and all the horrible things that are happening, I decided to go down into the family. And we start with our family and we start with our women. You know, the women, we're the piko of the family. When we start making slight changes, it just blossoms through the family and the healing grows from there."



Lead researcher Dr. Kealoha Fox speaks at the *Haumea* report launch. - Photo: Nelson Gaspar

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## ALOHA 'OE, SENATOR AKAKA

OHA Trustees and Administration gathered to pay their respects to the late Senator Daniel K. Akaka at the state Capitol with a kanikau and makana. Mahalo nui e Senator Akaka for your service for our Lāhui. - Photo: Kawena Carvalho-Mattos




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### LEGEND

- 'Ae (Yes)
- 'A'ole (No)
- Kānalua (Abstain)
- Excused

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<b>April 26, 2018</b>	<b>Motion</b>									
Motion to approve Administration's recommendations on NEW BILLS (Items 1-72) and BILL POSITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION (Items 73-80) on the OHA Legislative Positioning Matrix dated 03/28/2018. Add HB2679 change from -OPPOSE > COMMENT. Change HCR178 from -OPPOSE > COMMENT.	<i>Motion passes with seven AYES and two EXCUSED.</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Motion to approve Administration's recommendations on NEW BILLS (Items 1-11) and BILL POSITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION (Items 12-18) on the OHA Legislative Positioning Matrix dated 04/11/2018. Change HB207 from SUPPORT > MONITOR	<i>Motion passes with seven AYES and two EXCUSED.</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Motion to approve Administration's recommendations on a BILL POSITION FOR RECONSIDERATION (Item 1) on the OHA Legislative Positioning Matrix dated 04/18/2018. Trustee Dan Ahuna seconds the motion.	<i>Motion passes with seven AYES and two EXCUSED.</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>May 10, 2018</b>										
Motion to approve Administration's recommendations on a BILL POSITION FOR RECONSIDERATION (Item 1) on the OHA Legislative Positioning Matrix dated 5/2/2018.	<i>Motion passes with eight AYES and one EXCUSED.</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

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# Concerns about overweight



By Claire Ku'uleilani Hughes,  
Dr. PH., R.D.

Recently, a friend asked which health problem concerned me most. Without hesitation, I answered overweight, particularly among young adults and teenagers.

When she asked why, I explained my concerns. First, weight gain increases cancer risks. Some doctors, like Harvard epidemiologist Walt Willett, say cancer is a 99 percent certainty with overweight, involving a dozen different cancers. Breast cancer is one of the most likely cancers, due to increases

in estrogens in older women. In addition, overweight increases the likelihood of pancreatic, kidney and colorectal cancers that are associated with increases in insulin levels with obesity. Older women with increases in both estrogen and insulin have 2.5 times the risk of cancer compared to those with lower estrogen levels. Another important concern is that excess weight can lead to chronic, low-level inflammation that increases cancer risk, such as adenocarcinoma of the esophagus (throat).

My second concern is that once new fat cells are formed, they are difficult to lose and some resist loss. Researchers found that rapid weight gain creates new fat cells. These new fat cells are added mostly in the abdomen, while some are added in the leg. When weight loss occurred by reducing calories and adding exercise,

abdominal fat was lost, but leg fat remained. And, additional weight loss did not assure that leg fat was lost. Some fat cells are reduced in size with weight loss, however they remain in the body. This makes regaining weight much easier.

Thirdly, an oversized waist, even with a “healthy weight” can be a problem, especially among men. Most problematic are waists that increase by about two inches, even in people who are not overweight. An oversized waist is a sign of visceral fat storage (fat buried deep in the belly) that is more harmful than fat deposited just under the skin. Visceral fat is closely linked to devel-



oping Type 2 diabetes and coronary heart disease. There are other risks associated with severe overweight, but these are three important ones.

My concerns for overweight occurring in adolescence includes emotional entanglements that are hard to overcome. Overweight during the teen years is associated with self-image difficulties, adding unnecessary stresses to teenagers. Then, if dieting is too severe during the adolescent period of active growth, it can detract from the final growth in height. I worry that most youngsters have no idea of these serious risks of becoming overweight. And, sadly, they are frequent targets of fatty and sugary food sales that cause unhealthy and rapid weight gain. Eating saturated fat causes a gain of more visceral and liver fat.

A high sugar consumption seems to increase liver and deep belly fat in teens. This can lead to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and inflammation, over time. These risks are related to adolescent

*Illustration: Nelson Gaspar*

weight gain and obesity.

A reasonable goal is to stay close to your weight at about 20 years of age...provided you had an optimum body weight. Slight weight gains show how easy it is to gain weight. Unfortunately, the subject of personal weight gain and severe overweight are always sensitive subjects to discuss. By early adulthood, everyone should know reasons that overweight and severe overweight are to be avoided. Then, we can expect it to be our kuleana (responsibility) to maintain our health and control our weight. Kawena Pukui notes several fundamental points of importance related to life and one is, “rigorous concern for soundness of body is a primary consideration throughout physical life.” As parents, teachers and health care professionals, we must do our best to discuss maintaining a healthy weight throughout life with our children and young people within our personal reach, and for whom we have kuleana. ■

## Learn to make your own kaulana mahina at ‘Aimalama: A Mauliauhonua Experience

By Malia Nobrega-Olivera

As coastal and island communities in the Pacific and around the world experience rising sea levels and ocean temperatures, more extreme weather and changes in the timing of once-predictable natural events, turning to contemporary science and policymakers for solutions isn't the only option.

For millennia, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Peoples have relied on lunar calendars to measure the cycles of the natural world and guide cultural, community and resource management praxis. ‘Aimalama: A Mauliauhonua Experience is a three-day conference taking place Aug. 9-11 at the University

of Hawai‘i Maui College (UHMC) campus in Kahului. Attendees will be guided on how to create their own kaulana mahina (Hawaiian lunar calendar) specific to their local environments, strengthen their kilo (observation) skills and leverage best practices for recording site-specific natural events.

‘Aimalama is open to the public and includes keynote addresses, hands-on breakout sessions and a selection of huaka‘i (guided day trips) to organizations and community programs on Maui that incorporate lunar calendar knowledge and traditional observation practices in their endeavors.

Registration is available online by visiting [aimalama.org](http://aimalama.org) and attendees can save \$100 per person if they register before June 15. Moloka‘i and

Lāna‘i residents unable to travel to Maui may register to participate in select sessions via distance-learning facilities at UHMC’s Moloka‘i and Lāna‘i education centers.

“We aim to make impact on a community level by encouraging people not just to rely on contemporary science and technology to measure what’s happening around us. We want to empower them to ‘be the app,’” said Kalei Nu‘uhiwa, a Hawaiian lunar practitioner and one of ‘Aimalama’s founders. “We are excited to build on the successes of our community-based workshops and 2015 conference to help island residents and leaders craft solutions to help us all thrive and survive the changing climate.”

The term “mauliauhonua” is a reference made to a family or community that has resided in a particular location for multiple generations. Mauliauhonua have personal collective experiences from their surroundings that have informed their methods of survival. Mauliauhonua communities have learned about the winds, rains, char-

acteristics, seasons, flora and fauna resource behaviors, and social and political changes to a point where they have been able to adapt and survive efficiently in their own environments. Collectively, they have become their own specialized experts of their own geographical locations. ‘Aimalama’s goal is to provide tools on how to become mauliauhonua for families and communities in order to successfully and collectively adapt and survive the changing climate.

Keynote speakers include Hi‘ilei Kawelo, founder and executive director of Paepae o He‘eia fishpond, Dr. Rosie Alegado, assistant researcher in the Department of Oceanography at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, and Hōkūlani Holt-Padilla, director of the Ka Hikina O Ka Lā student scholarship program at UHMC and kumu hula (hula teacher) and founder of hālau hula Pā‘ū O Hi‘iaka. Kawelo and Alegado will discuss their 12-year study at the fishpond, discoveries made regarding El Niño and La Niña, and how integrating ‘Aim-

alama methodologies informed their research. Holt-Padilla’s address will encourage participants to ponder the question, “What kind of ancestors do we want to be?”

Many Pacific societies are currently reviving and reconnecting with their ancestral lunar calendar to restore wisdom of agricultural productivity, marine and forest gathering, resource management, health and healing, and daily practices that provide sustenance for the health and well-being of communities. ‘Aimalama seeks to attract leaders and innovators operating at the intersection of ancestral knowledge and technological transformation to identify common ground to respond to community, regional and global challenges.

‘Aimalama: A Mauliauhonua Experience is sponsored by the Kama‘aha Education Initiative, University of Hawai‘i Maui College, Hawai‘iniuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Mo‘olelo Mahina and The Kohala Center. ■

OHA grantees are affecting positive change in our strategic priority areas of health, housing, education, culture and economic self-sufficiency throughout the pae ‘āina. A total of \$6 million in OHA funding will support 23 projects to benefit Native Hawaiians in fiscal years 2018 and 2019. Below are highlights from two of OHA's economic self-sufficiency grantees that are providing Native Hawaiians with the opportunity to learn important skills to successfully find the right career path and keep financial stability.

To see a full list of OHA funded grant projects for FY18-19 that are working to strengthen the Native Hawaiian community and the community at large, please visit [www.oha.org/ohagrantees](http://www.oha.org/ohagrantees). ■

## Goodwill Hawai‘i

Goodwill Hawai‘i's OHA Career Pathways Program helps reduce employment barriers for Native Hawaiians to help them reach their full potential and become self-sufficient. Job readiness training, interviewing techniques and job searching skills and strategy development sessions are provided throughout the pae ‘āina. Connecting with vocational training providers allow participants to learn new skills or strengthen existing skills to be competitive in our local job market.

The program has served 36 participants with 28 participants completing Job Readiness Training. Twelve participants have already obtained employment at 20 or more hours per week! Training is provided in both group and individual sessions on the island of Hawai‘i and individual sessions on O‘ahu, Kaua‘i and Maui.

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“Goodwill has helped me to financially establish a career. I came into the program and struggled with so many things about employment. But I thought I knew it all. I thought I knew how to answer interview questions, but I realized that I really didn't! Goodwill helped prepare me to land solid interviews, which was something I struggled so much with. Before Goodwill, I was stuck in a job for eight and a half years that left me feeling unhappy and miserable. But once I got involved with Goodwill, I felt life! I knew that I would head into a direction that would establish me with a good career that I am passionate about—commercial driving. And today, it's been three years now working with Goodwill, I can now say I am proud to have my CDL license and am commercial driving for Suisan. I wouldn't have done this all without Goodwill, and without the funding assistance from OHA. Mahalo nui loa to Goodwill, and the OHA career pathways program for helping us Native Hawaiians achieve a better way of life. Me ke aloha!”

-Abraham Kamalamalama



L to R, Employment counselor Raymond Saldares, program participant Abraham Kamalamalama, and employment counselor Siniva Pota. - Photo: Courtesy of Goodwill Hawai‘i

## Fernhurst Residence of YWCA



Fernhurst residents enjoy and practice aloha ‘āina at Maunaloa, a pu‘uhonua in Makiki valley. - Photo: Courtesy of YWCA

The Fernhurst Residence of YWCA O‘ahu has been a place of shelter, safety and hope for women since 1911. This facility is now dedicated to empowering women transitioning from prison into the community. The YWCA helps these women with three of their biggest challenges: housing, employment, and money management.

Through an OHA grant, these women in transition are receiving financial training and counseling on budgeting, saving, banking and credit. If eligible, they may also apply to a credit builder loan and matched savings account program. Besides the critical financial area, YWCA O‘ahu will support women with employment and communication skills. To address the challenges associated with employment, women will have access to job coaches and career specialists. To address the challenges of handling relationships and conflict resolution, women will have training in empowered communication, and access to a ho‘oponopono practitioner.



YWCA Fernhurst residents participate in Mother Daughter gardening day at Fernhurst. - Photo: Courtesy of YWCA



# Jon Osorio named dean of Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge

UH System News Release

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Professor Jon Osorio has been selected as dean of Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge (HSHK) effective June 8, 2018, subject to formal posting on the June Board of Regents’ meeting agenda. He has been serving as interim dean of HSHK since January 27, 2017.

“Professor Osorio was selected

from a very strong group of finalists after a search process that included the active participation of faculty, students, staff and members of the community,” said Michael Bruno, UH Mānoa interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and vice chancellor for research. “The fact that he received the overwhelming support of all of these stakeholders is a testament to his accomplishments and his standing within the university and across the broader community.”



Jon Osorio

Osorio, a scholar of 19th century political and social history in Hawai‘i, has long been a consistent advocate for Hawaiian self-determination. He has developed and taught classes in history, literature, law as culture, music as historical texts, and research methodologies for and from indigenous people.

“I am grateful to the students,

staff, faculty, administrators and the community agencies who encouraged my work during the interim, and I look forward to continuing Hawai‘inuiākea’s missions: to bring our people into higher education; and to summon the knowledge of our ancestors back into the care and service of Hawai‘i,” he said.

Added Interim UH Mānoa Chancellor David Lassner, “It has been a true pleasure to work with Jon during his service as interim dean. He has a clear vision for Hawai‘inuiākea and its role within the university and the community.”

Osorio started his professional career in 1991 as an instructor at Kapi‘olani Community College and was later hired as an assistant pro-

fessor at Kamakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies at HSHK in 1994. He was promoted to associate professor in 2002, and tenured and promoted to professor in 2008.

Prior to his appointment as interim dean, Osorio served as director of the UH Mānoa Center of Hawaiian Studies from 2003 to 2008, where he successfully provided academic leadership and management of the center. As professor, he has collaborated with numerous other faculty and students in many departments to bring recognition and appreciation to language and performing arts, through conferences, forums and publications.

Osorio earned his PhD, master’s and bachelor’s degrees from UH Mānoa. ■

# Kamehameha Day celebrations

By Nanea Armstrong-Wassel

On Dec. 22, 1871, King Kamehameha V, Lot Kapuāiwa, proclaimed by royal decree that the eleventh day of June would henceforth be celebrated to honor his illustrious grandfather Kamehameha I, founder of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

## Kamehameha Day Celebrations

The first Kamehameha Day was celebrated with enthusiasm and aloha, and multiple programs were held throughout the islands.

On Maui, memorial-themed speeches were given during a holiday program and feast in Wailuku. In Lahaina, speeches, songs, and prayers were delivered at a gathering.

Following the formal program, the crowd made its way to Keawaiki for a day of festivities that included boat, mule, and swimming races; as well as a pig chase! There was even an event in which tins were filled with molasses, and competitors had to use their tongues to find a dollar buried inside.

On Hawai‘i Island, Hulihe‘e Palace was the nucleus of the day’s events in Kona. The palace was home to Princess Ruth Ke‘elikōlani, great-granddaughter of Kamehameha I and then governor of the island.

Over the years, Kamehameha Day has been celebrated with commemorative ceremonies, carnivals, fairs and races of every kind, almost always ending with some sort of ho‘olaule‘a (large communal gathering).

## Kamehameha Day Parades

The first official Kamehameha Day Parade was held in 1914. There were, however, other floral and pā‘ū parades held in previous years honoring Kamehameha on this holiday, like that of pā‘ū riding society Hui Holopā‘ū Maile Ali‘i in 1906.

In that parade, about 30 riders gathered at the residence of Kainana Puahi in Waikīkī. Their costumes consisted of

yellow skirts, white waists and straw hats encircled with ‘ilima lei.

Each rider wore a black sash, bearing the word “Ka‘ōnohiokālā,” (“the eye of the sun”) stitched in gold. The procession arrived at Washington Place at 10:30 a.m. where Puahi saluted Queen Lili‘uokalani, who was seated on the lānai, surrounded by friends and retainers, with a few appropriate words.

The next point visited was the statue of Kamehameha I in front of the judiciary building —Ali‘iōlani Hale. The statue was decorated with lei and after a short address by Puahi, the riders sang “Hawai‘i Pono‘ī,” their old national anthem, with Hawaiians in the vicinity chiming in.

## Kamehameha Statues

The well-known tradition of draping the Kamehameha statues with lei is said to have started in 1901. Today, there are four main statues that are adorned annually in commemoration of the life of King Kamehameha I.

The first Kamehameha I statue was commissioned by Walter Murray Gibson in 1878. Ironically, he wanted the statue to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of Captain Cook’s arrival in the Hawaiian Islands. The legislature appropriated \$10,000 for the project, and Gibson hired Thomas Gould of Boston as his artist.

Gould, who was living abroad in Florence, Italy study-

ing Roman sculpture, took creative liberties and fashioned his statue of Kamehameha the Great in the likeness of a Roman god. The sculpture was then sent to Paris to be cast in bronze.

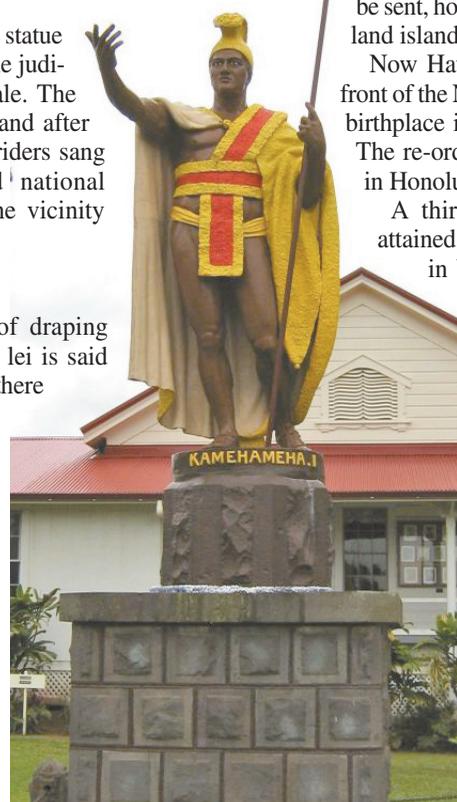
The statue was boarded on a ship bound for Hawai‘i in 1883 but soon thought lost when the ship wrecked near the Falkland Islands. Because it was insured, a second casting was quickly made. Before the second statue could be sent, however, the original was recovered by some Falkland islanders and eventually resold to Gibson for \$875.

Now Hawai‘i had two statues. The original stands in front of the North Kohala Civic Center near Kamehameha’s birthplace in Kapa‘au, Kohala, on the island of Hawai‘i. The re-ordered statue stands in front of Ali‘iōlani Hale in Honolulu.

A third statue was commissioned when Hawai‘i attained statehood and was unveiled on April 15, 1969 in Washington D.C. Shortly after Hawai‘i-born Barack Obama was nominated as the Democratic Party’s candidate for the presidency in 2008, this replica was moved from a dark, back row of Statuary Hall to a prominent position in Emancipation Hall at the capitol’s visitor center.

A fourth Kamehameha statue stands in Hilo, Hawai‘i at the north end of the Wailoa River State Park. The 14-foot sculpture was created by R. Sandrin in Vicenza, Italy in 1963 and erected at this site in June of 1997.

146 years after Kapuāiwa’s proclamation designating Kamehameha Day as a kingdom holiday, Hawai‘i continues to honor and memorialize the ali‘i who established the Hawaiian Kingdom with aloha for its people and lands and who helped usher Hawai‘i into a new era as it made its way onto the global stage. I mua kākou! ■



The original statue of King Kamehameha I, in Kapa‘au, North Kohala. Sculptor: Thomas Ridgeway Gould. - Photo: Karl Magnacca/Wikipedia

# Ho'oulu scholar shines at Chaminade

By Treena Shapiro

A freshman biology course at Chaminade University ignited Hulali Kinilau's passion for science, but also took her out of her element. Her classmates didn't look like her, and they didn't sound like her, either.

"I didn't see my people," she recalled of her early classes in STEM subjects: science, technology, engineering and mathematics. "It made me feel like maybe I was in the wrong field."

But the next year she had a biology class with Dr. Chrystie Naeole, and another with Dr. Jolene Cogbill the year after that. "They're Native Hawaiian females in STEM and I was like, 'Okay, maybe my people are already in grad school or something.'"

Professors Naeole and Cogbill became Kinilau's mentors as well as her role models, helping her navigate through college in every respect. "If we have problems with home life or school, we can always go to them. If we don't understand a certain class, they have funding for tutoring," Kinilau described, adding that her mentors were also good mediators when issues arose with other professors.

Chaminade's Office of Native Hawaiian Partnerships and its Ho'oulu Scholarship Program offered in partnership with Kamehameha Schools provide Hawaiian students additional resources and support services. As a Ho'oulu Scholar, Kinilau received full tuition assistance and had the opportunity to attend biomedical research conferences that changed her outlook on STEM, and on being Hawaiian and female in a science field.

"As a Native Hawaiian serving institution, we know investing in the success of students like Hulali is critical to our long-term success in the future, for all of us," explained Chaminade scholarships manager Dawn Johnson.

"There's a darker part of our recent past where we were ashamed of who we are and where we come from and she's part of that change," Johnson continued. "She's part of that con-



Hulali Kinilau, at far left, graduated with two STEM degrees in May. - Photo: Courtesy

tinued wave toward re-embracing who we are, where we come from and why we're here. We're not so far from our past today and it's our future, like we have in Hulali, that's going to ensure that we don't forget and we continue to perpetuate."

An internship with cultural enrichment coordinator Kahoali'i Keahi-Wood helped Kinilau understand how Native Hawaiian practices and protocols can be applied in a western setting, and deepened her understanding of lā'au lapa'au. "He made it so it was a combination of culture and science," she said, describing how he taught students to identify medicinal plants and their uses, and how to make plant-based cleansers, eye washes and topical creams.

Kinilau followed his example in integrating culture and science as she designed educational modules for Chaminade's "I Am a Scientist" program for grade school students, which focuses on inspiring the next generation of scientists.

Education wasn't a priority for most of Kinilau's extended family members but her mother had attended college and expected that Kinilau would, as well. "I didn't have the same faith that she did, so I was like, 'Yeah, I'll go to college but I don't know how long I'll stay,'" Kinilau recalled.

But her mother wasn't the only one who wanted to see Kinilau succeed in college – she was surprised with a partial scholarship to Chaminade during her 2012 graduation from Aiea High School.

Kinilau advises Hawaiians considering higher education to "apply to anything and everything. Don't put yourself down and say there's better

people for the program. Have faith in yourself and what you can do and what you're willing to do to get where you want."

Last month, Kinilau graduated from Chaminade University with two STEM degrees, one BS in cellular biology and a second in environmental studies. This month, she left for the University of North Carolina's 12-month Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program

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# Students deliver speeches in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i

By Sterling Wong

For the first time in its 30-year history, the Texaco/Honolulu District Elementary Speech Festival included student speeches done in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, continuing a trend of Hawaiian language immersion students receiving the same opportunities to participate in educational platforms as their English-speaking counterparts.

In late April, seven fifth graders from Ke Kula Kaiapuni o Ānuenu joined approximately 450

other district students at Kaimuki High School to participate in the non-competitive speech event. The Ānuenu students entered the speech festival's storytelling category and presented Hawaiian language speeches on the Pele and Hi'iaka mo'olelo.

"The goal of the festival is to encourage students to develop their language arts and speaking



OHA recognized speech contest participants at Ke Kula Kaiapuni o Ānuenu. - Photo: Kawena Carvalho-Mattos

skills," said Carina Tagupa, Communications and Community Engagement Manager for Island

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Flood waters rushed under beachfront homes near Hanalei Pier, causing them to buckle at the foundation. - Photo: Treena Shapiro



# FIERY FLOW

## HAWAI'I'S CHANGING LANDSCAPE

# RAGING WATERS



At right, the road into Haena state park closed due to flood damage. - Photos: Kawena Carvalho-Mattos

Far right, Pa'ula Chandler. Water rushing through a culvert carved a ravine through Chandler's driveway and lined her yard with pōhaku.

OHA Community Engagement Director - Photo: Kawena Carvalho-Mattos

# Kaua'i: Recovery slow after flash flooding

By Treena Shapiro



A month after historic flooding devastated Kaua'i's north shore, access remains severely limited; flood damaged items are piling up on the side of the road; and recovery efforts are largely led by 'ohana in Hā'ena, Wainiha and Hanalei who are helping the community recover as they wait for the government to step in with more assistance.

A torrential downpour in late April was Kaua'i's worst since Hurricane Iniki in 1992, and also flooded Waimānalo and Hawai'i Kai on O'ahu. The catastrophic flooding this year likely set a record for rainfall, with 28 inches of rain falling over a 24-hour period. In the end, the unrelenting deluge washed out roads, forced evacuations, submerged vehicles and destroyed homes. A month later, most of the island is back to normal but some homeowners and renters in the northernmost part of the pae 'āina remain displaced and local residents can only drive in and out of the area at certain times of day. Garbage pickup has been slow to resume, and huge piles on the side of the road speak to the tremendous amount of property damage.

"Wainiha" means raging waters, but resident Pa'ula Chandler said she'd never experienced anything like the intense April rains. The torrential downpour flooded her property almost instantly, and then surging water "just kept coming and coming and coming." The terrifying experience kept her up all night, and she said all she could do was surrender.

When the rains finally stopped, Chandler discovered that water rushing through a culvert that emptied onto her property had blown out a section of her driveway and carved a ravine in her yard. The storm also forced pōhaku through the culvert, so a new stream flows over a bed lined with dozens of small boulders and hundreds of rocks, some larger than basketballs.

The highway suffered such extensive damage that it took six days for members of Hui Maka'āinana o Makana to get heavy equipment through to the worst-hit areas. Hui members steward the first officially designated community-based subsistence fishing area (CBFSA) in Hā'ena, and have expertise in resource management. The hui has put its work on hold to assist in recovery efforts, clearing rockslides that blocked roadways, pulling some 20 vehicles from Hanalei River and taking chainsaws to fallen trees. "We did all the rough stuff and opened up the road pretty wide," said Mike Olanolan.

However, while community members are doing the bulk of the work as they wait for

government resources, plans to compensate the volunteers have fallen through – despite the fact that they're already doing the work and shouldering the cost of equipment. Demonstrated skill doesn't carry as much weight as a contractor's license, they've been told. Dr. Mehana Vaughan of Kalihiwai compares the current situation to



Tyson Gomes and his daughter sit in front of their home, which suffered extensive damage during the flash floods despite being raised on stilts. - Photos: Kawena Carvalho-Mattos

old-time Kaua'i when "each community had to take care of themselves."

Two sagging beachfront homes near Hanalei Pier demonstrate the extent of the destruction. Water rushing beneath the houses wrecked their foundations, causing the structures to buckle. The flooding was so severe that even homes on stilts suffered flood damage, signaling the need to elevate all homes that need to be rebuilt. It's expensive proposition and one that doesn't address current needs, particularly for renters who have to find new shelter so their landlords can fix the water damage. To compound matters, the state says half the homes are uninsured.

Even now, people are sleeping in cars and tents, even those whose homes survived the storm. In some areas, thundering waterfalls ripped through the highway. Extensive roadwork keeps the roads closed except for a few times a day when one lane is opened to let residents through. Some people who work outside the community get off too late for the last road opening, and have to wait until morning to line up with other drivers trying to get home.

North Kaua'i has a significant Hawaiian population, representing about 30 percent of residents. Office of Hawaiian Affairs beneficiaries

## RELIEF EFFORTS

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is committed to sustained support for beneficiaries recovering from flood damage on Kaua'i, as well as those coping with an ongoing eruption at Kilauea volcano on Hawai'i Island.

OHA Trustees and administration are working to direct resources to both Kaua'i and Puna, including \$500,000 in immediate aid for both communities, and anticipate providing far more in the new fiscal year beginning July 1. The disaster relief will be provided through a combination of direct funding, grants and financing through the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund. The agency will also partner with other organizations to maximize critical resources for our beneficiaries.

OHA will provide more than financial relief; the agency will be present to assist in recovery efforts and to serve as a community advocate before government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

A delegation representing OHA's administration and Trustee Dan Ahuna's office met with flood-impacted residents, nonprofit leaders and county officials on May 16 to listen to their concerns and assess the extensive damage in communities along Kaua'i's northern coast. Hawaiians represent 30 percent of the population in remote Wainiha and Hā'ena, which have been nearly isolated by highway damage, rockfall and mudslides.

Trustee Robert Lindsey will travel to Puna with another OHA delegation to meet with beneficiaries and identify where assistance would most effectively meet the needs of Hawai'i Island beneficiaries impacted by lava flow, volcanic ash and toxic emissions.

Emergency relief assistance for Native Hawaiian Households impacted by the heavy floods on April 14 in the County of Kaua'i, please go to [www.oha.org/kauai](http://www.oha.org/kauai) for more information. ■

representing nonprofit organizations met with government officials and an OHA delegation to talk about recovery efforts in May. Community members have come together to address the crisis and Mark Zuckerberg, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Jack Johnson and others have pledged significant monetary donations but it's not known whether the people on the ground have the capacity and skill sets to perform the necessary labor. In addition, most residents are volunteers and can't stay out of work indefinitely.

Impacted residents feel like they've been

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Mehana Hind comforts Tyson Gomes.

## KAUA‘I FLOODS

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forgotten; some communities weren't even assessed and by mid-May hadn't yet been targeted in outreach efforts. George Costa, representing the county, said resources were sent in immediately after the storm. "From what I understand, we're kind of back to normal. I don't know who's still there to help." A week later, however, Gov. David Ige and Kaua'i Mayor Bernard Carvalho estimated they'd need an initial \$31.2 million for repairs to roads, bridges and parks, and signed an agreement to release \$25 million immediately. FEMA had earlier denied a request for disaster aid, saying 117 impacted households fell short of the threshold for assistance.

It's unknown how many people still need help. About 100 people reported damage immediately after the flooding but no follow-up has been conducted to see if they're still displaced, or if others have discovered they need assistance after all. Businesses have also been affected, leaving some farmers and ranchers coping with heavy crop and livestock losses.

Moving forward, some community members say they want to rebuild to better weather another flooding event like this. There is an opportunity, but residents need organizations to partner with and provide more direction. "No one is out there with a strategic plan saying 'This is what needs to be done,'" said Mina Morita, board president of the nonprofit Hale Halawai, which runs a donation center in Hanalei and provides other support to flood victims. Referring to the community at large, she said, "These guys are going full blast trying to get things done as soon as possible but the funding isn't there. We don't want to lose the momentum and need to find a way to transition them and point them in a direction that is more long-term." ■

## RECENT RELEASES

# FIERY FLOW

## HAWAI'I'S CHANGING LANDSCAPE

# RAGING WATERS



Helicopter overflight of Kilauea Volcano's lower East Rift zone on May 19, 2018, around 8:18 AM, HST. 'A'a lava flows emerging from the elongated fissure 16-20 form channels. The flow direction in this picture is from upper center to the lower left. - Photo: U.S. Geological Survey



Kahealani Walker's house before lava reached the property (above), and after (right). Photos: - Courtesy Kahealani Walker



A Puna home falling into a sinkhole created by a fissure. - Photo: Courtesy Tiana Wong



# PUNA: IN THE PATH OF PELE

By Treena Shapiro

*Editor's note: Historically, Puna on Hawai'i Island was known as Keahialaka. The place name translates to "the fire of Laka," who is identified in some mo'olelo as the child of volcano goddess Pele. The name is fitting for a community that can be reclaimed by Pele at any moment.*

An Office of Hawaiian Affairs Digital and Print Media team traveled to Hawai'i Island on May 15 to talk with residents in Puna affected by the ongoing eruption at Kilauea that began on May 3. At the time, 19 fissures had opened and 37 structures had been destroyed, including 27 homes, and the eruption was still ongoing. At the time of publication, 23 fissures had opened, at least 82 structures had been claimed, more than 2,000 residents had evacuated and lava covered more than 1,700 acres.

First-hand accounts from Puna beneficiaries are featured in the 'Ōiwi Voices of Puna video series on OHA's YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/OHAHawaii](http://www.youtube.com/OHAHawaii). Emergency relief information will be posted at [www.oha.org/puna](http://www.oha.org/puna).

Leialoha "Lei" Kaleimamahu was 17 when a lava flow burned through Kalapana in 1990, stopping just short of her 'ohana's compound in Kaimū. When her family returned after evacuating a couple miles upcountry, Kaimū was no longer the beachside community they remembered.

Lei has graciously offered to take us into deep Puna to see how the community has adapted three decades after Pele destroyed more than 200 structures and created 443 acres of new 'āina between July 1986 and February 1992. Puna residents can't control Pele's movements, but Kaimū gives us a glimpse of what can happen after the lava hardens.

"We're giving the next generation an opportunity to see this time," Lei says. "Through that scope, through our eyes now, what do we want them to see? What else do we want them to hope for? That's what we gotta write. That's what we gotta sing."

## MOKUHULU

Our first stop is in Mokuhulu, where Lei's family stayed as the Pele's (magma) movement buried Kalapana. There's volcanic activity nearby but it's hard to tell in this lush, verdant space, dense with trees bearing 'ulu, noni, mango, lemon and lychee.

Lei leads us to a kuahu in her great-great-great-grandmother's yard and as we

stand in front of the stone altar, she explains, "What we pule for is our 'āina, the longevity of our land, even if it means we have to detach. But for the long-term, for our kids and their kids, the 'āina will be here. And as long as the Pele is going, it speaks to longevity."

These words are even more profound when we consider them in Kaimū.

## KAIMŪ

Our destination is at the end of Old Kalapana Road, across the street from Uncle Robert's Awa Bar and Farmers' Market and



Leialoha Kaleimamahu stands on 'āina created when a lava flow filled in a popular black sand beach and surf break in Kaimū in the late 1980s and early '90s. The current eruption could change Kaimū's landscape once again, so Lei is documenting the area as it is today to preserve memories for future generations. Lei's mom did the same when she wrote the mele "Aloha Kaimū," which gives Lei's nieces and nephews a spiritual connection to a place buried under more than 50 feet of lava. - Photo: Kawena Carvalho-Mattos

over a shimmering expanse of hardened pāhoehoe lava.

We've just started following a red cinder path that winds through the lava field when Lei mentions the land is only about three decades old, created when Pele filled in a popular black sand beach and Left Point surf break. We're still several minutes from the new coastline.

The walk takes us past young 'ulu and niu that were planted by Lei's 'ohana and 'ama'u ferns that have taken root in the cracks all on their own. Lei stops at a small 'ōhia, a plant that usually takes a long time to establish, especially on fresh lava. "This is inspiring because it tells me something is going on in the 'āina," Lei says. We're reminded that Puna's vast 'ōhia forests grew out of similar lava fields, helping us imagine a Kaimū as green as Mokuhulu.

Lei doesn't want to belittle the hardship of those who have been displaced or lost homes, and she recognizes that not every-

one will want to rebuild in Puna. But Kaimū can inspire those who want to return, as her 'ohana did in the '90s. "We decided to grow again, we just decided to plant again. We decided to live again. We decided to do all those things," she says.

Whatever decision Puna residents make, Lei says, "At the end you'll have this experience to speak of and stand on."

## PĀHOA INTERMEDIATE & HIGH SCHOOL

We leave the calm of Kaimū and head back to Pāhoa to talk with staff and students at the After-School All-Stars program, which receives grant funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The school is open the day we're there but dangerous levels of volcanic emissions have closed the campus before and after our visit.

Site coordinator Tiana Wong estimates only one-third of students have returned to school since the eruption began. "The ones who do come to school and they tell us their stories, it's really hard to hear. It's heart-breaking. We're a family here at school, even in the after-school program. To see them going through this at such a young age, it's just really sad," says Tiana, who lives in Hilo.

Twelve-year-old Naiah Pacarro-Friend has been staying with her grandmother in Kurtistown since her 'ohana evacuated from Leilani Estates. When we talked with Naiah, her house was still standing but uninhabitable. "There's big huge cracks around the whole entire house and underneath the house," she says, describing an emotional scene that brought her to tears. "Our house was sinking and there's vents coming out of the driveway still."

Lenissa Morante, also 12, lives outside of the evacuation zone but her grandfather's house in Leilani Estates is gone. She and other family members pitched in to hurriedly pack up the house as lava approached. "All I was doing was grabbing the things they needed and every time I would walk through the house, I would always feel upset and picture all those happy memories I had there," she recounts.

Her aunt Kahealani Walker, who works at the Pāhoa school, lived in the house for 28 years and was grieving its loss even before the lava claimed it. A lack of information made

the experience even more harrowing – her family couldn't tell if their home was still standing until Puna resident Ikaika Marzo posted video of lava fountaining in back of the house.

On Kahea's last trip into Leilani Gardens, lava flowed on both sides of her house and the street was impassable from the front, forcing Kahea and her sister to cut through bushes and cross a vacant lot to reach their property. Kahea didn't enter the house but was able to rescue a dog that had jumped out of the car during the evacuation.

"We're slowly becoming okay with the idea that if she does take the house, it's okay," she says. "In Hawaiian culture, the land doesn't belong to us as kanaka, it belongs to our gods and goddesses so we're okay if Pele decides she wants to take our house." Pele did, less than a week later.

## PU'UHONUA O PUNA

In Pāhoa, Pu'uhonua o Puna has become a hub for donations, displaced residents and volunteers. A regular fixture there is Ikaika Marzo, whose camerawork has helped Leilani Estates residents, and the rest of the world, find out what's happening in that neighborhood.

The 34-year-old lava boat tour operator started monitoring conditions when a series of earthquakes signaled a possible eruption. "From a normal person perspective, the feeling is excitement," Ikaika says, noting that the eruption is more explosive than he's used to seeing. "You don't see this anywhere in the world. It's awesome being next to that."

But it's an emotional time for Puna residents, especially those who lost homes. "They still need help, information, updates about what's happening in their communities. People keep asking me what's going on. It came to the point where I was the No. 1 guy for our community."

It's an honor, but Ikaika points out that Puna residents need answers from the government. "I'm not a state official but people are asking me, so I'm trying to give the best answers I can come up with," he says. "We need answers from our government. We need government cooperation. To me, that's what's required."

Pi'ilani Ka'awaloa, who grew up in Kalapana and continues to live in Puna, volunteers at the pu'uhonua when she can. Many of the community's immediate food and hygiene needs are being met. When we're there, batteries, tents, dog food, first aid supplies and respirators are still in demand but the hub is at capacity for women's clothes, diapers, shoes and children's toys.

## CALENDAR LISTINGS

To have a local event listed in our monthly calendar, email [kwo@oha.org](mailto:kwo@oha.org) at least six weeks in advance. Make sure to include the location, price, date and time. If available, please attach a high-resolution (300 dpi) photograph with your email.

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## KAPU'UOLA HULA FESTIVAL

June 30, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

This festival celebrates the oratory and performing skills of Native Hawaiians past and present through hula and chant. It also aims at empowering composers and choreographers of mele to preserve Hawai'i's unique form of storytelling through proper use of language and performance. Free. Kapolei Regional Park, [www.facebook.com/kapuuolahulafestival](http://www.facebook.com/kapuuolahulafestival). Proudly sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

## HULIAU YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL

June 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Environmental education nonprofit Maui Huliau Foundation presents seven short films made by students ages 12-18. \$15. Historic 'Īao Theatre, [www.mauihuliau.foundation.org](http://www.mauihuliau.foundation.org).

## PAN-PACIFIC FESTIVAL 2018

June 8-10

This three day festival includes a ho'olaule'a, parade, performing arts showcases, a hula festival and a street dance fest. Free. Waikīkī and Ala Moana, [www.pan-pacific-festival.com](http://www.pan-pacific-festival.com).

## THE ROAD TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING

June 9, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This workshop aimed at Native Hawaiian renters interested in becoming homeowners will help them prepare to purchase a home, while covering credit scores, financing and home maintenance. Free. Nānākuli Housing Corporation Baseyard Hawai'i, 520-2607, [nhc.enrollment@baseyard.com](mailto:nhc.enrollment@baseyard.com). Proudly sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

## SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER WELLNESS KICK-OFF

June 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Blue Zones Project Wahiawā kicks off a community-wide wellness initiative with field activities, gardening demonstrations, more than 40 educational exhibits, workshops and informational booths. Free. Ka'ala Elementary School, Wahiawā.

## KAUA'I KING'S PARADE &amp; CELEBRATION

June 9, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The annual floral parade features pā'ū island horse units, floats, walking and riding units and more, and ends with a ho'olaule'a featuring Hawaiian entertainment, craft booths, food and cultural demonstrations. Free. The parade starts at Vidinha Stadium and ends at the Historic County Building, [kuaiafestivals.org](http://kuaiafestivals.org).

## O'AHU KAMEHAMEHA DAY FLORAL PARADE AND HO'OLAULE'A

June 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 102nd floral parade begins at 9 a.m. at 'Iolani Palace and pā'ū riders, floats, horse-riding units and vehicles will make their way to Kapi'olani Park for a ho'olaule'a featuring entertainment, food, craft booths and more. Free. Downtown Honolulu to Waikīkī, [kamehamehafestival.org](http://kamehamehafestival.org)

## KAILUA-KONA KAMEHAMEHA DAY PARADE AND HO'OLAULE'A

June 9, 9 to 11 a.m.

The annual parade features pā'ū riders on horseback, hula hālau, equestrian units, marching bands, horse-drawn carriages and more. Free. Historic Kailua Village, [www.konaparade.com](http://www.konaparade.com).

## WORLD OCEANS DAY

June 10, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This family-friendly event celebrates World Oceans Day, Pāhānaumokuākea and the Mahalo Hawai'i Sail and includes the premier of the Hawaiian-language version of "Moana" (see story on page 4). Free. Ko Olina Resort, [www.KoOlina.com/events](http://www.KoOlina.com/events).

## HILO KAMEHAMEHA FESTIVAL

June 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrate Kamehameha and the memory of King Kamehameha Day at a festival featuring mele, hula, art and craft vendors and ono food. Presented by the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Māmaloa. Free. Moku Ola (Coconut Island), [kamehamehafestival.org](http://kamehamehafestival.org).

## AN UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTH

June 13, 5 p.m.

Dr. Keanu Sai from the University of Hawai'i will speak about "An Uncomfortable Truth: Hawaii has been in a State of War with the U.S. since 1893," as part of the Na Moolelo lecture series. Free. 'Iolani Palace, Kanaina building, [www.iolanipalace.org](http://www.iolanipalace.org).

## PAUKUKALO MAKAHIKI GAMES

June 15, 1 to 5 p.m.

Look into Hawai'i's past through games and competitions the island's ancestors participated in to show respect for the land. Free. Paukukalo Clubhouse, Maui, [bgcmaui.org](http://bgcmaui.org). Proudly sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

## ROYAL ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA I MOKU O KOHALA FUNDRAISER CONCERT

June 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Support the Kohala Chapter's scholarship program at a concert featuring slack key and 'ukulele masters and vocalists, a silent auction, food and drink. \$30. Kahilu Town Hall, Waimea, [kahiluthatreat.org](http://kahiluthatreat.org).

## MAUI KAMEHAMEHA DAY PĀ'Ū PARADE &amp; HO'OLAULEA

June 16-17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Honor Ali'i Nui Kamehameha I and his 'ohana with Nā Kamehameha Commemorative Pā'ū Parade and ho'olaule'a featuring hula, Hawaiian music, exhibits and more over two days. Free. Under the Banyan Tree, [kamehamehafestival.org](http://kamehamehafestival.org).

## KAULANA 'O NĀ WAI 'EHĀ (FESTIVAL)

June 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrate Nā Wai 'Ehā streams and agriculture at a community event featuring great entertainment, 'ono food, speaker panels and presentations, ku'i 'ai, a community kalo dish contest, crafter and cultural demonstrations. Free. Maui Tropical Plantation, [www.huion-awaieha.org](http://www.huion-awaieha.org). Proudly sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

## KAU KA IWA, HE LA MAKANI

June 27, 5 p.m.

Dr. Lorenz Gonschor of Atenisi University in Tonga, will speak about "Kau ka iwa, he la makani: A genealogy of the Royal Order of the Star of Oceania," as part of the Na Moolelo lecture series. Free. 'Iolani Palace, Kanaina building, [www.iolanipalace.org](http://www.iolanipalace.org). ■

## RECENT BOOK RELEASES

### 1. *Light in the Queen's Garden: Ida May Pope, Pioneer for Hawai'i's Daughters 1862-1914*

By Sandra E. Bonura

University of Hawai'i Press

Originally from the midwest, Ida May Pope was an educator in Hawai'i during a pivotal time in history. Sandra E. Bonura draws from recently discovered primary sources to put together a biography of Pope, who became a close friend of Queen Lili'uokalani and founding principal of the Kamehameha School for Girls. The events surrounding the 1893 overthrow are viewed through the eyes of Pope's students during this turbulent period.

King Kalākaua and Princess Ka'iulani also appear in this biography, as does Lili'uokalani's daughter Lydia Aholo, who attended Kamehameha. Events covered in the book include Queen Lili'uokalani's controversial visit to Kalaupapa to meet Mother Marianne Cope, now known as Saint Marianne of Moloka'i.

### 2. *The Best of Aloha Shorts*

Edited by Sammie Choy, Craig Howes and Phyllis S.K. Look

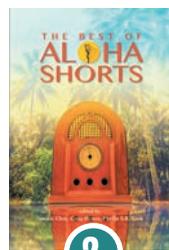
Bamboo Ridge Press

From 2008 to 2012, Bamboo Ridge Press and Hawai'i Public Radio co-produced "Aloha Shorts," a radio program that brought writers, actors and musicians together for a half-hour each Tuesday to celebrate local literature. *The Best of Aloha Shorts* features poems and stories published by Bamboo Ridge that were performed before a live audience in HPR's Atherton Studio. The collection also covers the show's history, including behind-the-scenes details.

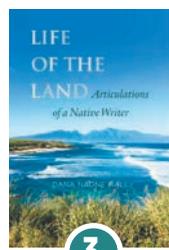
The result is an anthology that features writing by some of Hawai'i's best-known writers, including Nora Okja Keller, Darrell H.Y. Lum, Lee Cataluna, Lois-Ann Yamanaka, Punani Burgess, Keola Beamer and "Aloha Shorts" host



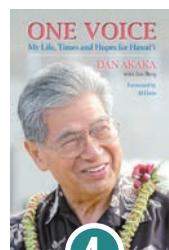
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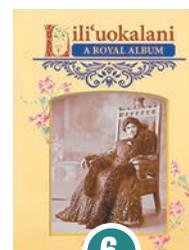
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Cedric Yamanaka. Grouped by theme, the mix of nostalgic and contemporarily-set pieces offer a sense of life in the Islands from plantation days to the 21st century.

### 3. *Life of the Land: Articulations of a Native Writer*

By Dana Naone Hall

'Ai Pōhaku Press

Activist and poet Dana Naone Hall explores the connection Native Hawaiians have with the land through poetry, essays, testimony and photos that chronicle her decades of advocacy for Native Hawaiian and environmental issues, particularly in Maui. Naone Hall was a founding member of Hui Alanui o Mākena, which fought the closing of Old Mākena Road, including the ancient trail known as the King's Highway Pi'ilani Trail. She was also at the forefront of the movement to protect 'iwi kūpuna buried in the sand dunes in Honokahua, Maui, which led to better protections for Native Hawaiian burial sites and the creation of Island Burial Councils.

*Life of the Land* spans more than 30 years of advocacy at the county, state and federal levels, using poetry, anecdotes, insight and analysis to bring kūpuna voices to the forefront and continue fighting for protection and restoration of Hawai'i's cultural and historic sites.

### 4. *One Voice: My Life, Times and Hopes for Hawai'i*

By Daniel K. Akaka and Jim Borg

Watermark Publishing

U.S. Sen. Daniel Kahikina Akaka

published his memoirs just months before his passing in April. Akaka was the first senator of Hawaiian ancestry and spent his nearly four decade political career working to improve conditions for Native peoples, veterans, consumers and the residents of Hawai'i.

### 5. *Kalaupapa Place Names*

By John Clark

University of Hawai'i Press

John Clark shapes a history of Kalaupapa using place names asso-

ciated with the remote Moloka'i colony for Hansen's disease patients, incorporating kanikau, or lamentations, and interviews with Kalaupapa residents.

### 6. *Lili'uokalani: A Royal Album*

By Allen Seiden

Mutual Publishing

Published 100 years after Queen Lili'uokalani's death, this volume uses photographs and designs from the queen's own photo albums – illustrating the life of Hawai'i's

last reigning monarch decade by decade.

### 7. *Poems from a Farmer*

By Victor C. Pellegrino

Open End Publishing Company

Retired professor and author Victor Pellegrino shares poems inspired by his experiences as a farmer on family land in Maui's central valley, the environment and concerns over humankind's treatment of nature. ■



#### Father's Day BBQ Brunch Buffet

Sunday June 17 at the Pikake Pavilion

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## Ki'i Kū donated to Bishop Museum

A carved wooden ki'i representative of the Hawaiian god Kū has been donated to Bishop Museum.

Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff and his wife Lynne purchased the 20-inch ki'i at an auction at Christie's Paris last November. Little is known about the figure, which was obtained by Paris-based art dealer



Wooden ki'i. - Photo: Bishop Museum

Claude Vérié in the 1940s. The ki'i, carved from 'ōhia, is a human figure in a warrior pose with its knees bent, draped with a headdress in the classic "Kona style"

of images carved during Kamehameha I's reign.

"We felt strongly that this ki'i belonged in Hawai'i, for the education and benefit of its people" said Marc Benioff. "As a part of Bishop Museum's permanent collections, the ki'i will be cared for in perpetuity and will be shared with future generations of the people of Hawai'i."

Bishop Museum researchers will study the carving, which will be a centerpiece in a Bishop Museum exhibit opening in February 19 at the close of the Makahiki season.

## Lewis named CEO of CNHA

Joe Kūhiō Lewis has been selected to succeed Michelle Kauhane as CEO of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, effective June 1.

The appointment means Lewis will leave his role as Community Outreach and Engagement manager for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, where he focused on advancing the agency's civic engagement initiatives. Lewis is also a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and past president of the Kapolei Community Development



Joe Kūhiō Lewis

## MALIA CRAVER HULA COMPETITION



Mid-Pacific Institute brought 89 students to perform a hui 'ia hula at the 2018 Malia Craver Hula Kahiko Competition at Saint Louis School on May 19. The competition gives secondary school students the opportunity to showcase their achievements in ancient hula and dance, as well as learn about culture, dances and traditions of old Hawai'i. - Photo: Courtesy Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Competition

Corporation, where he helped raise more than \$2 million for the Kapolei Heritage Center.

"This is an exciting time for CNHA," Michelle Kauhane said in a release announcing Lewis's selection. "Kūhiō understands well the top issues in the Hawaiian community and is a recognized next generation leader in Hawai'i. He brings with him a vast network of organizations to grow and strengthen CNHA's membership coalition. I look forward to the next phase of CNHA's growth under Kūhiō's leadership."

Hanalei Aipoalani, CNHA Board Chairman added, "It's a new day. A bright new beginning for CNHA, its members, and coalition partners to build upon common ground to advance Native Hawaiians."

The transfer of leadership will be formally acknowledged at the 17th Annual Native Hawaiian Convention scheduled for October 8-10.

## Schools serve Maui-grown pineapples

Maui Gold pineapple hand-picked on the slopes of Haleakala was featured in public school lunches across the state in May.

The Department of Education's



Maui-grown pineapples will be featured in student meals this May as part of the 'Aina Pono Hawai'i State Harvest of the Month program. - Photo: Department of Education

'Aina Pono Hawai'i State Harvest of the Month program developed scratch-cooked recipes that incorporated fresh pineapple to give students healthier lunches and support local agriculture. School lunches in prior months have featured locally grown beef, banana, papaya and 'ulu.

"Instead of serving pineapples as fresh fruit on the side, our schools will be using locally grown Maui Gold pineapples in scratch-cooked student lunches statewide," said Albert Scales, program administrator, School Food Services Branch. "We experimented with different recipes and found the pineapples worked well as a main dish in our Sweet and Sour Pineapple Pork."

The recipe can be found at [go.g/GfZAhf](http://go.g/GfZAhf).

## Moloka'i program cultivates leaders

A new education program developed by the nonprofit 'Āina Momona is offering high school graduates on Moloka'i opportunities for further education while working in the community.

'Āina Momona's new Aloha 'Āina Fellows program will support up to 16 emerging young leaders, who will participate in leadership capacity-building. The fellowship includes training and skill-building opportunities in community organization and planning, natural and cultural resource management, professional writing, presentation making, finance and politics. Fellows will earn college credit and receive a stipend.

"We are thrilled to give our young leaders the chance to work with the community," says Moloka'i resident Pūlama Lima of the University of Hawai'i, Maui College, a partner of the program. "This gives these young professionals vital community-based work experience that can lead to important career opportunities. It also creates a valuable opportunity for Moloka'i to come together at an essential time to shape our own future. It creates space for intergenerational learning and communication."

## Workshops offered by Nānākuli Housing

The Nānākuli Housing Corporation has announced the schedule for upcoming workshops that prepare renters for homeownership.

The workshops cover credit and financing, and also teach participants how to do some home maintenance to avoid costly repair bills.

> Financial literacy workshops will be offered:

- June 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nānākuli Library
- June 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wai'anae Library
- June 9, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kalaeloa
- June 19, 4 to 8 p.m., Kalihi Library
- June 23, 8:30 to 2 p.m., Kalaeloa
- July 10, 4 to 8 p.m., Nānākuli Library
- July 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Windward location TBA
- July 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nānākuli Library
- July 28, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kalaeloa

> Home maintenance workshops are scheduled for:

- June 9, 2 to 4 p.m., Kalaeloa
- June 23, 2 to 4 p.m., Kalaeloa
- July 28, 2 to 4 p.m., Kalaeloa

Visit [www.baseyard.com](http://www.baseyard.com) for more details. Nānākuli Housing receives grant funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

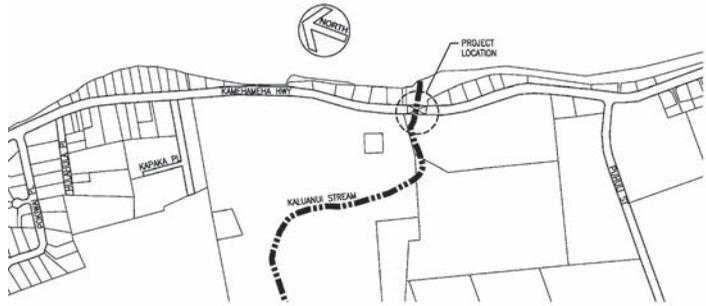
## Homeless count shows statewide decrease

Hawai'i's homeless population has decreased two years in a row, according to Partners in Care and Bridging the Gap's 2018 Statewide Point in Time Count conducted Jan. 22.

Key findings were highlighted in a state news release when the data was presented in May. According to the state, the count revealed:

> An almost 10 percent decrease in homeless individuals from 7,220 persons in 2017 to 6,530 persons in 2018.

- Kauai: 28.9 percent decrease
- Hawaii Island: 8.8 percent



**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR KALUANUI STREAM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY, HAULA, KOOLAULO DISTRICT**

Hau'ula – The State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation, Highways Division (HDOT) in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, will be holding a Public Information Meeting to introduce this project and consult with the community under the National Environmental Policy Act, Chapter 343 HRS draft environmental assessment, and Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act consultation process.

This project involves replacement of the existing Kaluanui Stream Bridge on Kamehameha Highway (Route 83) in Hauula to meet current State and Federal design standards. The existing bridge is bordered by State land, which contains the Greater Mt. Zion Holiness Church's private property at the north-west corner, a private owner on the south-west corner (mauka of the bridge), and private owners and a beach access path along the east side (makai of the bridge).

The existing Kaluanui Stream Bridge, originally built in 1926, consists of two 11-foot wide travel lanes with one-foot wide shoulders on both sides. The existing railings and end treatments do not meet the current highway design standards.

The proposed bridge will be a three-span structure consisting of pre-cast, prestressed solid planks and a composite concrete topping. The bridge will accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes (one lane in each direction) and 10 foot shoulders on each side for bicycle and pedestrian use.

The meeting is scheduled at the following location and time:

June 6, 2018  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Hauula Civic Center  
54-010 Kukuna Road,  
Hauula, HI 96717

The consultation meeting will be accessible for individuals with disabilities. For more information, please request an auxiliary aid or service (e.g., sign language, interpreter, specific language interpreter, designated parking, and materials in alternate format) contact Ms. Cody Aihara or Mr. George Gutierrez, Jr. at (808) 536-2626 by May 30, 2018. TTY users may use TRS to contact HDOT. ■

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- decrease
- Oahu: 9.4 percent decrease
- Maui: 2.6 percent decrease
- > 10.6 percent decrease in homeless families
- > 12.5 percent decrease in the number of homeless children in families.
- > 4.8 percent decrease in chronic

homeless individuals and families > 13.5 percent decrease in homeless veterans statewide

"This report shows that the gains we made last year are continuing to solidify, and that the tide is definitely starting to turn on homelessness in Hawai'i," said Hope Services Hawai'i CEO Brandee Menino, who is also chair of Bridging the Gap, which repre-

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## CHAMINADE

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(PREP) for minority college graduates interested in pursuing doctoral studies in biological and biomedical sciences. She has her eye on Marshall University's biomedical science program after completing the PREP program.

"Being Native Hawaiian reminds me of what my values are and what my responsibilities are as a person," she said. "It's self-realization: knowing who you are, knowing where you've been and knowing where you want to go."

It also makes her want to come back. "All of the scholarships I've been on talk about giving back to the community, whether it's something small like community service or whether it's big, like donating your time. I think that's what I need to do."

Learn more about Chaminade's Ho'oulu Scholarship Program at <https://finaid.chaminade.edu/scholarships/hooulu-stem-scholarship>. ■

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Energy, the parent company of Texaco. "Being confident in speaking, regardless of whether it's in English or Hawaiian, can have far-reaching, positive impacts on a child's success in life."

The addition of 'Ōlelo Hawai'i to the speech festival follows efforts to include Hawaiian language projects in science fairs across the state. At least one Hawaiian language science project has advanced to the Hawai'i State Science and Engineering Fair since 2015.

Ānuenue School has been at the forefront of pushing the boundaries of 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, with its students competing in science fairs for years and now entering the speech festival.

"What we are doing is the natural progression of the Hawaiian language revitalization

movement," said Babā Yim, the po'okumu of Ānuenue. "Thirty years ago, immersion schools were established to help save what many considered to be a dying language. Now our goal is to make sure the language thrives and that Hawaiian language speakers have the same opportunities as everyone else."

OHA has been supportive of these 'Ōlelo Hawai'i advancements. For the last two years, OHA has provided awards to recognize the Hawaiian language immersion students who have qualified for the state science fair. For the speech festival, OHA provided three Hawaiian language judges, helping to address one of the main obstacles for the inclusion of Hawaiian language in new forums. In addition, OHA participated in a ceremony at Ānuenue School following the speech festival to celebrate the achievements of these students. ■

## PUNA LAVA

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The needs aren't all material. Pressing concerns include air quality, access where lava has flowed across roads, and housing – both temporary and permanent – for those who have been displaced. Pi'ilani hopes FEMA will provide assistance and that land will be donated to those who need to rebuild, as happened after the lava flow in the 1990s. Insurance companies are already coming in to help, Pi'ilani says, and she'd like to see financial institutions follow. Community members also want to tap into the relief dollars they've heard are being accepted at banks and through other organizations, she says.

The eruption has galvanized the community. "It will change the dynamic of how people think and how people feel," Pi'ilani says. "This is the true essence of aloha kekahi i kekahi, mālama kekahi i kekahi, and helping out people." ■

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sents neighbor islands. "This is a continuing trend, not a one-time thing."

"In the last few years, our homelessness service providers have made tremendous strides in using data and evidence-based practices to address homelessness," stated Heather Lusk, vice chair of Partners in Care and executive director of the Life Foundation and CHOW Project. "We know the Point in Time Count doesn't give us an exact number of the number of people who are currently homeless, but this is an indicator that we are gaining momentum. For the sake of the individuals and families affected by homelessness, and our broader community, we need to continue to quicken our pace in building upon the foundation we've laid." ■

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**A history of civic engagement**

As we reflect on this year's legislative session and the inaction by the Legislature on bills championed by OHA and the Native Hawaiian community, I am reminded more than ever of the need for a civically engaged community. I have been a longtime advocate of grassroots movements and direct advocacy with lawmakers, but a major way to make our voices heard is through our votes.

This is a huge election year with seats open at the local, state, and national levels. Coincidentally this is also Ke Au Hawai'i, the Year of the Hawaiian. What better way to celebrate who we are than by showing up in record numbers and being the deciding voters in these races? Our primary elections are just

around the corner, with early walk-in voting beginning at the end of July. Primary elections hold a great importance in Hawai'i, where the outcome of some offices can already be determined during the primary.

The first step in this process is to make sure you are registered to vote. Timely registration with the Office of Elections will ensure that your vote is counted on election day. Although same-day registration is available during early voting and at your assigned polling place on election day, a timely registration is required in order to request an absentee ballot. If you are voting by absentee ballot, pay close attention to instructions and deadlines. This year, the deadline to register for the primary election is July 12.

Civic engagement has had a long role in our history. The 1897 Petition Against the Annexation of Hawai'i, also known as the Kū'ē Petitions, was signed by 21,269 Hawaiians, which was a majority of the population at the

time. The Hawaiian Civic Club movement began 100 years ago, founded by Prince Kūhiō, in and of itself a major component of civic engagement and advocacy for our lāhui.



Colette Y. Machado

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Native Hawaiians have set historic milestones when it comes to holding high elected office. The first Native governor of any state was Governor John Waihe'e III in 1986. The first Native Hawaiian to serve in the United States Senate was U.S. Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka, appointed to the Senate in 1990.

In 1900, Hawai'i sent its first delegate, and first Native Hawaiian, Robert Wilcox, to Congress. Wilcox's immediate successor, Prince Kūhiō, would become the second Native Hawaiian in Congress in 1903. Hawai'i's first two representatives in Congress were

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- > Deadline to register for the primary election: **July 12**
  - > Deadline to request a mail ballot: **August 4**
  - > Early walk-in voting: **July 30 – August 9** (check your county locations)
  - > Primary Election: **August 11**
- Register to vote or check your registration at: <https://olvr.hawaii.gov>

Native Hawaiians, and this was before Hawai'i even had a vote in Congress.

An informed and engaged voting populace has the potential to encourage more candidates for office – hopefully more Native Hawaiian candidates and candidates who are supporters of issues important to the Native Hawaiian community.

Addressing an audience at Washington Place in 1900, Queen Lili'uokalani said: "We have no other direction left to pursue, except this unrestricted right to vote, given by the U.S. to you the lāhui, grasp it and hold on to it. It is up to you to make things right for all of us in the future."

Our beloved Queen provided these words of wisdom more than a century ago, yet we still struggle to make our voice heard.

Let's celebrate the Year of the Hawaiian in the most appropriate way possible by making our Hawaiian vote the loudest it has ever been. Register, and cast your vote, beginning with the primary election. ■

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## Ethics Commission needs to be challenged

**A**no'ai kakou... As you may have heard in the media recently, the Hawaii State Ethics Commission has alleged that I inappropriately spent my trustee allowance. For years, the Commission has threatened elected officials by telling them to pay fines for alleged offenses or they will take them to court or increase their fines. This needs to be challenged and I will demand that the Ethics Commission hold a full hearing about their allegations.



**Rowena Akana**

Trustee,  
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as out kupuna who aren't familiar with the internet, our Trustee Columns in the *Ka Wai Ola* are the only way that they can learn what Trustees are currently working on and what is going on internally at OHA.

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OHA's Administration should be spending their time working on more important matters than looking for ways to harass me. They definitely should not be looking

for ways to restrict a Trustee's ability to communicate with beneficiaries.

### FINAL NOTE

This will be my final column until after the November election since all Trustees who are running for re-elections must suspend their monthly columns while they are campaigning. However, look for my op-eds in the *Star-Advertiser* and other media outlets.

Aloha Ke Akua. ■

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## Senator Daniel Akaka: Proud to be Hawaiian and Proud to be American

**F**rom the time I was a teenager and throughout my years in various careers, every opportunity to meet or talk with the late Senator Akaka left a deep and lasting impression upon me.

When I took a group of youth leaders to visit his office while on a trip to our nation's capital, I was impressed with the gentleness and warmth he extended. It was just as if these youth were visiting their own "tutu kane."

Back home in Hawai'i, during



**Keli'i Akina, Ph.D.**

Trustee,  
At-large

again, acknowledged his pride in being Hawaiian and American.

"I am proud to be the first Native Hawaiian ever to serve in the Senate, just as I am so proud to be one of the three U.S. Army World War II veterans who remain in the Senate today," Senator Akaka said. "The United States is a great country. One of the things that makes us so great is that though we have made mistakes, we change, we correct them, we right past wrongs."

"In Congress and in our nation, we are truly all together in the



Trustee Akina and Sen. Daniel Akaka. - Photo: Courtesy

a conversation we had at the Pacific Club, I had the opportunity to pick the Senator's brain. We talked about his upbringing in a Christian home, his World War II military service, his years as a teacher, and his distinguished career as a United States Senator. In all these roles, it was clear that Senator Akaka bridged two worlds. He was a Hawaiian, loved being a Hawaiian and was proud of it. And he was an American, loved being an American and was also proud of it. Perhaps more than anyone else I know, Senator Akaka brought together the essence of being an American and being a Hawaiian, not just in words, but in the very life he lived and legacy he has left.

In his December 2012 farewell address, given on the floor of the U.S. Senate, Senator Akaka bid aloha to his colleagues and

same canoe," Senator Akaka continued. "If we paddle together in unison, we can travel great distances. If the two sides of the canoe paddle in opposite directions, we will go in circles. I urge my colleagues to take this traditional Hawaiian symbol to heart, and put the American people first, by working together."

At a time when it is so easy for people to be divided over many issues, we can look to an example in Senator Akaka of the power of bringing people together in the spirit of Aloha.

E Hana Kākou / Let's work together! ■

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## OHA for the People

**A**loha kakou e nā po‘e aloha ‘āina,

I am sometimes asked, “What does OHA do for us?” What is OHA’s mission? In the Admission Act of 1959, the people established a public trust which included among other responsibilities, betterment of conditions for native Hawaiians. In 1978, the people of the State of Hawai‘i reaffirmed their solemn trust obligation and responsibility to native Hawaiians by establishing the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to address the needs of our Hawaiian people.

OHA has always kept this purpose in mind. There are many ways to carry out that purpose, and there is great need in our communities. Chapter 10 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes goes more in detail on how OHA should manage its trust and with whom we should engage, but one of the many services that we provide for the community for which I am proudest are the grants and sponsorships that serve nonprofits that directly serve our communities.

I’d like to highlight for you the following. In FY 2017, OHA awarded a total of \$9,040,270 that went to serve our communities in the following categories: Culture, education, health, housing, income, and land. We were able to help notable nonprofit organizations like Kānehanamoku Voyaging Academy, who support the learning of our ancient wayfinding navigation skills. They provide a critical platform for our youth to learn and perpetuate the ancient ways in order to connect with our kūpuna. \$500,000 went to serve the University of Hawaii – Office of Research Services that will support scholarships for higher education opportunities for the Native Hawaiian Science and Engineering Mentorship Program. \$1.5 million was given to the Hawaiian Charter Schools to help sustain them. We were able to support the efforts to prevent

childhood obesity at the Kualapu‘u Public Conversion Charter School on Moloka‘i through the Project Pū‘olo with a grant of \$135,256. This particular program helps to educate not only the students, but the families as well in making better health and nutritional decisions. OHA has continued to fulfill its commitment to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands with a grant of \$3,000,000 per year. This money will go toward the debt service on the bonds issued by DHHL that went into establishing infrastructure support for housing. OHA was able to grant \$221,500 to Goodwill Industries

of Hawaii, Inc. where they help support Native Hawaiians earn and obtain higher-wage employments. We believe economic development can go a long way to supporting our lāhui and furthering their lives. As a land steward ourselves, we must put forth our efforts to supporting initiatives that help the land. Kako‘o ‘Ōiwi was granted \$103,018 to go towards supporting their efforts in farming lo‘i kalo in the ‘ahupua‘a of He‘eia. The aforementioned grantees are just to name a few and I want to commend each and every grant recipient this year and encourage you to holomua with your great work to support our people and communities.

OHA is able to support other initiatives in our communities by way of Fiscal Reserve. In the past we were able to give nearly \$500,000 to Lunalilo Homes to help with capital improvements of their facility to bring further comfort to our kūpuna. Another notable grant was given to the Polynesian Voyaging Society to support their efforts of circumnavigating the globe, putting Hawai‘i on the map and advocating to the world to commit to sustainability.

To be able to support our people at a local and even global level is humbling. It is truly my honor to be a part of serving our lāhui. ■



**Carmen “Hulu” Lindsey**  
Trustee, Maui

## Diane Maka‘ala Kaneali‘i inspires through service

**A**loha nui kākou! I would like to first extend my aloha to all who are facing extreme situations in Puna and all throughout our pae ‘āina. Our hearts and pule are with you. Please know that we are trying to do what we can to kōkua along with other state and county agencies. E kōkua aku ā kōkua mai!

In times of challenge or as some would say “opportunity,” I often look right in front of me on Hawai‘i Island, on Moku O Keawe, to find inspiration. Many of our neighbors, both yours and mine, often have their own challenges, their own “opportunities.” As I watch them overcome these challenges and proceed forward to the best of their ability, I am often amazed at what is accomplished. This month, I would like to share one such person with all of you and share a little bit about what she tries to do for her community.

Her name is Diane “Maka‘ala” Kaneali‘i and she was born on O‘ahu in the mid-fifties. She was raised between Pu‘u Hue Ranch in Kohala and Volcano agriculture lands. She graduated from Hilo High School and continued her education at Hawaii Community College where she received her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) credentials. She then continued to achieve a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Phoenix.

She wed her husband, Roger “Maha” Mo‘ikeha Kanealii Jr., in 1985. Together, they raised five children and are now proud grandparents of twelve mo‘opuna.

After retiring as a nurse of thirty-eight years, her dedication turned to helping her community grow and bringing parity to her Hawaiian Homes community. Since 2014, she has served as the Kailapa Community Association (KCA) Executive Director and Project Manager. Prior to her current position, she served nine years on the KCA Board. Her community work also extends to serving as the County of Hawaii Community Development Action Committee Chair; member of Na Maka O Papahanau-mokuakea, Kai Kuleana Network, and South Kohala Coastal Partnership; advisory

board member of Value Growth Associates; and an active participant on the KCA Emergency Response Team.



**Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.**  
Trustee, Hawai‘i

Let me share just a few of the significant milestones or accomplishments reached on behalf of the Kailapa Hawaiian Homestead community.

- 501(c)3 non-profit designation
- Community entrance sign
- Ala Kahakai Trails Association and UH anthropology class partnership that resulted in an archeologic survey of historical lands
- 14.33-acre fence protection from ungulates and native plant revegetate with support from DLNR and NOAA
- Native plant propagation and out-planting to decrease erosion and sediment entering the ocean with help from the Wai-koloa Dry Forest Reserve
- Implemented community planning sessions in partnership with a UH Department of Urban and Rural Planning class that became the foundation to the 14.33-acre Master Plan
- Children's playground installed in part by community volunteers
- Fire Wise Certified Community
- 3,200 sf. Community Pavilion constructed in part by community volunteers
- 25 x 100 ft greenhouse constructed by volunteers to support food security via aquaponics with assistance from Waimea and Papakolea Hawaiian Homesteaders
- Annual Kawaihae Na Kilo Aina Camp implemented since 2012 (resource management and sustainability) in partnership with Na Maka O Papahanau-mokuakea

All these things and more were accomplished through patience, dedication and most importantly...ALOHA. She is someone who I truly believe does everything with aloha. When a new problem, challenge or “opportunity” arises, she and “Maha” have a discussion and next thing you know, she is off and running.

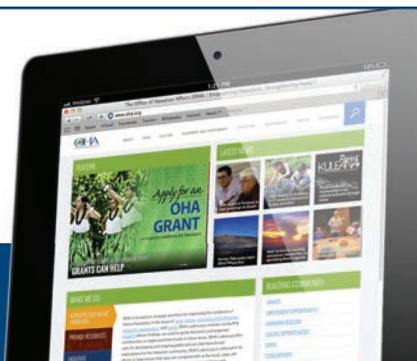
Her hope is that our Hawaiian community reaches self-reliance, so we can THRIVE, not just survive. Mahalo nui e Maka‘ala for all your service to your community and to our people. I MUA! ■

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## 2018

**KALEOHANO/WENTWORTH** – To all descendants of (h) Apela married (w) Waiolae, children are: Kaiapa Apela, (h) James W. Kaleohano (w) Kekipi. Tutu Kekipi's parents are: (h) Keawe (w) Poaimoku, whose children are: (w) Kuaana (h) Peahi Kealakai, (h) Hawila (w) Alice Wentworth, (h) Holualoa (w) Keawehaku Kaholi, (h) HolHolua (w) Keawehaku Kaonohi, (h) Apela (w) Kamela Kaula (h) Howard Hawila Kaleohano & (w) Alice Ale Wentworth, There will be a family reunion July 7 and 8, 2018, in Kailua-Kona at the Old Kona Airport. Descendants of Ella Kawaiiani Wentworth (Obed Naukana Kaiawe), Moses Moke Wentworth (Annie Kaapa/Ilima Uhai Hao), Alice Ale Wentworth (George K. Beck Sr.), Louisa Kekipi Kaleohano (James Kealaiki Sr.), Annie Kaleohano (Annum Y. Kealamakia), Adeline Waialoa Kaleohano (Moses Keale Sr./Joseph Kahale), Sophia Kaponu Kaleohano (Daniel Huakanou Kaiawe), Smith Kaleohano (Louisa Kawale Kaupu), Howard Hawila Kaleohano (Mabel U. Kahale/Lily Kanohea), Daisy Kauwana Kaleohano (Acho Young), Mary Haulani Kaleohano (W. Kurishige/J. Valera) are all invited to this event. For registration and more info, contact Dean Kaiawe (808)987-3229, Sonya Fukushima (808)323-3574, Christine Mendoza (808) 430-5547 or visit the Kaleohano/Wentworth family page on Facebook for updates. kaleohano.wentworth@gmail.com.

**KAUUAU** – Kauaua 'Ohana reunion 2018 will be held on Kauai at the Lydgate Park, Wailua on June 22 to 24, 2018. Information and registration form can be found on websites KauauaOhana.com; KauauaOhanaKauai.com; and Facebook-KauauaKauai. Plan early to reserve your accommodations and rent-a-car. Call Clarence Ariola Jr. (808) 639-9637 or email cariolajr@hawaii.rr.com for more information.

**KUAKAHELA-KALIMAONAONA** – The descendants of Kuakahela and Keaka Kalimaonaona is scheduled for July 28 and 29 2018 in Kailua-Kona at Makaoa Events Pavilion. Children: Naiheuhau, Kealohapaule, Kaunahi, Kaaiahue, Kamau, Kimona (Simeona), Malia, Wahinelawaia and J. K. Kuakahela. Please come and join us to plan this 2-day event. Please contact Agnes if you have questions 808-987-1884.

**LOPES** – The descendants of Seraphine Lopes & Pakele Kaluahine Kahumoku "2nd Ohana Reunion" is being held on July 29 - 29, 2018 at Swanzy Beach Park, 51-489 Kamehameha Hwy., Ka'a'awa, O'ahu. The reunion gathering day is Saturday, July 28, from 10a to 9p. Please join us for lunch and dinner, bring a main dish w/ dessert. 'Ohana will have music, games, talk story and genealogy updates during the reunion. Camping is allowed on July 27 - 29, but you must obtain a C&C of Honolulu camping permit. The 13 descendants of Seraphine Lopes & Pakele Kaluahine Kahumoku are: Seraphine Jr., Louie, Tom, John (Violet Makia), Thomas (Annette Bogdanoff), Frank (Christina Bogdanoff), Eben "Nahi" (Maria Torres), Charles (Annie Ale Kaleleiki Apana), David (Hannah Higgins), Jenny (Nahi Kukui), Mary (George Schutte), Carrie (Joseph Keoki Paoa), & Girtly (George

Medeiros). Musician volunteers are needed and monetary donations are welcomed. Funds will be used for picnic tables, tents, paper goods. For more information contact family representative: Ramona "Bully" DiFolco (808) 263-0121 or cell (808) 282-8921.

**LOVELL-HELOKAKHI** – Joseph Lovell a me Mary-Mele Holokahiki Family reunion, July 12-15, 2018 Kohala Coast, Hawai'i Island, to honor Kupuna Mele Holokahiki who was from Pololū Valley. We need your kōkua: please serve on a committee, donate, and most important – plan on attending. Fill out the questionnaire form ASAP to help our planning. There are a few rooms left at Kohala Village Inn – contact Makalapua at kaawa@hawaii.edu. Contact us at the family email: lovell.holokahiki@gmail.com or call Teri 808-494-5384.

**MAKUAOLE** – To all descendants of Samuel Makuaole Opuweuwē (1852-1917) and daughters, Rebecca "Kapeka" Makuaole (1883-1975) and Mary "Mele" Makuaole (1884-1942), of Hakioa, Makaweli, Kaua'i; There will be a Makuaole Family Reunion on the island of Kaua'i in 2018. The Reunion dates are July 5, 6 & 7, 2018 at Lucy Wright Park in Waimea, Kaua'i. All descendants who have not yet been contacted and are interested in attending the Makuaole Family Reunion are encouraged to contact us for more information. Please submit your contact information (Name, family line, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses) to Makuaole2018@gmail.com or contact Mahe (Lacro) Vegas, daughter of Annie (Apo) Lacro (808.651.1197); or Ikaika Rosa, grandson of Grace (Makuaole) Acain (206.356.3235).

**PUA** – The descendants of David Kaluahi Pua and Maria Kini are planning a family reunion on August 31 - September 2, 2018, at Punalu'u Black Sand Beach, Ka'u, Hawai'i. We have secured the pavilion area for the 3 days. David and Maria had eight children, all of whom produced descendants. They were Violet (Pua) Waltjen, Caroline (Pua) Kauwe, Samuel Pua, David Pua Jr., Abigail aka Pake (Pua) Kaupu, Mary Mae aka Fat (Pua) Kaupu, Donald Pua and Eugene Pua. For more information, please contact Ala Kawaauhau at 808-345-5440 or by email at kawaauhauedward@yahoo.com. Please write "Pua Reunion" in the subject line. You may also visit the David Kaluahi Pua a me Maria Kini 'ohana facebook page for updates.

**PUHI** – The 2018 Puihi Reunion will be held the last weekend of June 2018, at the Hawaiian Home Hall in Waimea, Kamuela, Hawai'i. Return to the Big Island for our 20th year! This reunion will recognize the descendants of Keawe and Keluia, the parents of Eddie Kenao Puihi, Jack Keawe Puihi, Walter Keawe Kaleikini, Esther Kaiona Keene and Helen Kalahiki Rickard. Pickup of registration will start from Friday evening, come for dinner and some wala'au. Saturday morning will be our family event (roadtrip!), and later meet up for the pa'ina Saturday evening. Sunday will be our closing and wrap-up. Join our Facebook page 2018 Puihi Family Reunion. Or, email Daviann Kama or Ella Waiwaiolae at puhireunion@gmail.com for more info. Aloha mai!

**ROBINS- FRIEDENBURG** – Thomas Robins/Victoria Friedenborg family gathering on July 14, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. till p.m.

at Punalu'u Beach park in Ka'u, Hawai'i. Please bring a dish to share. Join us and help make this a memorable event. Family, Food, and Fun. RSVP by June 1, 2018 or direct questions to Heidi - robinsfamily808@gmail.com. Kim - robins2friedenborg@gmail.com or 808-929-7130.

**VERA CRUZ-KAHALEPAIWI** – The descendants of Lui Vera Cruz & Philomena Haili Kahalepaiwi will be gathering on Kaua'i Friday June 29, 2018- Sunday July 1, 2018. Their children were all born in Lihue, Kaua'i between 1881-1887. They are Caroline Line (Henry Awailua), Annie Mauna (William Adolpho; John Kamakau), Louis (Henrietta Nicholas; Elizabeth Kaliko; Cecilia Kahue; Flora Aki), Benito (Emma Lake), and Joseph Moekahi (Hattie Pomaikai; Flora Aki; Mary Saito). Please email Angela Neller at hiilani@fairpoint.net for registration information to be sent to you. The deadline for registration, t-shirts, and family group sheets is April 30, 2018.

**VICTOR** – The descendants of Kamukai Wikoli and Amelia Akoi, collectively known as the Victor 'Ohana, will be holding its 2018 reunion at the Nani Mau Gardens in Hilo from 17-19 August. Information and registration forms will be available online at www.victor-ohana.org or www.facebook.com/the.victor.ohana. Email dwight@victor-ohana.org with questions. Mahalo!

**ZABLAN** – 80th Year of the founding of our HUI O ZABLAN. The Hui O Zablan Picnic will be from 9:00am-4:00pm on Sat., 4 Aug 2018 at Magic Island, Ala Moana Park, Section 30, the mauka section closest to the street. It is a Potluck. Bring your own chairs. The Hui O Zablan Reunion T-Shirts: Deep red shirt with a gold Hawaiian shirt design, and a golden-rod yellow shirt with a red Family Crest design again features Cousin Kimo Zablan's art work. Cousins Jimbo and Tammy Correa Beaumont are producing the shirts at a very reasonable price. Shirts will be available for purchase for a reasonable price at the Picnic. Bring your kala. Call Cousin Susan Victor 988-1272, if you have any late additions to Family Album. Annual Family Reunion Luncheon will be held in the fall. Date and time to be announced. The Hui O Zablan hope to see all you Joaquin and Ane Nahaku Keaweamahi and Joaquin and Maria Betholeo descendants and our Extended Families. Come help us celebrate our 80th!

## FAMILY SEARCH

**CULLEN** – Looking for genealogy records for my great grandmother on my father's side. Mary Cullen 1869-1920 married John Fernandez 1860-1939. Their daughter Madeline Fernandez Colburn. Please call or text Pauhi Colburn at 722-8400. Mahalo nui.

**ESTRELLA/SOEIRO** – My G-Grandparents Arsenio de Sousa Estrella & wife Carolina de Jesus Soeiro came from Ribeira Grande, Sao Miguel, Azores. They arrived on O'ahu in 1883 on the ship "Albergeldie" with their two children Manuel & Maria. They then went to work on the plantation in North Kohala, Hawai'i and had Joseph, Wilhelmina, John & Antone. Somehow Arsenio left the family and where is unknown. Carolina then went to Wailuku, Maui and married Christino Lorenzo (Lawrence) and

one son named Frank. I have known G-Uncles John & Antone since they lived on Maui where we grew up. The only G-Uncle we did know is Joseph who lived on O'ahu. I cannot find any information on Maria and Manuel, unless they passed away on the Albergeldie coming here. My G-Grandmother Wilhelmina married Antone Lopes and had Henry, Louis, Sonny, Peter & William then remarried my Grandfather Antone Haleakala and had: Manuel, Evelyn & Frank (my father). So this is the line I am trying to research. E-mail: annette913@yahoo.com. Mahalo.

**KAIWA** – Looking for descendants or related 'Ohana Members of 'BILL KAIWA', aka 'SOLOMAN ANI. Please contact ROBERTA BOLLIG320-248-3656 or flh63kb@yahoo.com MAHALO!

**KALAUAPAPA** – Are you looking for an ancestor at Kalauapapa? Ka 'Ohana O Kalauapapa, a nonprofit organization made up of Kalauapapa residents, family members and friends, might be able to help. We have information on more than 7,000 people sent to Kalauapapa. Contact 'Ohana Coordinator Valerie Monson at vmonson@kalauapapa.oha.org or call 808-573-2746.

**KAMAKAU** – Looking for descendants or related family members of Ellen P. Kamakau. Born at Kaopipa/Kaupipa, Maui on September 3, 1850. Since, deceased. Please contact 808-366-0847 or lruby@hawaii.edu.

**KAMEKONA/LOA/KAHAWAI** – Searching for genealogy, family members, foster or hanai records for my Great Grandmother, ROSE HIWA KAMEKONA, born June 15, 1909, 1st marriage to George Loa 1927 (one child with/Rose Loa/now Rose Lani) . 2nd marriage to Francis Kahawai 1928 - 1929 (three children with), deceased 1935. I am the grand-daughter of Rose Loa/Lani, great grand daughter to ROSE HIWA KAMEKONA. Please call/v mess/text Luana @ #(808) 450-0103 or email lkeliooka3@gmail.com.

**KEAWE** – Looking for genealogy records or family members for my grandmother Hannah Keawe born 1875 in North Kohala, HI. Married my grandfather Henry K. Iaea born 1880 in Ka'u, HI. Married 1901 Hon. Territory of Hawai'i birth 1896-1909. Index by name of mother Keawe Hannah, father Henry K. Iaea - child Elizabeth Kalua born 7/19/1898 in North Kohala. Please call Ned Iaea 808-979-1800 or 808-426-1061. Mahalo!

**KINA/LINCOLN/BAILEY** – We are looking for the descendants of the unions of Meleana Kaimuali'i Kina (Moloka'i) and George Walter Lincoln, Nellie Lihue Lincoln and Charles Anson Bailey (Maui), Nellie Lihue Bailey (Maui) and John Domingo Joyce, Pearl "Peachie" Marie K. Bailey (Maui) and West LaFortune, Meleana Wahineho'ohano Nui (Maui/Moloka'i) and Samuel Moewale Kaleo (brother to Charles Lui Ko'oko'o and Kunewa Moewale). We are planning a reunion for October 2018. Please contact us at: oct2018.reunion@gmail.com or call Phyllis @ 291-5826, Kanani @ 674-6679, or Moana @ 744-9901. Kuemo (-no)/Kolaimo – Looking for descendants of Japanese drifters who came to O'ahu in 1841, much earlier than the first Japanese immigrants came to Hawai'i. Kuemo or

Kuemono (original name is Goemon) came from Tosa, Japan and he naturalized to the Kingdom of Hawai'i on Jan 10, 1845. He lived in Honouliuli as a farmer from 1847 and seems to married to a Hawaiian lady "Hina" on May 20, 1851 according to marriage record. I am also looking for descendants of Kolaimo, who's original name is Toramon of Tosa, Japan and naturalized to the Kingdom of Hawai'i on Feb 13, 1847. He worked as a carpenter under Mr. Heart, married to a Hawaiian lady and died in O'ahu. Please contact Harry (808) 777-9187 or harryporterkiawe@gmail.com Mahalo!

**KEKUKU APUAKEHAU** – Looking for lineage from Joseph Kekukupena Apuakehau, 1857-1936, and Miliama "Miriam" Kaopua, 1857-1919, to Kalaimanokoh'o'owaha also known as Kana'ina nui (Big Island Ali'i), circa 1778, to Alapa'i Nui (Big Island King, 1725-1754). Any and all information will be greatly appreciate. Mahalo! Please send email to Miriam: matar02@Hawai'i.iantel.net.

**KINA-LINCOLN-BAILEY-JOYCE-LAFORTUNE-NUI-KALEO** – We are looking for the descendants of the unions of Meleana Kaimuali'i Kina (Moloka'i) and George Walter Lincoln, Nellie Lihue Lincoln and Charles Anson Bailey (Maui), Nellie Lihue Bailey (Maui) and John Domingo Joyce, Pearl "Peachie" Marie K. Bailey (Maui) and West LaFortune, Meleana Wahineho'ohano Nui (Maui/Moloka'i) and Samuel Moewale Kaleo (brother to Charles Lui Ko'oko'o and Kunewa Moewale). We are planning a reunion for Oct 2018. Please contact us at: oct2018.reunion@gmail.com or call Phyllis @ 291-5826, Kanani @ 674-6679, or Moana @ 744-9901. NALAUAI – Looking for genealogical information on Kamala Kali Nalauai (possibly Nalauai?) b.abt.1870 (I have no other information at this time on Kamala) who married Lui Kapi'ioho b. abt.1854 or 1864. They had 6 known children together. Lui Kapi'ioho is the brother of Hika'alani Kapi'ioho b. Aug.1858, twins Kou & Kamai Kapi'ioho b. Nov. 8,1861, ALL said children of Maunalei (w) & Kapi'ioho (k) who were married 1847 in Ewa, O'ahu. Seeking more information on Kapi'ioho 'Ohana as well. Please contact Mapuana - usinewa@gmail.com.

**MAIELUA** – We are hoping to update the 1995 genealogy book of the Maielua Ohana, originating out of Lahaina, Maui. Our common ancestors are Solomon Nukuhiwa Maielua and Koana Kenolio Nehemia (or Nehemia Kenolio). Please contact J. Maielua by email at:Lahaina.mai@gmail.com.

**WAIOLAMA** – Searching for family members and genealogical records of George ('Ainaahiahi/Kaainahiahi) Waiolama born about June 5, 1892 in Kahakuloa, Maui. Mother: Kawao Kaainahiahi Kahakuloa, Maui. Father: (George Sr.) Waiolama of Wailuku, Maui. George Jr. is a half brother of my grandmother Elizabeth "Lizzie" Leialoha Cook. Also, family members of Waiolama on O'ahu, Helemano area, who was a brother in law of 3x great uncle Konohiki Namahana (Mahe) (if this is the one and same Waiolama family?). Please contact Sissy Kani at kealohamaiole@gmail.com. Mahalo! ■



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