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## Aloha mai kākou,

The 2011 Hawai'i state legislative session has begun, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs submitted its legislative package. Our Advocacy Line of Business is busy monitoring both House and Senate bills that affect the Native Hawaiian community. In an effort to keep our beneficiaries informed, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs will post pertinent legislative information to our OHA web site, [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org), so you may view and also take action by submitting testimony directly to the Senate and House committees where these bills will be heard. We encourage all of our beneficiaries to get involved and let your voice be heard, so we can affect systemic change for the betterment of all.

In this issue, OHA Chairperson Colette Machado shares her mana'o on the past due ceded land revenues with our Governor to encourage the Legislature to settle this long-standing issue. She submitted a thoughtful and

insightful letter to Governor Neil Abercrombie underscoring each effort that OHA, as an agency, has made and asks for his support in settling this issue with our legislators for the benefit of our Native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

Finally, with heavy hearts, we mourn the passing of former OHA Trustee and Chairperson Adelaide "Frenchy" De Soto. Auntie Frenchy was a pillar in the Native Hawaiian community. Her unwavering position toward Native Hawaiian issues, including protecting Mākua, placed her in the forefront of our community. During a time when we as Hawaiians were finding our collective voice through the political and cultural surge known as the Hawaiian Renaissance, she was our beacon. Through her work as a delegate during the 1978 Constitutional Convention, Auntie Frenchy was instrumental in the creation of not only the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, but in the passage of Native Hawaiian initiatives to include the adoption of the Hawaiian language as an official state language, and laid the groundwork for returning the island of

Kaho'olawe from the federal government. We bid farewell to our beloved "Mother of OHA," and we pledge to keep fighting the fight to improve the conditions of all Native Hawaiians.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

*Clyde W. Nāmu'o*

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# U.S. supports U.N. indigenous rights declaration

By Lisa Asato

In December, the United States became the last nation who opposed the declaration in 2007, to support the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, saying in a statement that the declaration “expresses the aspirations of indigenous peoples around the world” and of countries seeking to improve their relations with them.

“Most importantly,” the U.S. statement continued, “it expresses aspirations of the United States, aspirations that this country seeks to achieve within the structure of the U.S. Constitution, laws and international obligations, while also seeking, where appropriate, to improve our laws and policies.”

The declaration is not legally binding nor a statement of international law but “has both moral and political force,” said the statement, which is



Sen. Daniel Akaka



Esther Kia'aina



Lilikalā Kame'eleihewa



posted on the U.S. State Department web site. (See box.)

Native Hawaiian community leaders have been working in support of the declaration since the 1990s, including Keali'i Gora and Mililani Trask, who helped draft the document.

In July, the OHA Board of Trustees voted unanimously to urge the U.S. to support the declaration. In its letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, OHA advocated,

## Full texts online

Read the detailed U.S. statement

> [www.state.gov/documents/organization/154782.pdf](http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/154782.pdf)

Read the announcement of support by Ambassador Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the U.N.

> [usun.state.gov/briefing/statements/2010/153009.htm](http://usun.state.gov/briefing/statements/2010/153009.htm)

Read the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

> [www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfi/en/drip.html](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfi/en/drip.html)

“In the same way that OHA believes that the support of the Obama Administration on Native Hawaiian issues provides long-needed equity under federal law for all of its indigenous peoples, the support of the Administration on the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples would show that the United States supports such equity beyond its borders to indigenous peoples in the world seeking the protection, preservation and advancement of their rights.”

The U.S. was the last holdout on the declaration. In September 2007, 143 countries ratified it, with four countries declining: Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United

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## OHA hosts FCC chief for native affairs

By Lisa Asato

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs welcomed the Federal Communications Commission's Chief for Native Affairs and Policy at a reception Jan. 25 during his first trip to Hawai'i, in which he said he wanted to “be as inclusive as possible with Native Hawaiians.”

Geoffrey Blackwell is Chief of the new Office of Native Affairs and Policy, which he established after being appointed to the FCC in June by FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski to lead the commission's

efforts to work with tribal nations and native communities.

Blackwell's office has held listening tours across the country to gather input to develop the office's “to-do list,” and he called access to broadband, or high-speed Internet, “the most critical structure of the 21st century.” About 65 percent of the homes in the United States have broadband Internet access – and therefore access to the broadband economy – compared to 5 percent to 8 percent on tribal lands, he said.

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OHA CEO Clyde Nāmu'o and OHA Chairperson Colette Machado welcome Geoffrey Blackwell, Chief of the Office of Native Affairs and Policy, on his first visit to Hawai'i. - Photo: Lisa Asato





# OPENING DAY AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE OPTIMISM FOR THE FUTURE

Excitement was in the air on Opening Day at the Hawai'i State Legislature, marking the official start of the 2011 legislative session.

"Let us not forget our commitment to the Hawaiian people," said the new Senate President Shan Tsutsui, who had a standing ovation after his selection. "With seven members of Hawaiian heritage, the Senate will look to them to lead us in dealing with issues that affect the Hawaiian community. We will move forward on a ceded land settlement to fulfill our responsibility."

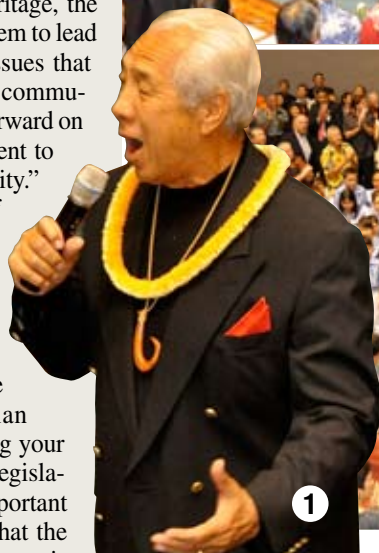
"The opening of the legislature signals a very busy, yet important time for OHA," said Colette Machado, Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. "I am seeking your kōkua at the 2011 Legislative session. It is important that we understand that the success at the Legislature is a shared responsibility. We need everyone's support."

—Text and photos by Francine Murray

1. Hawai'i's Ambassador of Aloha, Danny Kaleikini started the morning off with mele.
2. The Kamehameha Schools Children's Chorus lead by Lynell Bright entertained the room.
3. Senator Daniel Inouye, and at right, OHA CEO Clyde Nāmu'o and Senator Clarence K. Nishihara.
4. OHA Trustee Robert Lindsey, Senator Pohai Ryan, Kekoa William Kaluhiwa and Jeremy Kama Hopkins.



"It was a great day at the state Capitol," said OHA Chairperson Colette Machado. Among the dignitaries were five governors: Governor Neil Abercrombie, Linda Lingle, Ben Cayetano, John Waihe'e and George Ariyoshi, as well as U.S. Senators Daniel Inouye and Daniel Akaka. The photo shows attendees standing for the oath of office.



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Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz, Governor Neil Abercrombie, Former Governor Linda Lingle and Senator Malama Solomon stand for the swearing in of the Senate.



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OHA Chairperson Colette Machado shares in the aloha during Opening Day at the Legislature.



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Maile Shimabukuro, who was named to the state Senate by Governor Neil Abercrombie, and Kauhane Lee, in the halls of the Capitol.



# Letter to the Governor

Leading up to a meeting with Gov. Neil Abercrombie to discuss past due revenues – and the opening of the 2011 Legislature – OHA Chairperson Colette Machado sent this letter to the Governor. In it, she outlines the longstanding history of OHA's right to ceded land revenues, including revenues from the state's past use of ceded lands for airports, hospitals and housing projects, which is grounded in the Hawai'i Constitution. In addition, the Hawai'i Supreme Court has consistently stated that the Legislature must enact legislation to resolve the state's constitutional obligation to Native Hawaiians. Here is the full text of the letter. ■



Gov. Neil Abercrombie



Chairperson Colette Machado

January 5, 2011

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie  
Governor, State of Hawai'i  
Executive Chambers, Hawai'i State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Governor Abercrombie,

Aloha Mai.

Best wishes for the New Year as you provide leadership and service to the people of Hawai'i! I am writing to humbly ask for your support of 2011 legislation which is designed to fulfill the State's obligation to pay the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), as required by HRS § 10-13.5, for the State's past use of ceded lands for airports, hospitals and public housing. In the 2010 legislative session, in HB 2672 and SB 2519, OHA proposed fiscally responsible legislation where OHA would receive the \$200 million past due settlement amount via payments of \$30 million per year beginning in 2015. Recognizing the difficult economic times, OHA's proposal was structured to start the \$30 million per year payments in 2015, the year that the State's \$30 million per year settlement payments to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is scheduled to end. Unfortunately, neither bill was reported out of its respective legislative committee.

Respectfully, OHA believes that the plan outlined in the legislation proposed in 2010 remains the most effective and just resolution of the State of Hawai'i's obligation to OHA and will urge enactment of similar legislation in the 2011 session. At the same time, OHA will remain open to alternate fair legislative proposals.

## Overview of the "Past Due" Revenues Issue

As you know, OHA's right to ceded land revenues arises out of the 1978 amendments to the Hawai'i State constitution. Article XII of the Hawai'i Constitution established OHA and its right to "income and proceeds from that pro rata portion" of the ceded lands transferred to the State at admission, excluding Hawaiian Home Lands. In addition, Article XVI obligated the Legislature to enact legislation to transfer said income and proceeds to OHA.

In 1980, the Legislature enacted HRS § 10-13.5 that obligated the State to transfer to OHA: "Twenty per cent of all funds derived from the public land trust". However,

in the early years after 1980, the State did not transfer all of the revenue derived from the ceded lands, including ceded lands used for airports, hospitals and housing.

While the State has made other significant ceded land revenue payments to OHA, it has refused to make payments for ceded lands used for airports, hospitals and housing.

This outstanding debt is commonly referred to as the "past due" amount.

In 1987, 2001 and 2006, the Hawai'i Supreme Court held that the State Legislature has a constitutional and fiduciary duty to enact legislation to satisfy OHA's claims to these "past due" monies.

In 2008, the Lingle administration and OHA entered into a \$200 million settlement agreement to resolve the past due dispute. However, the settlement required legislative approval and the Legislature withheld approval in the 2008, 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions.

In June 2010, OHA petitioned the Hawai'i Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus ordering the Legislature to enact legislation in the 2011 session that resolves these past due claims. In August, the Court denied the petition on the grounds that mandamus is an inappropriate remedy because passage of the legislation requires legislative discretion that is not simply ministerial.

## Detailed Background on the "Past Due" Revenue Dispute and Settlement Proposal

In 1983, OHA instituted litigation to compel the State to transfer the required 20% revenue on all ceded lands. In 1987, the Hawai'i Supreme Court ruled that OHA's claims were barred by the doctrine of political question because HRS § 10-13.5 did not provide sufficient guidance as to specific types of ceded land "funds" OHA is entitled to.

In the aftermath of the 1987 decision, Governor Waihe'e directed Department of State Planning director Norma Wong to work with OHA and the Legislature to clarify the ceded land revenues OHA is entitled to. In 1990, the Legislature enacted Act 304 that provided specific guidelines on the ceded land revenues that should be transferred to OHA. Based on those guidelines, in 1993, the State agreed to pay OHA \$130 million for amounts owed since 1980, with interest.

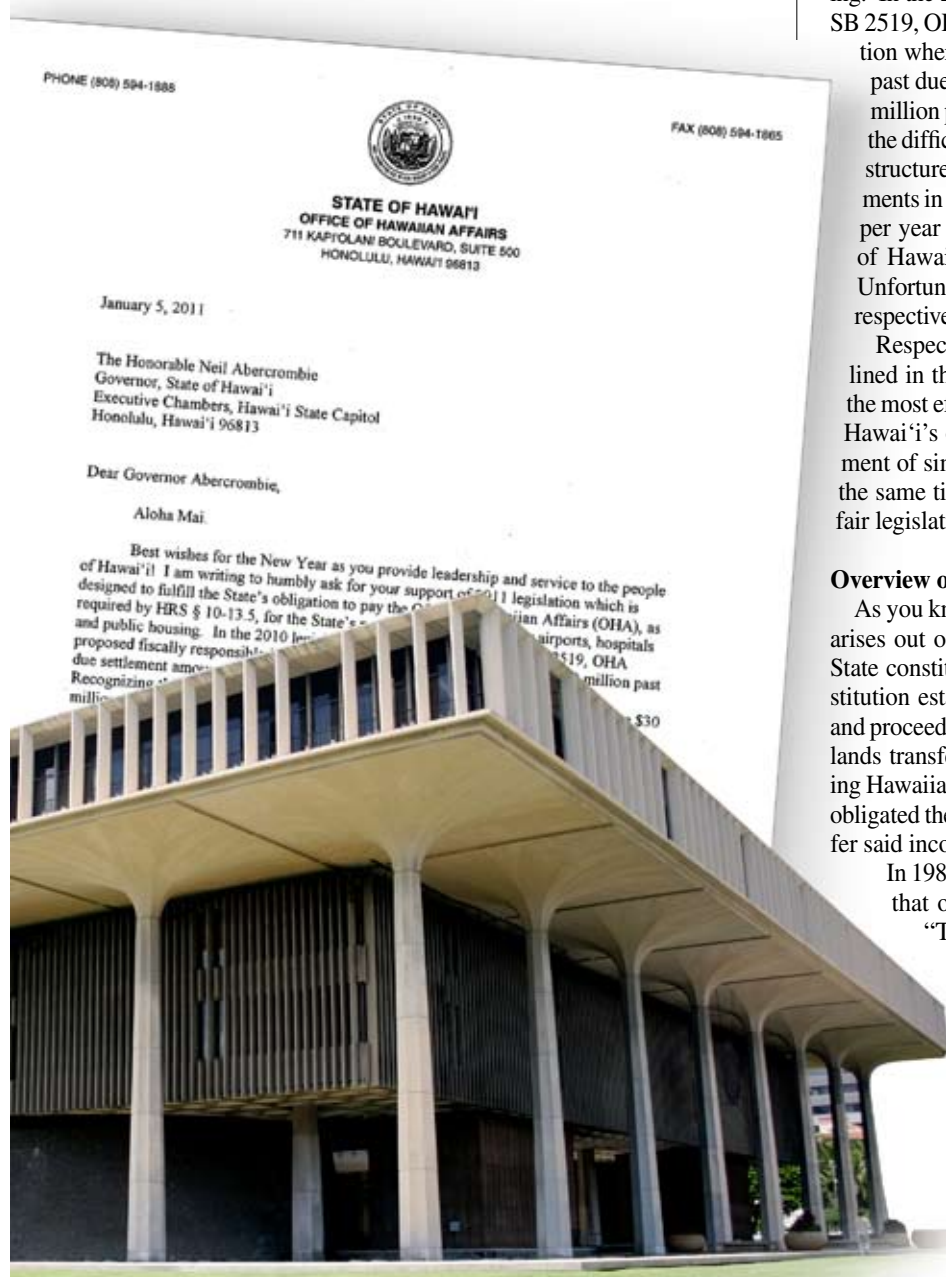
However, OHA and the State were unable to agree on the amounts owed to OHA under the Act 304 guidelines for the State's use of ceded lands for airports, hospitals and housing projects.

## OHA Lawsuit I

In January 1994, James Duffy, Colbert Matsumoto and Leslie Kobayashi sued the State of Hawai'i on behalf of OHA for failure to pay OHA 20% of revenues from the State's use of ceded lands for airports, hospitals and housing projects. In October 1996, Judge Daniel Heely ruled in favor of OHA.

Unfortunately, in 2001, the Hawai'i Supreme Court reversed Judge Heely's decision on the grounds that a 1997 federal law called the "Forgiveness Act" invalidated a 1990 state law that established guidelines on the ceded land revenues that OHA is entitled to. Despite holding in favor of the State, the high court specifically reminded the Legislature of its obligations to OHA pursuant to the State Constitution and Chapter 10:

"Given our disposition of this case, and the context of its complexity, we would do a disservice to all parties



involved if we did not acknowledge that the State's obligation to native Hawaiians is firmly established in our constitution. How the State satisfies that constitutional obligation requires policy decisions that are primarily within the authority and expertise of the legislative branch. As such, it is incumbent upon the legislature to enact legislation that gives effect to the right of native Hawaiians to benefit from the ceded lands trust."

## OHA Lawsuit II

In 2003, OHA sued the State for breach of its fiduciary duties by failing to disclose to OHA that it was negotiating the Forgiveness Act to the detriment of OHA. In 2006, the Hawai'i Supreme Court in the *OHA II* decision acknowledged the validity of the claim but then dismissed the claim on the grounds that the statute of limitations had expired in 1999. However, the Court also held that OHA is entitled to revenue from the State's use of ceded lands at the Honolulu International Airport. The OHA II decision also held that the Legislature has a fiduciary duty to enact legislation to resolve OHA's past due claims and the judiciary will step in to enforce any such breach of fiduciary duties:

"[A]s in OHA I, given our disposition of these cases and the context of their complexity, "we would do a disservice to all parties involved if we did not acknowledge" the State's continuing trust obligations to native Hawaiians. 96 Haw. at 401, 31 P.3d at 914. We have repeatedly stated that the legislative branch is vested with the authority to determine how the State satisfies its constitutional trust obligations. However, we have also consistently recognized that the judiciary is vested with the responsibility to ensure that trustees, whether public or private, uphold their fiduciary duties."

## \$200 million settlement

From December 2004 to January 2008, OHA and the Lingle administration engaged in negotiations on the airport/hospital/housing past due claims. On January 17, 2008, OHA and the State entered into a written settlement agreement that would allocate \$200 million to OHA to resolve the past due claims, and a

going forward allocation of at least \$15.1 million annually.

Consistent with Article XVI of the Hawai'i Constitution, the settlement was conditioned upon implementing legislation. The House and Speaker Say agreed to implement legislation with amendments in HB 266 that were acceptable to OHA and the administration. However, the Senate and President Hanabusa opposed the HB 266, and in March 2008 deferred the bill.

In response, on March 27, 2008, Attorney General Bennett who supported the bill testified:

"As the Legislature itself has recognized, and as is undeniable, the Legislature has always been free to exercise what is *the Legislature's* constitutional responsibility to resolve this issue. Indeed, the proposition that after thirty years of controversy, with all the material financial facts being matters of public record, the Senate was simply unable to resolve this issue in one session (when it resolves the budget every single year) is just unfathomable."

In the 2009 session, OHA returned with proposed legislation that attempted to obtain approval of the \$200 million past due settlement but expressly omitted the going forward portion of the settlement. However, SB 995 failed to get out of the conference committee during the 2009 legislative session. At that time, conferees attempted to include, but could not agree on language that would provide for a global resolution of the State's public land trust obligation to OHA.

As mentioned above, in January 2010, OHA proposed legislation where OHA would receive the \$200 million past due settlement amount via payments of \$30 million per year beginning from 2015. This legislation failed to pass.

## Writ of Mandamus

On March 22, 2010, OHA wrote to the 2009 SB 995 conferees and the Senate President Hanabusa and House Speaker Say wherein OHA stated: "If the Legislature fails to adopt the terms of SB 2519 or HB 2672 or any other fair and constitutionally appropriate legislation during the 2010 legislative session, OHA will ask the judiciary to enforce the Legislature's breach

of its constitutional obligation "to enact legislation that gives effect to the right of native Hawaiians to benefit from the ceded lands trust." There was no response to the letter.

On June 2, 2010, OHA filed a petition for writ of mandamus with the Hawai'i Supreme Court seeking a decision ordering the Legislature to enact legislation addressing the past due claims in the 2011 session. OHA's primary argument was:

"The basis for the petition is that the Legislature has violated its constitutional obligation under Article XVI, § 7 of the Hawaii State Constitution, its statutory obligation under HRS § 10-3(1) and its fiduciary duties owed to native Hawaiians as trustee of the public land trust by failing to enact legislation clarifying the amount of past due funds derived from the State public land trust that should be transferred to OHA."

On July 28, 2010, the State filed its response to the petition but did not address the merits of OHA's breach of fiduciary duty claim and instead raised procedural defenses such as mandamus is not appropriate because the requested legislation is not ministerial and the request is barred by sovereign immunity and the applicable statute of limitations.

On August 18, 2010, the Hawai'i Supreme Court entered its order denying the petition solely on the grounds that mandamus is not an appropriate remedy because the requested legislation is not ministerial. However, the order did not comment on the merits of OHA's claim, and the order does not bar a lawsuit to enforce the claims asserted in the petition.

OHA's recent Petition for Writ of Mandamus was filed because the trustees believed they had a fiduciary responsibility to seek to enforce OHA's rights on behalf of its beneficiaries; in addition, the petition was filed against the legislators in their official capacity because the relief sought by the petition required that all legislators be parties in their official capacity. A judgment against legislators in their official capacity is only a judgment against the office – in this case State – and not legislators personally.

## 2011 Legislative Session

Looking ahead to the 2011 legisla-

tive session, OHA trustees, its Chief Executive Officer, staff and attorneys will once again attempt to work with the Legislature in the 2011 session to enact legislation to implement the \$200 million settlement. Governor Abercrombie, I earnestly ask for the support of your administration to work in partnership with OHA for legislation which will adopt a plan to pay OHA the "past due" revenues on ceded lands used for airports, hospitals and housing in fulfillment of the State's constitutional, statutory and fiduciary obligation.

These funds are critical to enable OHA to serve our beneficiaries. We can reflect, for example upon the findings in *Doe v. Kamehameha*, 470 F.3d 827, n.4 (2005), the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, *en banc*, which described the Native Hawaiian situation as follows:

"Disparities abound outside of the educational context as well. Today among the major ethnic groups in Hawaii, Native Hawaiians have the highest rates of unemployment, Ka Huakai at 84, and poverty, *id.* at 86-87, and the lowest mean family income, *id.* at 85-86. They live in the poorest geographic areas and are underrepresented in managerial and professional occupations. *Id.* at 8. Native Hawaiians suffer from greater health risks than other ethnic groups on the islands, with the lowest life expectancy and highest mortality rates from cancer, heart disease, and diabetes. *Id.* at 93. Although Native Hawaiians account for approximately 20% of the state's population, they account for more than half of all teenage pregnancies, *id.* at 203, and more than 44% of child abuse and neglect cases in the state, *id.* at 206. Native Hawaiians are more likely to be arrested for violent crimes than any other ethnic group in the state. *Id.* at 76-77."

See also the 2006 Native Hawaiian Data Book available on OHA's website ([www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org)) which further documents the needs of the Native Hawaiian community.

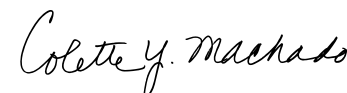
I truly believe that OHA's proposal for \$30 million payments per year starting in 2015 is fair. The Legislature can similarly enact legislation paying OHA \$30 million per year until the \$200 million amount is satisfied; provided that in lieu

of cash payments, the State may, with OHA's approval, substitute land having the fair market value of such cash payments, as mutually agreed upon by the State and OHA. Although cash payments would start in 2015, the State could convey to OHA land mutually agreed upon by the appropriate State agency and OHA beginning July 1, 2011. This legislation is modeled after the 1995 Act 14 settlement with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands which provided that: "The State, while not admitting to the validity of any claims hereby resolves and satisfies all controversies and claims encompassed by this Act by (1) establishment of the Hawaiian home lands trust fund and the requirement that the State make twenty annual deposits of \$30,000,000".

I am also attaching a copy of the *Report On Public Land Trust "Income And Proceeds" Due OHA* that has been on the OHA website since early February 2010 and was attached to the March 22, 2010 letter to the Legislature for your information.

I look forward to discussing this matter with you on Friday, January 14, 2011. Please do not hesitate to call my office at (808) 594-1941 if you have any questions.

Me Ke Aloha Nui Loa,



Colette Y. Machado  
Chairperson,  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Attachment

c: OHA Board of Trustees  
Clyde W. Nāmu'o, OHA CEO  
William Meheula  
Robert G. Klein  
Lieutenant Governor Brian  
Schatz  
Members of the Legislature



## HEALTH

## MAULI OLA

To improve the quality and longevity of life, Native Hawaiians will enjoy healthy life-styles and experience reduced onset of chronic diseases.

# Native Hawaiian health study earns OHA grant

## Queen's offers 2 weight-loss surgeries

By Melissa Moniz

**O**n Dec. 29, 2009, Jonathan Kuahiwi Moniz walked out of Queen's Medical Center's Comprehensive Weight Management Program's office declaring that he would never come back weighing 403 pounds.

He kept that promise.

"I didn't know how much I weighed and when I stepped on that scale, I was embarrassed," says Moniz. "I had no idea that I weighed that much. The last time I weighed myself, I was about 311."

Just over a year later, this January, he walked into the office weighing 228 pounds. He lost 175 pounds.

"I don't remember ever weighing this little," says Moniz, a 1992 graduate of Wai'anae High School and 1999 graduate of the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa in Hawaiian Studies. "I do remember in the eighth grade I was going to a banquet and we went to get a pair of slacks and I had to go to the big men's department. I had to get a size 42 pants. That was in the eighth grade and I'm a size 36 now."

In fact, Moniz weighed 10 pounds when he was born.

"When I say I was always big, I was really always big. The story goes when I was born I was given to my dad and my dad was just amazed at how big I was so he said, when this boy grows up, he's going to be as big as a mountain. So my grandmother said, that's going to be his name, Kuahiwi. Kuahiwi means mountain. Hawaiian words have a way of clinging with characteristics in people."

Moniz (no relation to this writer) describes himself as always being hungry and after many unsuccessful diet attempts, he found himself steadily gaining weight. When he was diagnosed with sleep apnea about two years ago, the dangers of his weight became more apparent.

"I sought help from a number of Native Hawaiian organizations," says Moniz. "And a friend of a friend of a friend told me about Queen's Comprehensive Weight Management Program."

CWMP is a specialty metabolic and bariatric surgery program established March 2004 that is intended for people with obesity who want to lose weight, resolve weight-related health problems and improve their quality of life.

In 2009, Queen's Native Hawaiian Health Pro-

gram received a Kaiāulu (Community) Grant of \$100,000 from OHA to provide funding support to a clinical research study to compare and better understand two types of obesity operations in curing or improving morbid obesity and obesity-related health problems in Native Hawaiians, including type 2 diabetes. One surgery is laparoscopic roux-en Y gastric bypass, which, in part, creates a small pouch for food at the upper portion of the stomach and connects it to the small intestine, bypassing the rest of the stomach; the

was going to get the operation."

Moniz is the first patient to receive the laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy through the study. CWMP is looking to enroll 39 others who are of Native Hawaiian ancestry, who are morbidly obese as defined by body mass index, who are diabetic and on medications, and between the ages of 25 to 60.

"To qualify for the study there's a bit more of a rigorous screening process," says Dr. Cedric Lorenzo, the study's principal investigator and



Dr. Cedric Lorenzo and patient Jonathan Kuahiwi Moniz, the study's first participant. - Photo: Melissa Moniz



Jonathan Moniz on Dec. 29, 2009, the turning point in his life when he changed his eating and exercise habits after learning he weighed 403 pounds. - Photo: Courtesy of Jonathan Moniz

### Want more information?

Interested participants must attend an information session, which is held twice a month at Queen's Conference Center. Additional sessions will be held on Neighbor Islands as follows:

- > **Feb. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, Kaua'i County Offices, Moikeha Building, Rooms A and B
  - > **March 18, 6-8 p.m.**, Uncle Billy Hilo Hotel's Leilani Room
  - > **April 15, 6-8 p.m.**, Neighborhood Place of Kona, Kaiwi Square
- For information, call 537-7546 (SLIM).

other is laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, a fairly new procedure which removes about 75 percent of the stomach.

The grant covers costs for patients that usually aren't covered through medical insurance, including for pre- and post-op, and the entire procedure for the sleeve gastrectomy.

Moniz says, "I didn't even know I had diabetes until my blood test taken in the evaluation. When they told me I had to be put on medicine, I was scared. And I made up my mind that either way I

the physician who performed Moniz's procedure. "And there's a bit more testing after in terms of follow-up visits because part of what the study is looking at is how the hormones that are created in the gut are modulated. Because aside from the physical change there's change in hormones that we believe help drive weight loss as well as decrease hunger. On top of that we think that the hormones play a role in getting rid of diabetes. With the gastric bypass the hormones have

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Layne Richards with his son Hāweo and newborn daughter Hālena. - Photo: Courtesy of the Richards 'ohana

## Former OHA employee is proud dad of Hawai'i's first baby born in 2011

By Melissa Moniz

When Layne and Kahi Richards were told that their baby was due on Dec. 28, the idea of having the first baby born in the state of Hawai'i didn't even cross their minds.

"We thought for sure she would come during Christmas because this is our second child, so we thought she would come early," says Layne, a former Education and Culture Specialist at OHA.

Well the happy couple and their nearly-3-year-old son Hāweo celebrated the newest addition to their family together with the rest of the state. That's because their baby girl was the first baby born in Hawai'i in 2011 – coming into the world at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1 at the North Hawai'i Community Hospital in Waimea on Hawai'i Island.



"It's kind of funny because we would have loved a write-off for 2010, so we were like, 'Come out, come out,'" says the proud dad. "But she waited until the new year."

They named her Hālena, which dad explains is a native dry-land plant otherwise called 'aiea that's very fragrant and rare.

"Her middle names, Kāhilipōhina Pal-ilanohomuaolani Marani, refer to special people, kūpuna, places and events surrounding her birth," says mom, Kahi, a 1996 graduate of Kamehameha Schools who serves as the Executive Director of the nonprofit Native Nations Education Foundation.

Mom adds that Hālena was born naturally without surgical intervention, which is just the reason that the Puna residents chose North Hawai'i Community Hospital.

"We drove to Waimea for the birth because it's so nice out there – they have midwives and they have a more natural approach," says Layne, a 1995 Kamehameha Schools graduate. "It's a nice environment and a beautiful hospital."

The attention the Richards family has received since the birth has been a bit surprising and overwhelming.

"We kind of like to keep to ourselves, so the attention has been interesting," says Layne, who is an 11th and 12th grade biology teacher and Science Academy lead at Kamehameha Schools-Hawai'i.

Layne and Kahi were raised on O'ahu and have been living in East Hawai'i for almost seven years. Being a proud parent of two healthy children, Kahi says, "I was not at all expecting or hoping for a New Year's baby, and I was surprised to have it happen, but I think it is pretty cool and adds to the story of Hālena's birth." ■

*Melissa Moniz is a Contributing Writer for Ka Wai Ola. A former Associate Editor at MidWeek, she has chosen a new career path as a full-time mom to spend more quality time with her husband and two young daughters.*

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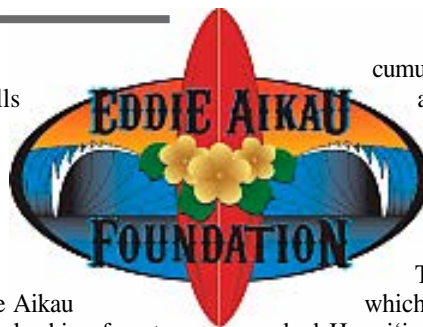
To maximize choices of life and work, Native Hawaiians will gain knowledge and excel in educational opportunities at all levels.

# Eddie Aikau Foundation offers new scholarship program

By Zach Villanueva

As excitement swells over the Eddie Aikau big wave surf contest, the memory of the famed waterman lives on in a new way this year.

For the first time, the Eddie Aikau Foundation is extending a scholarship of up to \$3,000 through March 31 to all graduating high school seniors in Hawai'i. Applicants must demonstrate financial need; be a resident of Hawai'i; a graduating high school senior; plan to attend a college, university, technical institute, professional training program, union apprenticeship or other valuable academic and job training opportunity; and have a minimum



cumulative grade point average of 2.5.

2011 also marked the sixth year of the Eddie Aikau Essay Contest.

This year's contest, which is now closed, asked Hawai'i seventh- to tenth-graders how Aikau's actions showed kuleana (responsibility/duty) and koa (courage) and how those virtues can also be found in their own lives. The winners, in English and Hawaiian-language categories, will be announced in March.

The Aikau family created the Eddie Aikau Foundation in May 2000 to share their spirit of aloha in honor



Big-wave surfer Eddie Aikau made the ultimate sacrifice for his fellow crewmembers on the Hōkūlea in 1978. - Courtesy of the Eddie Aikau Foundation

of the late Edward "Eddie" Ryon Makuahana Aikau, a master waterman, famed big-wave surfer and O'ahu's first lifeguard on the North Shore, where no lives were lost during his watch at Waimea Bay.

In 1978 while serving on the sailing canoe Hōkūlea, Aikau's courage was put into action when the vessel capsized in a storm 12 miles off the coast of Moloka'i. Aikau grabbed his surfboard and decided to paddle back to land for help. The crew was later rescued, but Aikau was never seen again. More than three decades later, Aikau's memory is kept alive for

the younger generations in many ways, including through the work of the foundation and the highly publicized Eddie Aikau big wave surf contest.

For scholarship information, visit [www.eddieaikaufoundation.org](http://www.eddieaikaufoundation.org) or email [info@eddieaikaufoundation.org](mailto:info@eddieaikaufoundation.org). ■

## Here is a list of additional scholarship opportunities:

### HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

#### > Office of Hawaiian Affairs Scholarship Fund

For residents of Hawai'i or the continental United States of Hawaiian ancestry. Must be a classified undergraduate or graduate student enrolled full- or part-time at an accredited two- or four-year college. Requires financial need and minimum GPA of 2.0 for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduates.

Ancestry must be verified through OHA's Hawaiian Registry Program by the Feb. 25 deadline to be eligible. Note: Renewal applicants who had their ancestry originally verified prior to the inception of the Hawaiian Registry Program must be registered in order to continue to receive funding. OHA will no longer renew scholarship awards for anyone not registered by the application deadline. For information on the Hawaiian Registry Program, visit [www.oha.org/registry](http://www.oha.org/registry).



#### > Blossom Kalama Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund

For college juniors, seniors or graduate students of Hawaiian ancestry. Your personal statement must include how your knowledge will be used to serve the needs of the Native Hawaiian community.

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#### > Jean Ieialoha Beniamina Scholarship for Ni'ihau Students Fund

For residents of Kaua'i or Ni'ihau islands with minimum GPA of 2.7.

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#### > Ka'iulani Home For Girls Trust Scholarship

For female freshman and sophomores of Hawaiian ancestry. (Past recipients who will be juniors or seniors are also eligible to apply.) Minimum GPA 3.3.

Applications for Hawai'i Community Foundation scholarships must be done online at [www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/scholarships). Supporting materials must be postmarked or hand delivered to Hawai'i Community Foundation at: Scholarships, 827 Fort Street Mall, Honolulu, HI 96813, by Feb. 25, 5 p.m. Hawai'i Standard Time.

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[www.alulike.org/services/kaipu\\_hana.html](http://www.alulike.org/services/kaipu_hana.html). Or, contact Colin Wills at (808) 535-6734 or email [cwills@alulike.org](mailto:cwills@alulike.org).

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[www.pauahi.org/scholarships](http://www.pauahi.org/scholarships)



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### > Nā Ho'okama a Pauahi

A need-based scholarship for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students who are Hawai'i residents and full-time students. (Non-traditional students enrolled half-time at a Hawai'i institution may be considered). Additional requirements apply. Deadline to apply online is April 18 at 5:59 p.m. Hawai'i Standard Time.

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### LIKO A'E

### > Liko A'e Native Hawaiian Scholarship Program

Requirements include: being of Hawaiian ancestry, having a high school diploma or its equivalent and demonstrating financial need through submission of the 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The program's outreach sites offer help with college applications, financial aid, scholarship searches and admissions. Liko A'e staff conducts outreach at high schools statewide. Scholarship recruitment extends to the continental United States through collaboration with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

Application deadline for Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 is May 1. Current Liko A'e scholarship recipients may apply for additional funds for Summer 2012 through March 31.

<https://likoae.org>

### > Federal student aid for incarcerated persons

Those incarcerated in federal or state institutions are eligible for Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) and Federal Work-Study. Those incarcerated in local institutions are eligible for Pell Grants, FSEOG and Federal Work-Study. Upon release, individuals are eligible for all types of aid – grants, loans and work-study.

For information, contact your institution's education coordinator or the financial aid administrator at the school where you plan to enroll. Or, call 1-800-4-FED-AID. ■



Applications for the Hideo Noguchi Scholarship for the Advancement of Native Hawaiians will be available Feb. 14. Call (808) 956-9410 for information.

By Kinohi Gomes

Nā Pua No'eau Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children continues to support and graduate students in higher education. Graduating from college will soon be a reality for Artilus "Artie" Turner, a former NPN student and a current senior at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa majoring in Family Resources.

Turner grew up in Washington and moved to Hilo while she was in middle school. Throughout that time she attended a number of Nā Pua No'eau programs during her winter and summer breaks, which included Ho'omālamalama, a multi-day educational enrichment program, and Summer Institute, a two-week residential program, in Iolomilomi (Hawaiian massage) and Iā'au Iapa'au (Hawaiian medicine) at UH-Hilo, and 'ikena kālailai (Hawaiian carving) at UH-Mānoa.

As Nā Pua No'eau completes more than 20 years of providing educational opportunities to Hawaiian children of all ages, the Center is beginning to see the trend of their former students attending college and giving back. Turner currently works as an intern at



Artie Turner, middle row on left, as a student with her 'ikena kālailai class. Now a college senior, at top left, she has returned to Nā Pua No'eau as an intern. - Photos: Courtesy of Nā Pua No'eau

Nā Pua No'eau's O'ahu office at UH-Mānoa. Her internship experience brings her full circle, learning hands-on about the mission and philosophy of the Center along with planning and implementing educational opportunities like the ones she formerly attended.

Along with her internship, Turner, a full-time student, works as a teacher's assistant in American Studies and as a part-time student

employee at the Admissions Office. She is also a recipient of the Hideo Noguchi Scholarship, a scholarship program offered to former Nā Pua No'eau students. After graduating from college, Turner plans to continue at UH-Mānoa to pursue her master's degree in Education Administration.

As a future college and career counselor, Turner says: "My passion has always been in helping

make educational connections for students, just as Nā Pua No'eau has done so for me. I have a commitment to my people and to my community, and education in my eyes is definitely a vehicle for empowerment and positive change." ■

*Kinohi Gomes is Assistant Director of Nā Pua No'eau.*



# The season of Lono

## OHA has helped fund the Moloka'i Makahiki for the past 5 years

By Francine Murray

Reconnecting kanaka maoli to their ancestral past, Moloka'i has been honoring Lono for the life-giving rains and abundance of the land for the past 29 years.

This year the three-day event started on Thursday, Jan. 27 with Kekuewa Kikilo'i talking story about the chants of Lono.

Symbolic of the deep appreciation Hawaiians feel for the abundance of the land, sea and sky, ho'okupu, or gifts, were offered the next day at the ceremony in Nā'iwa, as in ancient times, with the presenting of the akua loa, the symbol of Lono, a tall staff with a carved

head and long white kapa banners and lei hulu flowing from the cross piece.

Let the games begin. Athletic competition and traditional games are a large part of the celebration with schools from around the state that participated. Among them were the students of the Kamehameha Middle School Kapālama campus and several Hawaiian charter schools. On Friday morning, the school teams marched into the competition area, each group chanting before they started the preliminary games. The winners advanced to compete the next day.

That evening they held the annual fish fry dinner at the Mitch-

ell Pau'ole Center, and the adult competitions took place across the street.

As the schools demonstrated their spirited rivalry, the finals competitions were very exciting with blow-by-blow accounts by the games coordinator and emcee on Saturday.

The games included 'ulu maika, moa pahe'e—dart tossing, 'ihe and a school-against-school hukihuki, or tug-of-war. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the lively competitions, Hawaiian music, hula, food, educational booths and most of all the fellowship. Ka Moloka'i Makahiki, the coordinators of the event since 1981, had a special mahalo for their partners in the festivities: Hana Kūpono, the Moloka'i Roping Club, the Wa'akapaemua Canoe Club, the 4-H and Moloka'i High and Intermediate School Volleyball Girls, Walter Ritte, his group and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"We appreciate the spiritual nature of makahiki and the religious elements of renewing the life



The Moloka'i Makahiki attracts schools from across the state. OHA has been a proud sponsor of the cultural event since 2006.  
- File photo

cycle," said Shirley Rawlins, the president of Ka Moloka'i Makahiki. About 3,500 Hawai'i residents and visitors attended the Moloka'i Makahiki. "They come away with a more informed understanding of the reasons for observing Makahiki."

The luminous blue cluster of stars called the Pleiades is known as Na huihui o Makali'i in Hawaiian, cluster of little eyes. Special in many cultures around the world, the Pleiades have been mentioned several times in the bible, and more often in Western astrology, and Greek and the Celtic mythology.

In Hawai'i, the coming of Na huihui o Makali'i signaled the end of the season of Kū, the Hawaiian god of war, and the beginning of the season of Lono, the god of peace, fertility and music.

Rising from the east during the makahiki season, each day Makali'i appears slightly earlier and remains visible a little longer than the night before, as it travels across the night sky to set in the west. This journey takes about four months. ■

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# Ke ahi lele o Kamaile – soaring fire of Kamaile



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

**D**id you know that early Hawaiians had fireworks? In old Hawai'i, a place on Kaua'i's Nāpali Coast was known for spectacular fireworks displays. This northwest coastline is still rugged and inaccessible, but it is a breathtaking sight when viewed from a ship or the air. The high mountain peaks cascade steeply into the Pacific and the cliffs appear barren and unapproachable. Yet, the remote valleys of Nu'ulolo (Nu'ololo), Awa'awapuhi and Honopū once supported thriving colonies of Hawaiians.

Early Western explorers credited Hawaiian ingenuity for creating access to Nu'ulolo and the valleys beyond. Kanaka maoli led these newcomers from the narrow shore to a climb up a narrow ledge, under an overhanging cliff, to about 30 feet above the ocean. The next part of the climb was up a 25-foot rope ladder, Ke-alahaka-o-Nu'aloa, which hung out over the ocean from a cliff far above. Then, a series of notched steps and finger grips cut into the cliff led upward to a narrow trail to the cliff's summit. From the summit, they looked into Nu'ulolo valley and viewed land skillfully terraced and irrigated into lo'i kalo by kanaka maoli. Many

## Living Treasure of Hawai'i

*Ka Wai Ola* columnist Dr. Claire Ku'uleilani Hughes has been named a 2011 Living Treasure of Hawai'i by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i. She and four others will be honored at a Feb. 5 luncheon at the Sheraton Waikiki. Read more about Hughes' recognition in our March issue.

homes were situated on the rocky hillsides above the farming terraces. The next valley along the coast, Awa'awapuhi, was more easily accessible and as fully developed as Nu'ulolo. Then, next, Honopū valley supported a larger settlement of kanaka maoli. Beyond these three valleys is Kalalau valley, the largest

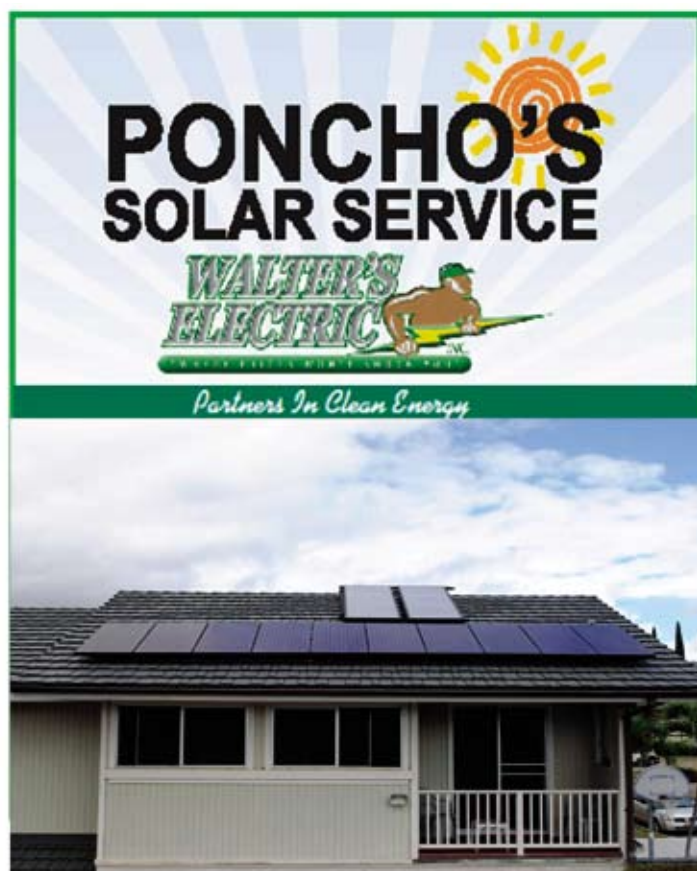
and, today, the best known. Kalalau was one of the most intensively cultivated areas in the islands, with well-irrigated, broad farming terraces extending from the shoreline far back into the valley.

Nu'ulolo's Kamaile cliff was the site of the unique fireworks. Natives fashioned javelins, about 20 feet

long, from hau or pāpala sticks. The bark was peeled away and the sticks were thoroughly dried in the sun. Pāpala, when dried, has a hollow core that burns more quickly than its hard outer shell. Pāpala was more difficult to find than hau so, pāpala javelins were reserved for the highest chief's use. Then, on moonless nights when the pāpala (firebrand) wind was blowing, men climbed to the summit of Kamaile with their javelins. Once there, they built a bonfire to set one end of each javelin on fire. Then, the javelins were hurled seaward from the cliff's summit. The Pāpala wind carried the blazing javelins, in artful patterns, far out into the ocean below, with flames glowing brighter and brighter.

A tale is told of a young couple who lived in Waimea canyon, between the upland village and the seaside village below. For generations, the two villages traded products but never established lasting family connections. Suspicions of cheating emerged, tensions increased, until the villages went to

war. Caught in between, the couple decided to move with their newborn daughter to safety in Nu'ulolo until peace was re-established. They bundled their infant in tapa and quietly ascended the steep trail to Kukui hill and then traveled across Kōke'e. Finally, they reached the rope ladder to Nu'ulolo. The man balanced as the rope ladder swung out over the ocean and rocks below. He reached down for his infant daughter, and as he lifted her up, the tapa ripped. In stunned agony, the parents watched their infant fall toward the ocean below. A rainbow formed under their child as she faded from view. The couple clung to each other in grief. Far below, the Rainbow Goddess caught the infant and returned to her cave in Koai'e canyon. The goddess raised the child and taught her how to invoke the rains that fed the streams and crops. The girl learned to weave hats of 'alae (fern) and would float them downstream for the women who lived there. Soon she was recognized as the Rainbow Princess and the people grew to love and adore her. ■



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# A partnership to protect Hawai‘i’s native species

## College senior recalls summer internship



By Chelsey Jay

During the summer of 2010, I had the extraordinary opportunity to work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for an 11-week internship coordinated by PIPES, or Pacific Internship Programs for Exploring Science. The PIPES internship program allows emerging college students like me to connect with influential agencies involved in conservation efforts around Hawai‘i.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is a part of the Partnership to Protect Hawai‘i’s Native Species. This partnership is made up of both federal and state agencies and they work together to safely remove rats from the islands in order to restore Hawai‘i’s unique ecosystems, preserve the cultural significance of these species to Native Hawaiians, and protect the health and well-being of Hawai‘i residents. Virtually all conservation efforts in Hawai‘i include rodent control as a priority. Besides promoting rat-eradication and rat-control projects, the committee is also involved in community outreach and other educational programs that help inform and involve the public about why we should remove rodents and the effects they have on our precious ecosystems.

My role with the Fish and Wildlife Service included helping the Partnership to Protect Hawai‘i’s Native Species create outreach products for the public, web site development, as well as learning about the past, present, future, policy and regulations of rodenticides. During my internship, I completed a



The author learns about the native wiliwili and its come back after release of a biocontrol agent. - Photo courtesy of Chelsey Jay

“As a Hawaiian, I can ... appreciate agencies that go one step further and try to create a working relationship with the community so that science can connect to community and no longer be considered two separate things.” —Chelsey Jay

compilation of 20 news articles for the partnership’s web site. I also produced a fact sheet about the partnership’s rat removal efforts on the offshore island of Mōkapu near Moloka‘i. The partnership will use the fact sheet for public outreach purposes, especially for the Moloka‘i community.

Skills I’ve gained from this internship include learning methods for communicating to the media, identifying stakeholders, developing outreach products that made use of technical writing skills, utilizing computer graphics software to complete the fact sheet, and learning about the effects rodents have on Hawaiian cultural resources. I was also very fortunate to visit numerous protected sites in the state. Some of these places include Ka‘ena Point Natural Area Reserve, Kahanahāiki, Mo‘omomi Preserve on Moloka‘i and Moku‘auia Island. Other site visits such as Black Point and Pahole demonstrated the need for restoration efforts and how rodents play a major role in the destruction of many natural areas. Not all of my site visits

### PIPES SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Deadline is Feb. 25 to apply for 2011 undergraduate internships through PIPES, or Pacific Internship Programs for Exploring Science, which are held across the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific. Eligibility requirements include having a minimum 2.0 GPA and an interest in pursuing a career related to tropical conservation biology. Native Hawaiians are encouraged to apply. Three programs are available:

> **Research Experience for Undergraduates**, a research-focused internship based at the University of Hawai‘i-Hilo, gives students with limited or no research background an opportunity to gain experience in conservation biology.

> **University of Hawai‘i Hawaiian Internship Program** connects students to internship opportunities with agencies and organizations responsible for research, management and education relating to environmental issues in Hawai‘i and the Pacific region. Students are eligible through the summer after college graduation.

> **Micronesia and American Samoa Student Internship Program** is for undergraduates from U.S.-affiliated Pacific islands. This summer, potential opportunities exist in Kosrae, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Saipan and American Samoa; other

locations may also be available.

To apply online or for information, visit [www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhintern/apply/index.php](http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhintern/apply/index.php). Or, call 808-933-0705 in Hilo, or email [uhintern@hawaii.edu](mailto:uhintern@hawaii.edu).

### VOLUNTEER ON TERN ISLAND

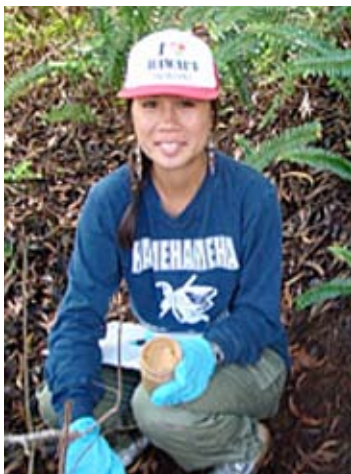
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking four volunteers to go to Tern Island for three- or six-month stints, from June to September, or June to December (preferred), to perform seabird monitoring and banding, invasive species control, marine trash collection, cargo preparation and other duties.

Tern Island, within French Frigate Shoals Atoll in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, is home to albatross, terns, Hawaiian monk seals, Hawaiian green sea turtles and other species. It is extremely isolated and has limited contact with the outside world. Volunteers should be able to excel professionally and safely within a small team and work for long work hours six days a week in the sun.

Open to students, retirees, researchers, those seeking wildlife or work experience on a remote island, and others. Applications will be reviewed beginning March 1 and continue until the slots are filled.

To apply or for information, email both [PMNMLogistics@fws.gov](mailto:PMNMLogistics@fws.gov) and [paula\\_hartzell@fws.gov](mailto:paula_hartzell@fws.gov). ■





Rat trapping at Kahanahāiki, O‘ahu. - Photo courtesy of Candace Russo (OANRP)

dealt with rodent control and eradication, but they all exposed me to the concepts of conservation as well as predator control and invasive species issues. Much of what I learned over my summer internship with the Fish and Wildlife Service came from speaking with my mentors and the people that they’ve introduced me to on my site visits.

I undoubtedly respect the process that the partnership took when conducting their public outreach efforts and allowing the community to be involved during their rat-eradication efforts over the past few years. They have been considerate of Hawaiian cultural protocol and integrated that mentality into their theme of protecting Hawai‘i’s native species that are important to many cultural practitioners.

The one very important thing that I will take away from this internship is that community connection and allowing them to be heard is a vital aspect of a successful project in the field of conservation and resource management. As a Hawaiian, I can understand and appreciate agencies that go one step further and try to create a working relationship with the community so that science can connect to community and no longer be considered two separate things. ■

*Chelsey Jay, a 2007 graduate of Kamehameha Schools, is a senior majoring in Environmental Science and Resource Management at the University of Washington in Seattle.*



Hālau Kū Māna charter school hosted the Hawai‘i kick off of the 2011 International Year of Forests on Jan. 12. Pictured kneeling is Lennon Helekahi, with, from far left, Cindy McArthur of the U.S. Forest Service, school Executive Director Patti Cronin, students Kaimalino Bobiles, Hiwa Sylva, Pineki Sylva (partially blocked), Kaleo Lindsey, holding Hawai‘i’s forest box, Interim Director of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources William Ailā, kumu Kawika Mersberg, Paul Conry of the state Division of Forestry and Wildlife, and Principal Mahina Duarte. - Photo: Lisa Asato

## Charter school helps launch International Year of Forests in Hawai‘i

By Lisa Asato

With the United Nations declaring 2011 the first ever International Year of Forests, Hālau Kū Māna charter school helped kick off the state’s participation with a celebration at its mountainside campus, where students performed oli, hula and offered items to be part of an exhibit that will travel to New York City and Washington, D.C.

William Ailā, the Interim Director for the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, said to the group: “Today we can only represent Hawai‘i, but (there is a) unique set of challenges faced by all island states and territories in the Pacific. Although this Hawaiian launch of the International

Year of Forests is a relatively small gathering on one island, we have a wonderful opportunity to make a large impact and raise awareness about these unique challenges to our nation and to the world.”

The International Year of Forests aims to “raise awareness of importance of forests in all of our daily lives whether it be clean water, a healthy climate or even the economy, forests products play a major role,” Cindy McArthur, U.S. Forest Service National Partnership Coordinator, said before the event. The forest service has encouraged communities and states to participate in any way they can, including holding events or through policymaking. This year’s forest declaration follows previous U.N. declarations, including the International Year of the

Reef in 2008 and the International year of Biodiversity in 2010.

As a group of students prepared for a hula on stage, kumu Kawika Mersberg described the forest as a place rich in items significant to ancient Hawaiians, such as medicine, food and wood for canoes.

Hālau Kū Māna seventh grader Lennon Helekahi described the belief of the island being a canoe and the canoe being an island, which he learned about in class. “We discovered two meanings – the first meaning is the canoe comes from the island and the forest; the second meaning is that, like a canoe, an island has limited resources so we need to mālama and take care of them.”

To Hawai‘i’s forest box, which will be part of the traveling exhibit, Helekahi’s class contributed a slide show of all the wa‘a they learned about this quarter, including the double-hulled voyaging canoe Hōkūle‘a.

Tenth grader Maluhia Moses thanked the state, federal and other partners “for giving us the opportunity to share what Hālau Kū Māna has taught us and to put it in a box and to share it around the world.”

Hawai‘i’s forest box was made

### 2011 events embrace forest theme

#### MY HAWAI‘I STORY

The 2011 My Hawai‘i Story Project writing contest is asking Hawai‘i sixth- to eighth-graders to share their thoughts about our forests through poems, essays or stories answering questions such as: why are the forests of Hawai‘i special to you? And, why is it important to protect them?

The winning entries will be published in an anthology.

Deadline for online submissions is 5 p.m. March 11. Mailed submissions must be postmarked by March 11 to: My Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i Conservation Alliance Foundation, 677 Ala Moana Blvd., Suite 320, Honolulu, HI 96813.

#### HAWAI‘I CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

The theme of the 2011 Hawai‘i Conservation Conference is *Island Ecosystems: The Year of the Forest*. Organizers are seeking proposals and abstracts on various themes (not limited to forest conservation) for the 19th annual conference, Aug. 2-4 at the Hawai‘i Convention Center in Honolulu.

of koa and milo and donated by Kaua‘i woodworker Robin Clark. It was filled with forest-related books, brochures on state forestry programs, information on The Nature Conservancy, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply and others, the DVD *Maoli No: Truly Native*, note cards featuring native plants and much more.

The U.N. launched the International Year of the Forest Jan. 24 at Lincoln Center in New York, with about 168 nations participating. Hawai‘i’s box was submitted for exhibit there and in Washington, D.C.

For information on the writing contest or conference, visit <http://hawaiiiconservation.org>. ■



# NATIVE HAWAIIANS AT KŪLIA I KA NU‘U



# THE TOP OF THEIR GAME STRIVE TO REACH THE SUMMIT

## MAKING PAGEANT HISTORY

### Noel Soma is crowned Miss Indian Northern Arizona University

By Melissa Moniz

**N**oel Kaleikalaunuo-ka'oa'i'o Soma is the first Native Hawaiian and non-American Indian to enter and win the crown of Miss Indian Northern Arizona University in the pageant's 20-year history.

"For me to be a representative for Native Hawaiians and indigenous people is a huge honor and responsibility," says Soma. "When I won, a lot of people came up to me and told me I made history. One of the things I want to do with this title is to spread the aloha spirit and show

how special we are."

The scholarship pageant held in November at the NAU campus in Flagstaff, Arizona, is designed to promote cultural awareness and understanding of tribal/indigenous nations, represent Native American students at NAU, and assist in strengthening the recruitment and retention of Native American college students.

Soma is the daughter of Dirk Soma, OHA's Community Outreach Manager, and his wife, Rachel.

Noel Soma was born and raised on O'ahu and is a 2008 graduate of Sacred Hearts Academy. She is

working on her bachelor's degree in Applied Indigenous Studies and Political Science at NAU.

"I also work for the Applied Indigenous Studies Department," says Soma, who is 20. "My boss actually told me about the pageant and encouraged me to enter."

In addition to the application, all contestants were required to complete an essay and participate in a series of interviews. The night of the pageant includes four categories of competition: contemporary wear, traditional wear, traditional talent and an impromptu question.

"The contemporary outfit shows



The newly crowned Noel Soma with Eudora Redhouse, Navajo, First Attendant, and Fred Ami, Northern Arizona University Vice President for Research. - Photo: Courtesy of Noel Soma

your confidence level and what you see yourself as," says Soma. "For my contemporary wear, I wore my favorite prom dress. I spoke about how it made me feel confident and beautiful."

For her traditional outfit, Soma dressed as a pā'ū rider and told the story of how Native Hawaiian women didn't want to ride side saddle so they created a new clothing style.

"I wore a whole bunch of flowers in my hair, a purple skirt and a red kīhei wrap – it was a very well put together outfit considering that my flowers were not Native Hawaiian flowers, which would have died during transport to Arizona," says Soma.

For her traditional talent, Soma sought the help of her kumu hula Ardis Gomes of Hālau Hula O Kawaiha'o. She entered with an oli, followed by a hula kahiko using kala'au (sticks). After she was done, she changed into a blue, one-shoulder velvet holokū to perform a hula 'auana. She ended with a contemporary hula incorporating sign language.

"I used the songs and my outfits to show the transition of time, so they could see how far hula has come," says Soma.

Crowned the 2011 Miss Indian Northern Arizona University, Soma received a scholarship of \$1,600, a

custom-made shawl and sash, a trophy and use of the crown during her reign.

She will spend the remainder of this year attending events such as the Native Americans United membership meetings and activities, Native American United Pow Wow, NAU homecoming, Native American Student Services semester barbecues, tribal fairs and other NAU marketing initiatives for recruitment.

"I serve as the face for Native American organizations and students, so if there are things that they need help with, I step in," says Soma. "I also work on recruitment and retention of Native American students and NAU."

"It is with great honor that I have been given the opportunity to represent the university and more so the indigenous women of the U.S. in higher education," she adds. "To serve and work alongside my indigenous brothers and sisters to ensure a better tomorrow is what I look to do in all aspects of my life." ■

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# LEADING OHA WITH AN

By Francine Murray

Colette Yvette Pi'ipi'i Machado was only 25 when Gov. George Ariyoshi appointed her the youngest Native Hawaiian woman to ever serve on the Hawai'i State Land Use Commission. It was an honor and a privilege she recalls, "At the time it was the most powerful commission anyone (in Hawai'i) could serve on. It was responsible for all the state land use boundaries. I learned quite a bit at that time." After serving on the commission for more than six years, she heard a position opened up on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Excited about the opportunity to serve Native

would like to serve on and then learn more about its roles and what it affects.

"It will have an impact on your learning curve of the politics in Hawai'i," says Machado, who has also served on the Moloka'i Burial Council, the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, the Moloka'i Fishpond Restoration Task Force and the Governor's Moloka'i Subsistence Task Force. "Find something that moves you, get involved and make this a better place. Volunteer. My level of service and commitment comes from many years of volunteering on state commission and boards."

A life-long learner, as a teenager Machado was akamai (smart) yet rebellious. Although she dropped out of high school in the ninth grade,

forms of economic development.

Hawaiians need to build wisely, for the generations to come. Machado believes one way to do that is through mentorship, working with individuals that share your core values, have standards that you feel match yours, or that you want to apply to your everyday life.

"My mom has taught all of us humility, to be humble in what you do," said Machado. "That's the grounding I believe is very critical for any leader to have – humility and unconditional love. For me, it's serving our people and what the outcome of that service will be in my lifetime."

"In the words of the Haudenosaunee, their decision making is called The Great Law," she

# EYE TOWARD FUTURE GENERATIONS

*A conversation with  
incoming Chairperson  
Colette Machado*



OHA Chairperson Colette Machado takes the long view in decision making, having been influenced by The Great Law philosophy of the Iroquois Confederacy and by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.  
- Photos: John Matsuzaki



Hawaiians, she jumped at the chance.

"I strongly recommend people look at volunteering to serve on these boards and commissions. Those two served as critical education for me to understand what the state obligations are to the public trust," said Machado, who encourages college students and recent college graduates to choose a board or commission they

she received her GED, and then earned her bachelor's in education at the University of Hawai'i. "Never stop learning in spite of certain barriers that you may encounter, and give everything your all, 110 percent," Machado encourages. "Never limit yourself to just be satisfied with mediocrity. I learned that from the University of Hawai'i, and many of the people who have mentored me. I owe a debt of gratitude to many of the individuals who have mentored me."

Machado's mother was pure Hawaiian and her father was more than half Hawaiian. Together they raised her and her older brothers Hawaiian style, which meant everyone worked hard. Growing up in rural Moloka'i people took care of one another, practiced a substantive lifestyle – growing produce, raising livestock and sharing with family.

Machado proudly says Moloka'i is truly the last Hawaiian island with a large 80 percent Hawaiian population and many traditional practices continuing. A window to the past, there are still no elevators or traffic lights on the island and only two ATMs. In the past, residents would fight development in an effort to maintain the old ways. But now, she said, Moloka'i residents are considering certain

explained, wherein you enact political decisions taking into consideration their impact on seven generations or more. "I learned that back in the late '70s." The Haudenosaunee, which means the "People of the Longhouse" is the Iroquois Confederacy, an association of several tribes of indigenous people of North America, traditionally of the New York area many now live in Canada.

Machado intends to look ahead two decades or more when planning and creating policy, considering how today's decisions will affect the generations to come and how it will impact their future.

"Once we can come to that common philosophy to serve and improve things, perhaps then, people will be able to support us more openly and more willingly," Machado explains. "Communication plays a big role and in this short period I feel that we are making some significant steps forward."

"I could not have been as confident as I am today, if it had not been for the commitment of the Trustees, the administration and the entire staff at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs," Machado said. "I can honestly say that that has moved me tremendously to where I am today. It might be a cliché, but the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has changed my life in terms of how I perceive decisions that will impact the generations to follow." ■



## AUNTY FRENCHY LEAVES A LEGACY FOR NATIVE HAWAIIANS

Frenchy DeSoto at the podium in front of 'Iolani Palace during OHA's Board of Trustees' inaugural ceremony on Jan. 17, 1981. - Photos: KWO Archive

### MO'OLELO NUI COVER FEATURE

THE STORY OF OHA IS A STORY OF HOPE. AND IT IS ONE THAT IS FOREVER ENTWINED WITH THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ADELAIDE "FRENCHY" DESOTO, THE "MOTHER OF OHA," WHO WORKED HER WAY FROM A CIVIL SERVANT TO THE HEIGHTS OF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP FOR NATIVE HAWAIIANS, FIGHTING ALONG THE WAY FOR EVERYTHING FROM MĀKUA VALLEY TO THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND THE RETURN OF KAHŌ'OLAWÉ.

Adelaide Keanuenueokalaninuiaamamao "Frenchy" DeSoto passed away from pneumonia at the age of 81 on Jan. 21. Her husband John "Cobra" DeSoto Sr., the co-founder of Hawai'i Motorsports Association was also 81 when he passed on in 2006. A daughter and four sons, including former City Councilman John DeSoto Jr., survive them.

The story of OHA started in 1977, "in the light of the bonfire," Frenchy DeSoto recalled in *Ka Wai Ola* in 1991, describing her work as a member of the Protect Kahō'olawe 'Ohana and her first thoughts of an agency that would use ceded land revenue to improve the welfare of Hawaiians. She was on Mākena Beach in Maui when the Kahō'olawe 'Ohana was preparing to illegally visit Kahō'olawe by crossing the 'Alalākeiki Channel in the cover of night. "I watched our people preparing themselves as if to go to war, and it hit me that there must be a better way to do this. I remember going to the island. Listening to the kūpuna plead through tears for some righteousness to be done to the Hawaiian people, so that we are not on our knees begging to eternity."



Two revered Hawaiian kūpuna, Frenchy DeSoto and Gladys Brandt.

the 'Īlio'ulaokalani Coalition, who has lobbied for Hawaiian rights for decades. "Right now, if you are called a Hawaiian activist it's not a bad thing," she said. "She was at the forefront of all the movements."

DeSoto, who was a city worker, was elected a delegate to the 1978 Constitutional Convention representing Wai'anāe, where she was a homesteader.

The big issues at the Con Con were judicial selection, state spending limits and legislative reform. No one had Hawaiian issues at the top of their agenda, except DeSoto. "William Paty was Chairman of the Con Con," said former Gov. John Waihe'e, who was also a delegate. "He made Frenchy Chairwoman of the new Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

"It was amazing because she was a very dominant force," said Waihe'e. "I don't think most people realize that every single proposal that came out of the committee on Hawaiian Affairs passed unanimously." The final convention package included five Hawaiian amendments to the State Constitution: the creation of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; protection for traditional native fishing, hunting, gathering and access rights for religious and subsistence purposes; protection of ancestral lands; establishing Hawaiian and English as the state's two official languages; and strengthening the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands by allowing more flexibility and legislative funding of the department's administra-



Members of OHA's first Board of Trustees taking the oath of office at 'Iolani Palace in January 1981.

tive costs. "The committees were huge and there was a big cross section, but she worked hard and knew how to get consensus, by the force of her personality," Waihe'e said.

What started as a non-issue at the convention had become the 1978 Con Con's most extensive accomplishment – strides in recognizing Hawaiians and Hawaiian rights. In November of 1978, the voters of Hawai'i ratified the amendments. "That's how OHA began," said Waihe'e.

Auntie Frenchy leaves a legacy for others to emulate, said Waihe'e. "I think her legacy is the challenge she leaves for the current generation of leadership to step up and move forward," he said. "What is amazing to me is how many young Hawaiian leaders she put under her wing in the past."

OHA Trustee Colette Machado, who now holds the seat as Chairperson as DeSoto once did, described DeSoto as a leader. "When you look at all that happened back then, someone had to lead the pack," said Machado. "And it had to be Auntie Frenchy because of her depth and her desire to have more for her people."

Machado served on the Board with DeSoto from 1996 to 2000, and calls DeSoto one of her mentors: "She was a very direct individual, very vocal and in many ways brutally honest. These things don't go too well in a political climate. However, that was the only way she knew how to lead. I characterize myself similar to her and take the history of OHA as a foundation to build upon."

"The other aspect of her brilliance and her intelligence is that she was a fantastic strategist," said Machado. "She would just look at certain aspects of what she wanted to get to and figure out how she was going to do it. She didn't have many tricks, as people would think she would have had. She never had a hidden agenda. It was very simple, improve



OHA Trustees Haunani Apoliona (left), Colette Machado and Frenchy DeSoto, Gov. Ben Cayetano, Trustees Clayton Hee, Gladys Brandt, Hannah Springer and Aiona Abraham in the executive chambers when the Governor appointed Brandt a Trustee in 1998.

# 'A WOMAN OF GREAT COURAGE AND VISION'

BY FRANCINE MURRAY

After the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack, the United States Navy gained control of Kahō'olawe and used it for training and bombing practice. The protests of the 1970s brought awareness of the importance of the island to the Hawaiian people and culture. President Bush ended the bombing on the island in 1990, and in 1994 Kahō'olawe was returned to the State of Hawai'i. Today, the Protect Kahō'olawe 'Ohana continues its efforts to mālama, care for the island.

"Frenchy was a Hawaiian activist before it was popular," said Vicky Holt Takamine of

the conditions of the Native Hawaiians, and for her it wasn't a blood quantum issue. It was for all Hawaiians."

On Nov. 4, 1980, Hawaiians were able to vote for their own representatives for the first time in a century, selecting the first OHA Trustees: Peter K. Apo, Roy L. Benham, Rodney K. Burgess III, A. Frenchy DeSoto, Thomas K. Kaulukukui Sr., Moses K. Keale Sr., Joseph G. Kealoha Jr., Walter L. Ritte Jr., and A. Leiomalama Solomon.

DeSoto served as the first Board Chairperson. Starting with nothing but the will of the people, the first board secured a small office in Kawaiaha'o Plaza, furnished with three pieces of military surplus furniture and one employee.

"If we are to become successful in all of our efforts, we individually and collectively, must assume the responsibility for becoming aware," DeSoto wrote in her first column in *Ka Wai Ola* in 1981. " 'I no more time' is a cop out. Equally important is the need for us to learn well our history in order that we do not repeat the mistakes of the past. Practice our cultural values that are just as applicable to our present-day situations as they were in the time of our kūpuna."

In 2000 OHA's foundation was shaken when the U.S. Supreme court ruled that Hawaiians-only voting in OHA elections was unconstitutional. Then-Governor Ben Cayetano declared his intention to replace the sitting OHA Board. Several lawsuits were filed challenging OHA's constitutionality.

Faced with forced removal by Cayetano, DeSoto, then 71, resigned in September 2000 followed by the other eight OHA Trustees. That year marked OHA's 20th anniversary of which DeSoto had served 16 years as a Trustee.

OHA Trustees who worked alongside her as a Trustee describe her as a fighter with a heart of gold.

"I liked her. She was rough and tough, but she had a great big heart," said OHA Trustee Donald Cataluna. "What stood out about her was her love for Hawaiians and her love for being pono with Hawaiians. She would fight and fight, for them."

Cataluna was appointed in January 2000 by Governor Cayetano to replace Trustee Moses Keale, who had passed. At a time when board meetings were known for being contentious, DeSoto readied him for it. "The very next day there was an OHA Board meeting," Cataluna recalls. "I met Frenchy before that meeting at my office and she was very nice. She said we have to go, come. We went downstairs to the meeting and she said come, come Trustee, 'You sit down here by me, so when get pilikia (trouble) in here we can hold hands under the table.'"

OHA Trustee Haunani Apoliona recalled DeSoto's difficult young life. "Trustee DeSoto's life was filled with challenges," Apoliona said. "She and her siblings were separated into different foster homes. She talked about running away, finding her siblings and trying in her own way to keep them together as a family, providing for them in the best way she could."

Her early days were ones of struggle and survival. DeSoto worked as a one-time janitor at the Capitol and later was the Sergeant at Arms in the state Senate, which exposed her to the politics of Hawai'i. "Her role in the 1978 Con Con is well documented and the rest of her life in politics is history," said Apoliona, adding, "Not to many people know she was a poet, and with her ability to lomi or shape words and shape thoughts she was quite eloquent. But she could also get down to the rare truth of things."

OHA Trustee Oswald Stender first met DeSoto when she worked at the Legislature and he was the CEO of the Campbell Estate. "She wanted the estate to let their motorcycle club to use Campbell Estate lands at Kahuku for a motocross race," he recalls. "She was so nice, I couldn't say no. Little was I to know that this nice lady would be such a powerhouse of a person. We were friends. I liked her."

Clyde W. Nāmu'o, CEO of OHA, described DeSoto as "a woman of great courage and vision. She provided leadership to the Hawaiian community at a crucial time in our history. For this I am and will always be eternally grateful."

Honoring DeSoto's legacy as the patriarch of OHA, OHA Chairperson Machado said: "She was not of royal background and has no trust to carry her name, but OHA is certainly hers to claim for time, immemorial. She is the 'Mother of OHA' because of what she was able to do."

Services were planned for Feb. 2 and 3 at the Mililani Memorial Park, Mauka Chapel. ■



DeSoto, in 2005.



## ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY

## HO'OKAHUA WAIWAI

To have choices and a sustainable future, Native Hawaiians will progress toward greater economic self-sufficiency.



Syd Vierra was recognized with a first place Piko Award at the 2010 Hawaiian 'Ohana for Education in the Arts Market in Waimea. At right, Syd Vierra's traditional forms. - Photos: Courtesy of Syd Vierra

## WOODTURNERS PARADISE

After paying off his first Mālama Loan, Syd Vierra of Akamai Woods now reaps benefits of his second

By Kathy Muneno

In the rainforest of Paradise Park in Puna, Hawai'i, a chorus of bird song mingles with the humming and grinding of what the forest has left for Syd Vierra. He breathes new life into the core of a fallen tree, and literally turns it into something to behold once again.

Vierra is a woodturner. Most would say he is an artist – he has awards and honors that say so as well. But, Vierra says otherwise. “I’m having the hardest time swal-

lowing that,” he confides. “I think ‘artist’ means so much, and I don’t think I’m even close to that.”

He will call himself a craftsman, even a good woodworker and a self-taught engineer. But, perhaps not “artist” because he hasn’t had any formal art education, or because with only one decade under his belt, he’s relatively new to wood turning, or maybe simply because he is humble, a reflection of his upbringing, in which a pencil and paper were his most treasured commodities.

Vierra grew up one of 13 children in an extended family, cared for by his aunt. He lived in Nānākuli, in Leeward O‘ahu, until the third grade and fondly remembers spending a week at a time at the beach – a childhood rich in experiences that fostered a vibrant imagination. When the family moved to California, he gave that imagination shape and form with his paper and pencil. “We were inland and there didn’t seem to be much to do so you kind of kept yourself entertained so I did sketching. I found peace in drawing.”

Vierra says he moved out of his aunt’s home just two credits shy of graduating from high school, to relieve her financial burden. He became a crane operator, truck driver, self-taught welder and mechanic. “I was born to be a mechanic. Machinery and I are old friends,” he says. So maybe it’s no surprise he bought his first woodturning machine a decade ago, on Hawai‘i Island, to make some extra money. “It wasn’t to do art, the word art never entered my imagination, just a few pieces to sell to make money to put my kids in a good school, to give them better than I had.” He taught himself through books and videos, by joining a woodcrafters club, observing and “little by little applying my own skills,” says Vierra, who



## Got the BUG to start your own business?

KCC class teaches new business basics

By Treena Shapiro

Julie Percell knows determined entrepreneurs will strike out on their own, regardless of the risks.

This confidence provides the drive to get their businesses off the ground. Percell’s “Start Your Dream” class at Kapi‘olani Commu-

nity College helps these fledgling entrepreneurs navigate around potholes on the road to success. “What I’m trying to do is help them avoid expensive mistakes,” she said.

Percell’s eight-week course steers clear of theory, focusing instead on practical advice new business owners can use immediately.

As owner of 21st Century Marketing, Percell has been self-employed since 1989. She had a background in finance, as well as marketing, but she still had to find her own way as a new business owner. In 1992, she began sharing what she’d learned in a series called “Be Your Own Boss.” A decade later, she created “Start Your Dream,” a request from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, which wanted to provide budding entrepreneurs the technical support to create business plans. Although the class is open to everyone, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs will reimburse the cost of \$231 to Native Hawaiians who complete the requirements.

Over eight weeks, new and prospective business owners learn about finding customers, marketing, cash flow schedules, financial plans

and setting and achieving realistic business goals. This 51-hour course culminates with the presentation of a business plan.

Since many entrepreneurs start out as sole proprietors, Percell emphasizes the need to make sound decisions and keep an eye on all aspects of their businesses. “My goal is helping people find balance and focus so they can get everything done,” Percell said.

Her students have been a fairly even mix of new business owners, people with specific ideas, and others who just have an entrepreneurial spirit. Although not everyone leaves ready to start a company, many have been successful. “They’re not necessarily the people who are going to show up on the front page of the money section, but they researched the market well enough to make a living,” Percell said.

She keeps in touch with many of her former students and makes sure they have access to resources once they complete the course in case they need help with their new ventures.

The broad array of resources available to those

earned his GED at age 30.

Within three years he was making a living solely on his art-work – vases, bowls and 'umeke (calabash) – selling for \$500 to \$1,000 each, under the name Akamai Woods. The wood is “recycled,” dropped off by yardmen or found on the ground in the forest. “I won’t kill it if it’s alive,” he says. What the wood becomes is dictated by the wood itself and by Vierra’s imagination and that childhood paper and pencil. “The sketching and the drawing, that gives me the background to know, a gut feeling, of shapes and forms.” And sometimes he applies a powder dye that turns his pieces an unexpected blue, red, yellow or green.

Vierra acknowledges the help of many along the way, including the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Vierra bought an acre in Puna and literally started building a home around his wood-turning machine. A year later, in 2008, he heard about OHA’s Mālama Loan for business, education and home improvement. He received a \$50,000 loan to complete his house and workshop and says he paid it off in eight months.

That enabled him to receive another Mālama Loan last year

to expand and buy a custom-built “rare piece of machinery” that can turn huge 400-pound logs, Vierra says. Not to make more pieces, but larger pieces, like a 3-foot tall vase that would retail for up to \$14,000. “I really would like to master the big vases on all levels,” he says. “There’s no one in the country who makes them. And maybe to dye them to make them even more unique. That’s my goal and I’m gonna capture that market.”

No doubt he will, and probably sooner than expected. That’s his modus operandi. “That’s one thing I got from Nānākuli, from my upbringing, is you have to work hard. I’m 48 years old now and still work as hard as I did when I was a kid.” And this is his philosophy: “You have to see your vision, you have to believe it and just go for it.”

For more information, visit [www.akamaiwoods.com](http://www.akamaiwoods.com), call 808-982-5836 or email [syd@akamaiwoods.com](mailto:syd@akamaiwoods.com). ■

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starting businesses surprised Kahili Woods, who took Percell’s class last fall, about eight months after incorporating Lynx Security.

“If I had known about that, it would have been a lot easier starting out,” he said.

He came into the class confident that his residential and small business security company would succeed, but knew he could use more knowledge. “I wanted to learn more about the business side of it from people who have been there.”

Woods said Percell herself was extremely helpful and accessible, as were the guest speakers who offered valuable expertise. “It’s a good opportunity to network,” he noted.

Since finishing the course,

Woods has been able to tap into some of the resources he learned about, formed partnerships with other companies, started a marketing campaign and hired employees.

Attending class meant sacrificing time from his start-up, but he considers it worthwhile. “Even though you started a business doesn’t mean you know everything about business,” he said. “The more knowledge you get, the more successful you can be.”

He added, “It will surely help those who are starting a business from scratch.” ■

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## OHA Mālama Consumer Loans

For information on OHA Mālama Consumer Loans for education and home improvement or OHA Mālama Business Loans, visit [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org). Or, contact Robert Crowell, OHA Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund Technical Assistant, at 808-594-1924 or email [robertc@oha.org](mailto:robertc@oha.org).

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# Fitted Hawai‘i creates products with a message

Keola Rapozo attributes his store’s success to OHA’s support. “Without the Mālama Loan, we’d probably be out of business,” he said. - Photos: Zach Villanueva

By Zach Villanueva

“Aloha Served Daily.” For Native Hawaiian entrepreneur Keola Rapozo, aloha not only serves as the tagline for his business, it’s also the foundation that fuels his business. In the six years since establishing his store, Fitted Hawai‘i, the company has created a wildly popular line of hats, T-shirts and accessories.

Rapozo had always known that he wanted to be in the fashion industry and eventually open up his own clothing store. “We wanted to build a brand that breathed Hawai‘i, the real Hawai‘i that we grew up knowing,” he said.

Rapozo received a much-needed jump start from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs through its Mālama Loan, which is designed for business, education and home improvement.

Rapozo approached OHA for help with his business on the advice of his mom, who has since passed away.

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Loan, Rapozo was able to free up capital, pay bills on time and expand Fitted’s product base. Throughout the process of getting the loan, he also received financial mentorship, which has taught him how to keep Fitted a more organized and goal-oriented business. “Without the Mālama Loan, we’d probably be out of business,” Rapozo said on PacificNetwork.tv.

Rapozo also received a second Mālama Loan, in 2009, to help him start a store online. The \$25,000 loan helped him design the web site, among other things.

From the wrongful imprisonment of Queen Lili‘uokalani to today’s dense metropolitan areas and the untouched countryside of Hawai‘i, Fitted Hawai‘i’s hats and T-shirts are inspired in some way by Hawaiian history.

Asked what inspired him the most, Rapozo explained that inspiration has come from “Our people, our culture and our history. Everything about Hawai‘i, the good and the bad.”

Ninety-eight percent of Fitted products are designed locally here in Hawai‘i.

In the future, Rapozo hopes to open more stores and offer a full lifestyle brand, featuring towels, linen, candles, wallets, key chains, slippers, hats and tees. He also sees Fitted reaching out internationally to the world. But until then he and his team at Fitted will continue to serve aloha daily. ■



# DECLARATION

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States. All four countries have since supported it.

The declaration is “another avenue to improve the quality of life for our people,” said Esther Kia‘āina, OHA’s Chief Advocate. Now that the U.S. has signed on, “it puts the world of nations on notice that the United States will play its part in advancing the standards in the declaration and elevating the rights of indigenous peoples worldwide,” she said.

Although Kia‘āina commended the United States for finally supporting the declaration, she believes the official U.S. position on the declaration was even more historical, including for Native Hawaiians.

The U.S. position achieves three things, Kia‘āina said: it marks the first time the U.S. is on record supporting what’s known as collective – or group – rights of indigenous

peoples at the international level, which was a sticking point in the Bush administration’s opposition of the declaration. Collective rights are different than individual rights, which are afforded to all individuals, she said, and the U.S. is acknowledging that these are additional rights that indigenous peoples are entitled to.

Second, in recognizing self-determination for indigenous peoples under international law, the U.S. position is supporting the concept that other nation-states should allow for some form of self-determination for its indigenous populations. For example, it could help those who are denied self-determination rights as native peoples in their respective countries and, domestically, lead to an improvement or enhancement of U.S. policy toward American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians.

Lastly, Kia‘āina said, the U.S. position recognizes that Native Hawaiians are an indigenous people and that the administration supports

a process for Native Hawaiians to establish a Native Hawaiian Governing Entity through the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act, which would establish a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

Kia‘āina, who has been working on the U.N. declaration since 1993 when she was a legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka, said because the declaration is international, it raises the visibility of the plight of Native Hawaiians – and opens the door for other countries to lend their support to self-determination for Native Hawaiians. “Now that this is an international document, this has been shared with the world ... so it wouldn’t be unheard of for a nation to show support for the rights of Native Hawaiians,” she said. “We simply need to reach out and ask for their *kōkua*.”

University of Hawai‘i Professor Lilikalā Kame‘eleihiwa of the Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, who has taken students with her to the U.N. every

year for a decade, called the declaration “a pathway to peace.”

“One of the greatest points of contention between all indigenous peoples and their colonizers is access to and control over ancestral lands,” she said. “This is an issue that wars are fought over. The U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples sets out the agreement that all countries, including the U.S., have now agreed to ... and so this process lessens the need to go to war to have the most fundamental human right, which is land to live upon to practice one’s culture. Thus the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is a template or a pathway to peace.”

U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka (D, Hawai‘i), who was instrumental in bringing a U.N. style meeting on the draft declaration to Honolulu in 1996, which attracted about 300 Native Hawaiians and federal officials from the State, Interior and Justice departments, said in a statement: “The Obama administration’s support of the U.N. declaration is

pono – it is just, and it is timely. Congress and the Obama administration have made great strides for the well-being of our nation’s indigenous peoples in the past couple years, though there is much more to do.

“Our nation has an obligation to improve the conditions of native communities, through quality education and health care, infrastructure improvements, self-governance rights and economic self-sufficiency. I look forward to chairing the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs this year and continuing Congress’s work to address the disparities experienced in native communities across the country.”

President Obama, announcing America’s support of the declaration Dec. 16 at the White House Tribal Nations Conference, said, “The aspirations it (the declaration) affirms – including the respect for the institutions and rich cultures of Native peoples – are ones we must always seek to fulfill.” ■

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## FCC CHIEF

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Blackwell, who also visited Kaua‘i and Moloka‘i, said the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 calling for a national broadband plan was a great win from the native perspective. Not only did the FCC embrace many of the recommendations from natives, he said: “I am standing here in the fulfillment of one of the recommendations of that national broadband plan. The FCC created an office with the regulatory authority, the responsibility and the horsepower to be able to address native concerns across the commission.”

The office was created Aug. 12 by a 5-0 vote of the commission, which regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable.

“We set the rules by which these industries compete and provide service. We have a great deal to

say about how they are sensitive and responsive to native concerns,” Blackwell said, adding that he was on Kaua‘i less than 24 hours before he heard concerns about migratory birds and how they are affected by the locations of communications towers. “It’s very important that we think about the breadth of issues that we can work together on,” he said.

Blackwell, who lives in Maryland, previously worked as the FCC’s Senior Attorney/Liaison to Tribal Governments and as young man worked with U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye (D, Hawai‘i) when he was Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Office of Native Affairs and Policy is preparing to launch a notice of inquiry to investigate issues of concern for native communities across the U.S., he said, adding, “When I look at how native communities adopt and use technologies, ... we want to reach out to you and hope you will work with us.”

In remarks addressed to Blackwell, OHA Chairperson Colette Machado said, “As native people, our depth and our breadth is connected to the land and to our culture and to our generations that have passed on. We call it our ancestral relationships. ... So I say from my heart to your heart, welcome to our native land and we appreciate spending this time with you.”

Also attending were OHA Trustees Boyd Mossman, Haunani Apoliona and Oswald Stender, OHA administrators and community leaders.

OHA CEO Clyde Nāmu‘o presented Blackwell a gift basket and described the symbolic gifts it contained as: “Kukui nut for preservation of those things Hawaiian, kapa that binds us in our common work – printed kapa for the accomplishments made and virgin kapa for those accomplishments to come. And finally, lashing of a niu, coconut, for strength and durability.” ■

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## HEALTH STUDY

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been studied, but not enough testing has been done with the sleeve.”

Moniz’s journey from a size 5X shirt to a size large, began with what he explains to be the most difficult part of the entire process, the pre-op.

“The pre-op was a lot of discovery for myself because it was changing the way I ate, changing my physical habits – I had to change period,” says Moniz. “I knew that if I kept the way I was going that I was going to be in the ground very shortly. So I changed.”

He started with 15- to 20-minute walks and by his second visit he lost 8 pounds.

“Eating is a very social thing in Hawai‘i and I needed to correct myself and learn how to approach that in the work environment and at home,” he adds. “In the four months leading up to the surgery, I lost 43

pounds on my own. And that was through changing my eating habits and being a little more active.”

Of the 40 study participants, 20 will receive the sleeve and 20 will receive the gastric bypass. Like a flip of a coin, there’s a 50 percent chance the participant will be placed in either group.

“I’m Hawaiian, so my Hawaiian values that I’ve learned as a child naturally kicked in, so before I even drew an envelope (which specified the procedure) I asked the staff if I could pule,” says Moniz. “I was thinking they would leave and give me time to myself, but they grabbed my hands and joined me in the pule. So that was already very special for me. The first thing I did was acknowledge Ke Akua and asked for guidance. I left it up to his hands whether I would get the gastric or the sleeve. There was a lot that fell into place. That day was my mom’s 10-year anniversary since her passing. I pulled envelope No. 10. So there were a lot of things that made me feel there was a higher being

with us and Akua had his hands on my shoulders and was guiding me through this process.”

Moniz received the operation on April 27, 2010.

“Really his stomach is now a tube about the width of a thumb that limits the amount of food he can take in,” says Dr. Lorenzo. “This is different from the usual gastric bypass where you make the stomach into a pouch the size of a ping pong ball and take the small intestine and reroute the passage-way of food.”

Nine months since his operation, Moniz has increased his physical activity from 20-minute walks to 2-mile runs with 8-pound weights in the morning and evening.

“I was always so big that I could never fit into a paddling canoe, however, I’ve always wanted to paddle,” says Moniz. “By July my weight loss was so significant that I could fit into a canoe. So now I’m able to go paddling. I’m doing things I really wanted to do before but couldn’t. I also started hiking.

And I’ve made it a point that every weekend I would go on a hike.”

Moniz will graduate with a master’s of education in teaching in May from the Ho‘okulāiwi College of Education University of Hawai‘i. He is currently the coordinator trainer in Wai‘anae for the Kamehameha School Enrichment Department.

“Being that I was patient No. 1 for this, I took it as there’s a lot on my shoulder because my outcome would determine the future for other Native Hawaiians that will come after me,” says Moniz. “Now that I’ve gone through this a lot of my family and friends see that if I can do it that they can do it. So many of them have gone to the informational sessions themselves.”

In addition to the weight loss, Moniz hasn’t needed or taken any diabetes medication since the surgery.

“I haven’t had any complications or negative side effects,” he adds.

For Moniz, this past year has been about setting a goal, reaching

to accomplish it and then striving to take on another. He has climbed many mountains and has proven that reaching the summit is only the starting point for another great adventure.

“My one-year goal is to be under 200 and from there I want to get to 170,” he adds.

Perhaps the story that Moniz tells of his birth when his dad picked him up declaring that he would be as big as a mountain meant that he would someday be climbing mountains, not be as big as one. ■

*Melissa Moniz is a Contributing Writer for Ka Wai Ola. A former Associate Editor at MidWeek, she has chosen a new career path as a full-time mom to spend more quality time with her husband and two young daughters.*



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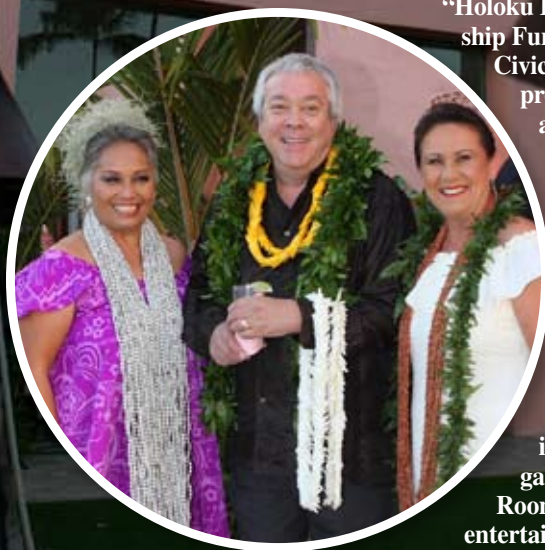
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INSET: Puake‘ala Mann, Watters Martin and Coline Aiu enjoy a moment at last year’s Holokū Ball. - Photos: Blaine Fergstrom

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The Amy B. H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden is a botanical garden operated by the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, located near Captain Cook, in the Kona District on the Island of Hawai‘i. - Photo: Maile Melrose/W Nowicki





A reunified Royal Order of Kamehameha I. Pictured in the front row, from left, are: Ali'i 'Ai Moku Sir Arthur Aiu (Honolulu Chapter), Ali'i 'Ai Moku Sir Augie Roback (Kāne'ohe Chapter), Ali'i 'Ai Moku Sir Joseph Spencer (Kona Chapter), Ali'i Nui Sir William Roback Jr. (Ali'i Chapter), Kālaimoku, Sir Edward Akana (Ali'i Chapter), and Ali'i 'Ai Moku Sir Pua Ishibashi (Hilo Chapter). - Photo: Courtesy of Mamo Hawai'i, Blaine Fergstrom

# ROYAL ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA I REUNIFIES

By Lisa Asato

After decades of split factions in the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, and after a year of negotiations, Ali'i members of all chapters made a commitment to reunification by electing a single leader.

The two standing Ali'i Nui temporarily stepped down from their posts and 100 Ali'i members representing both sides cast their votes for either Ali'i Nui at the Dec. 4 reunification caucus and vote at a Honolulu International Airport conference room.

Sir William Roback Jr. of Maui was declared the winner and installed as the sole Ali'i Nui of the reunited Royal Order of Kamehameha I. Following the historic proceedings, all 100 members present gathered for a large group photo.

Bill Souza, Protocol Officer of

the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, said the gathering was presented with only one question, "and that was to vote for the Ali'i nui that would lead us into the next few years."

"It was a very simple thing," he said on OHA's *Nā 'Ōiwi 'Ōlino* radio show. "It wasn't the kind of gathering where you all got together and aloha everyone. That'll come in phases." The two sides haven't met in an official capacity in years, so the meeting was also a reunion of brothers from both sides. "Many of us have aged and look like weary warriors," Souza said, tongue in cheek. It was also refreshing to meet the newer, younger recruits who have joined both sides over the years, he said.

"Now by coming together, we'll take this fusion and make it work for the betterment of all Hawaiians, in

particular to portray the leadership of our ali'i as responsible agents of our people," he said.

The fraternity dates back to 1865, when it was founded by King Kamehameha V, Lot Kapuāiwa, to ensure that the Kingdom of Hawai'i would remain a sovereign entity, Souza said. It is one of four royal societies, including 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu, Māmakakaua – Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, and Hale o Nā Ali'i o Hawai'i.

One of the first public appearances of the reunified Royal Order of Kamehameha I came at the Dec. 6 swearing-in ceremony for Gov. Neil Abercrombie. Later that month, the Royal Order helped lay one of its own to rest, presenting a funeral ritual at the Dec. 28 service of Royal Order member and federal Judge Samuel P. King, whose family was presented with a cape. ■

## Royal Order leadership

- > Ali'i Nui, Sir William F. Roback Jr., Knight of the Grand Cross Knight (KGCK) of Maui, highest ranking chief of the Order
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## MAHALO, “DOC” BURROWS



The Jan. 24 meeting of the Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council marked the end of the tenure of Dr. Charles “Doc” Burrows, who is stepping down after having served on the volunteer council since 2002. OHA Chairperson Colette Machado and OHA CEO Clyde Nāmu’o thanked him for his years of service on the council, which advises OHA’s Board of Trustees on historic and cultural preservation issues. Burrows, center, wearing lei, is a former Kamehameha Schools educator and current Co-President of ‘Ahaui Mālama I ka Lōkahi, a non-profit organization working to restore Kawai-nui Marsh. Pictured from left are: council members Kealakahi Myers (Hawai’i), Chris Kauwe (Kaua’i), Clara “Sweets” Matthews (O’ahu), Jeno Enocencio (Hawai’i), “Doc” Burrows (O’ahu), Chairperson Ke’eaumoku Kapu (Maui), OHA volunteer Apolei Bargamento, Alvin Burrows (Moloka’i), OHA Student Intern Kapua Parker, and Benjamin Noeau Sr. (Hawai’i) - Photo: Zach Villanueva

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The 11-member Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council is seeking applicants to serve as island representatives. Applicants may reside on any island and must be at least 18 years of age. Travel expenses are covered by OHA. If you are interested, email Keola Lindsey at keolal@oha.org or call (808) 594-0244.

### Visiting native rights leader to lead panels

An indigenous rights pioneer from Norway will head a series of two-hour panel discussions on native rights, Feb. 11 and 12, on the University of Hawai’i-Mānoa campus.

The “Indigenous Rights Symposium: Conversations with Sami Rights Pioneer Magne Ove Varsi” begins with an “Indigenous Self-Determination” panel at 9 a.m.



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Ove Varsi

Friday at the UH Richardson School of Law Moot Courtroom. Panelists are Varsi, Melody MacKenzie, Jon Osorio and Esther Kia’aina.

An afternoon panel follows at 2:30 p.m. on “Sustainable Self-Determination: Territories, Lands and Natural Resources” at the Kama-kūōkalanani Center for Hawaiian Studies, Hālaui O Haumea. Joining Varsi on the panel are: Hōkūlani Aikau, Noelani Goodyear-Ka’ōpua, Carol Ho’omanawanui and representatives from Kamehameha Schools, the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Department of Land and Natural Resources. A 4:30 p.m. community reception will follow, with music by Kūpaoa.

The symposium wraps on Saturday, with panelists Varsi, Peter Mataira, Maile Taulii, Keawe Kaholokula and Kapena Shim discussing “Kū I Ka Pono: Transforming Legacy into Vision,” at 9:30 a.m. at Hālaui O Haumea. A light lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Varsi is a Sami rights leader and Founder/Director of the Gáldu Resource Centre for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Kautokeino, Norway. A former Lecturer in journalism at the Sami University College, News Editor and President of the Sámi Journalists Association, he addressed the United Nations in New York in May 2010 as part of Indigenous Peoples Month.

Varsi’s trip to Hawai’i is co-sponsored by the Norwegian Embassy and Hawai’i inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge. For information on the discussions, call Hawai’i inuiākea at (808) 956-0980.

### Hawaiian music to be spotlighted through UH series

Amy Ku’uleialoha Stillman, the 2010-2011 Dai Ho Chun Distinguished Visiting Professor in the College of Arts and Humanities at the University of Hawai’i-Mānoa, has convened a series of gatherings called “‘aia i ka wai: Dialogues on [the Present and Future of] Hawaiian Music” running through April 1.

The public is invited to the free series held at the Kamakakūōkalanani Center for Hawaiian Studies at UH-Mānoa. Musical performances will begin at 5 p.m. and the dialogues start at 6. Parking is available next to the center. The series kicked off Jan. 21, and continues with dialogues on the following Fridays:

- Feb. 4, “Producing Culture.” Participants are Manu Boyd, Keala Chock, Ku’uipo Kumukahi, Michael Pili Pang, Cody Pueo Pata and Jordan Sramek
- Feb. 25, “Creating Culture.” Participants are: Snowbird Bento, Kekuhi Keali’ikanaka’oleohāililani, Nāpua Mākua and Taupouri Tangarō
- March 11, “Nurturing the ‘Ohā,” with participants Leilani Basham, Keawe Lopes, Nola Nahulu, Jon Osorio, Aaron Salā and Kalena Silva
- April 1, “Gathering the Seeds,” a summary and synthesis by Stillman.

This program will be held at the UH-Mānoa Music Department, Choral Rehearsal Room (Room 36).

For information, <http://amykstillman.wordpress.com/dialogues>, search “‘aia i ka wai” on Facebook or email Stillman at amyk88@hawaii.edu.

### UH-Hilo symposium to highlight Hawai’i-based research

The public is welcome to attend the third annual Research Symposium sponsored by the Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science Program at the University of Hawai’i-Hilo – featuring presentations about recent scientific research carried out in Hawai’i.

The free event will be held Feb. 17 and 18 at UH-Hilo, University Classroom Building 127, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 17.

Undergraduates, graduates and faculty will present their latest research on ecology, evolution, environmental science and conservation biology related to Hawai’i and the Pacific Region. Awards will be given for best undergraduate and graduate student poster and presentation.

The symposium keynote address will be given by Colorado State University’s Dr. Liba Pejchar, whose research focuses on conservation on private lands, the ‘akiapōlā’au and young koa stands. This informal venue for works-in-progress and polished research also offers a social mixer and silent auction.

For information, email Colin Phifer at colincp@hawaii.edu.

### Kamehameha Schools’ North Shore Plan receives national sustainability award

Kamehameha Schools’ North Shore Plan, which encompasses 26,000 acres of the Trust’s agricultural, conservation, residential and commercial property on the North Shore of O’ahu, has received national recognition by the American Planning Association.

Meanwhile, the public is invited to attend an open house on the North Shore Plan from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Lili’uokalani Protestant Church, Emerson Hall. “Sust’AINAbility from Pa’ala’a to

Kāpaeloa” includes a talk story with representatives from the school’s North Shore Team, Mālama Loko Ea and First Wind, a tour of agricultural lands and project areas, pūpū and entertainment. RSVPs are recommended by emailing [land@ksbe.edu](mailto:land@ksbe.edu).

The “North Shore Plan: From Pa’ala’a to Kāpaeloa” received the APA’s 2011 National Planning Excellence Award for Innovation in Sustaining Places. In honoring Kamehameha Schools, the APA recognized the plan’s collaborative community outreach and its unique values-based framework.

Kamehameha Schools collaborated with Honolulu-based planning and design firm Group 70 International, and consulted with more than 30 small and large community groups, including kūpuna (elders), local farmers, business owners, community associations, schools and churches to form the plan’s framework and objectives, over 18 months beginning in 2007.

The plan includes seven catalyst projects, including the restoration of the Loko Ea Fishpond; agriculture water system improvements; development of alternative energy including sun, wind and water; and improvements to commercial areas in Hale’iwa Town and residential development. Six of the projects are in the stages of permitting, design and construction.

“This plan incorporates the five values of education, environment, economics, culture and healthy community, which guide our decision making at Kamehameha Schools,” Kirk Belsby, Kamehameha Schools’ Vice President of Endowment, said in a statement. “It integrates educational programs at the restored Loko Ea Fishpond and improves water resources that nourish agricultural lands. The plan has environmental returns that protect and restore native habitats and endangered species on our mauka lands, while creating economic opportunities for ‘country style’ commercial areas.”

The APA will honor Kamehameha Schools and other awardees at its annual National Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, in April. The last time a Hawai’i organization received an APA national award was in 1997.

## Free tax help offered, volunteers sought

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement is recruiting volunteers to assist with the 2011 tax season. Free tax preparations begin the first week of February.

In partnership with Hawaiian Community Assets and the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Home Lands Assembly, CNHA operates five Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites statewide to help families file their income taxes for free. Families may be eligible for Earned Income Tax Credits and Child Tax Credits that can be as high as \$5,666 in 2011.

“Historically, Hawai‘i residents leave \$45 million dollars of unclaimed tax credits, on the table,” Robin Puanani Danner, CNHA President and CEO, said in a statement. “By opening volunteer-run tax preparation sites across the state, we aim to help return the hard earned money back to working families. Last year, over 20 volunteers gave their time and knowledge

to support the campaign in a full range of capacities, ranging from tax preparation to data entry.”

Volunteers do not need to be experienced in tax preparation, as certification training will be provided.

CNHA invites the community to take advantage of this service, which is available in Kaka‘ako and Waimānalo on O‘ahu, Anahola on Kaua‘i, and Hilo and Pahoa on Hawai‘i Island. To volunteer or to get your free tax preparation, contact Kapu Gaison at (808) 596-8155, toll-free at 1-(800)-709-2642 or email [info@hawaiiancouncil.org](mailto:info@hawaiiancouncil.org).

## Sundance Film Festival selects Hawaiian-language film

The Sundance Film Festival, considered the premiere platform for independent film, selected a Hawaiian-language film to show during its Jan. 20 to 30 run in Park City, Utah.

*Stones*, a short film written and directed by Honolulu-born Ty Sanga, will show as part of the



Ty Sanga

are pleased to be able to shine a light on indigenous filmmakers working around the world in the short-form medium and to provide festivalgoers with a window into native storytelling,” Trevor Groth, Sundance Film Festival Director of Programming, said in a statement.

Sanga, the Director, said, “We are especially indebted to Sundance’s Bird Runningwater of the Native American and Indigenous Program for his belief in our film and to the Sundance Institute for their commitment to indigenous filmmakers and this exceptional recognition.”

*Stones* is adapted from a Native Hawaiian legend and shot in the Hawaiian language. It is a love story about the last native Mu couple on

festival’s new Native Showcase, which highlights an emerging generation of Native American and indigenous filmmakers.

“For 2011, we

the island, Na‘iwi (Moses Goods) and Nihipali (Rava Shastid), and their struggle to accept newcomers to the island. Mourning the loss of her son, Nihipali is torn between her desire to befriend a young girl from the village and her husband’s insistence to maintain their separation.

## After theft, Waikiki Aquarium welcomes moi donation

The Hawai‘i Pacific University’s Oceanic Institute donated 300 moi fingerlings to the Waikiki Aquarium, following a moi theft last year that remains unsolved.

As of Dec. 28, the aquarium planned to have the moi on display in the spring and also planned to release some moi into the ocean as part of its Earth Day event in April.

In addition, fifth-grade students and faculty of King William Lunalilo Elementary School raised and donated \$112.39, which will be used to support the raising of the moi. Fifteen of 21 adult moi were stolen from the aquarium’s outdoor

display tank in late September, a loss estimated at \$1,500. Police continue to investigate the theft.

## Educational organization selects directors for 2010-2015

Na Ku‘auhau ‘o Kahiwakaneiko-polei ratified new officers to serve five-year terms through Aug. 31, 2015, at its grand convention in Hilo in 2010.

L. Keali‘i‘olu‘olu Gora is President, H. Kanoeokalani Cheek is Vice President, Mary Imiola Gora-Aina is Secretary, Abigail K. Nishida is Treasurer, and Denise Kawailani Bee and Aimee E. M. Jensen are Co-Directors.

The new officers were ratified Aug. 21, 2010. The organization, which meets monthly at the Hawaiian Studies conference room at the University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa, provides free cultural and educational workshops and educational scholarships every year. It has members throughout Hawai‘i and North America. ■



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## OHA's 2011 legislative general fund request

In September of 2010, nearly five months ago, the Board of Trustees approved OHA's General Funds Biennium Budget for the next two fiscal years.

The primary purpose of the OHA general funds received from the State of Hawai'i is to provide services and assistance to Native Hawaiians in the areas of:

1. Social services to OHA beneficiaries to: include information and referral services which include those relating to education assistance, employment and income security, individual and family care, health needs, housing, legal services, genealogy research, business assistance and general information.

2. Legal services and legal representation to OHA beneficiaries for: the assertion and defense of quiet title actions; assistance with ahupua'a and kuleana tenant rights, including rights of access and rights to water, land title assistance, including review of title and genealogy, preservation of traditional and customary practices, protection of culturally significant places, and preservation of Native Hawaiian land trust entitlements.

3. Educational enrichment programs for Native Hawaiian children in grades K through 12 to: optimize learning for Hawaiian students, develop a stronger interest in learning, connect learning and education to one's Hawaiian identity and explore possible educational, career and academic goals the students may not have considered.

In pursuit of its mission, OHA partners with a number of state agencies and the University of Hawai'i. During the fiscal years FY 2005 through FY 2010, OHA expended a total of \$29,834,967 in trust funds to support a number of state programs and services including:

- DHHL for debt service on bonds
- Charter schools funding
- DOE for various grants and programs
- DHHL for home ownership assistance to lessees and first-time buyers
- DAGS for emergency and transitional housing for homeless
- DOH grant for the Caregiver Training and Apprenticeship Program

- DOE for various grants and programs, including the Hawaiian Language Immersion Program

- University of Hawai'i System

- University of Hawai'i:

- Achieving the Dream legislative proviso (budgeted trust fund portion)

- Support for UH School of Social Work master's candidates

- College of Education 'Aha Ho'ona'auao 'O'iwi program

- Study on the criminal justice system and Native Hawaiians, Richardson School of Law

- William S. Richardson School of Law Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law

- Ho'okulāiwi Center for Hawaiian and Indigenous Education

- Kawaihuelani programs for ceded lands inventory, agriculture, aquaculture and oceanography

- University of Hawai'i at Hilo:

- Nā Pua No'eau (budgeted trust fund portion)

- Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani Hawaiian Language College

- 'Imiloa Astronomy Center Pocket Theatre

- Hawaiian language and literature master's and bachelor's degree program

In September of 2009, with the adoption of a new Strategic Plan, OHA recognized the need to change from serving individual needs to applying our resources to programs and activities that will lead to systemic change and maximize the impact we have on all Hawaiians. We believe that by focusing our efforts on a few key areas, rather than dispersing our strength, we can maximize the impact we have for all Hawaiians. Our three primary roles will focus on Advocacy, Research and Asset Management. It is a paradigm shift for OHA and our beneficiaries, from being reactive to being proactive and progressive in our focus.

In this legislative session, OHA seeks your help to strongly advocate with us on behalf of the measures that affect our Hawaiian programs. While the state's general fund contribution to OHA is minimal in comparison to other departments, the benefits to our Hawaiian communities and families is significant. Mahalo for your continued support and blessings for the New Year. ■



Colette Y. Machado

Chairperson,  
Trustee Moloka'i  
and Lāna'i

## Choice and consequences

Aloha no kākou, 2011 is on its way and our Board is working on legislative, recognition and legal issues that require our attention and resolution. We look forward to working with Governor Abercrombie and the State Legislature as well as with our Congressional Delegation as we have in the past.

I am most grateful for the fact that I have been blessed with life itself and all the blessings and challenges it has provided. I am also appreciative that I was born free and have the chance to choose every minute of the day without being unduly restricted or forced to live in slavery. The choices I have made have been good and bad, right and wrong, smart and dumb. And I have had to live with the consequences and learn from them.

There were many who appeared before me when I was a judge that were on their way to prison. I always counseled them that they were going because of their bad choices and now needed to face the consequences. I, however, recognized that bad choices are not the end of the long road of life. We need to pick ourselves up and we need to not repeat but choose better in the future. Thus I would tell them that though they were going to prison for a number of years, they would still be coming out some day and I would probably be seeing them on the streets or in the stores of Maui. I urged them to take advantage of prison programs, to get an education and to come out better than when they went in and come back and contribute to our community.

I am satisfied that some of them did take this counsel as I

received a number of letters from prisoners who actually thanked me for sending them to prison and getting them to reconsider their previous track in life. One evening while waiting in line to rent a video for my family at the local Blockbuster, the female clerk in the next line saw me and asked that I see her after I got my video. OK, so wondering what I had done I met her outside the store whereupon she asked if I remembered her.

That's a sign for "you sent me to jail," and I thought to myself, here it comes. I said I did not remember her and sure enough she said, "You sent me to jail." OK. Then she said, "And I want to thank you. You saved my life." The conversation went on for a short while as the relief flowed through my veins. She had chosen the wrong but had made something of herself and now was on the right path and felt good about it.

By the same token, we at OHA have made choices and have studied, defended, professed and concluded that they are right and not wrong. The choice on federal recognition we as a Board have made is the primary reason I ran for this office. No matter what compromise, what result, what government, what decisions are made, Hawaiians will ultimately need federal recognition to survive as more than just the indigenous people of Hawai'i. There lurk in the wings those who believe Hawaiians should be anyone who lives in Hawai'i and that we should all be the same legally as well as morally. We believe federal recognition will protect us from legal challenges and with a degree of sovereignty allow us to survive as a people. To that end we hope you will choose to stand with us. ■



Boyd P. Mossman

Vice Chair,  
Trustee, Maui



## My hope for change at OHA and the Legislature

**A**no'ai kakou ... Happy Year of the Rabbit! I would like to wish newly elected OHA Chairperson Colette Machado the best in 2011. Colette has a strong community and grassroots background and I am hopeful that she will take the Board of Trustees in this direction.

In this New Year, I continue to hope that there will be changes at OHA to make things better here for everyone.

### GET MORE TRUSTEES INVOLVED

I believe that being a Trustee is not about simply showing up at a few monthly meetings. OHA cannot afford to maintain a system which encourages passive Trustees, as we have experienced in the past.

Currently, there are only two subject-matter committees under the Board of Trustees: (1) Trustee Oswald Stender oversees all of OHA's fiscal, policy, economic development and administrative matters, and (2) Trustee John Waihe'e IV, for the first time in nine years, has responsibility over all federal and state legislation, ongoing programs in health, housing, education, land and the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund.

The problem is that each committee is too broad in scope and can easily become overwhelmed. I'm hopeful that Trustees Stender and Waihe'e will form "Ad Hoc" subcommittees to allow other Trustees to concentrate on more specific issues such as land, policy and planning, program management, legislative and government affairs, and budget and finance. Creating subcommittees will get more Trustees actively involved and ensure less things "fall through the cracks."

### BRING BACK OHA-RUN PROGRAMS

Today, OHA mostly operates like a charitable foundation that hands out grants. Most of the successful OHA-run programs, like Aha 'Opio and Aha Kupuna, which took years of hard work by past Trustees to develop, have been contracted out or quietly discontinued. While farming work out to nonprofits is appropriate in some cases, I believe

OHA has gone too far.

I believe that OHA should do much more for our beneficiaries in terms of programs and services. Grants are ineffective in solving long-term problems since grant monies eventually run out. Even successful services end up getting cut if they can't raise any money. That's why we need ongoing OHA programs that are closely monitored by the Trustees.



Rowena Akana

Trustee, At-large

### EMBRACE TRANSPARENCY

Despite many requests, OHA meetings are not televised like the City Council or the State Legislature. Cost has always

been an issue, but with today's technology, it shouldn't cost that much – Olelo and YouTube are free! Broadcasting our meetings would make Trustees more accessible and keep us honest.

### NEW LEGISLATURE

Congratulations to newly appointed Big Island State Sen. Malama Solomon, who previously served as an OHA Trustee and State Senator. Now, with Sen. Clayton Hee, OHA has two former Trustees it can count on in the Senate.

We will certainly need their help to finally resolve the claims relating to OHA's portion of income from the Public Land trust between Nov. 7, 1978, and July 1, 2009. In the 2009, Senator Hee introduced Senate Bill 995, which offered OHA \$251 million in cash and 20 percent of the 1.8 million acres of ceded lands. The proposal died in the House and went nowhere in 2010.

Even a few of these properties could generate all of the revenue OHA needs to operate and would give our future nation the assets it needs to serve our beneficiaries. Let us hope that we can successfully lobby the State House to have a change of heart.

Aloha Ke Akua. ■

*Interested in Hawaiian issues and OHA? Please visit my web site at [www.rowenaakana.org](http://www.rowenaakana.org) for more information or email me at [rowena@oha.org](mailto:rowena@oha.org).*

## Is there life after the Akaka bill? The case for Economic Sovereignty

**T**here was no lack of trying. Certainly, there was no wavering from committing substantial resources toward the political wayfinding that would result in congressional recognition of Hawaiians as indigenous people and an opportunity to process the notion of a Hawaiian government. What happened? The stars seemed aligned. Democrats controlled the Congress. The President is from Hawai'i. Hawai'i's Republican Governor Lingle signed on and urged every Republican in Washington

to support its passage. Congressman Abercrombie deftly ushered it through the House of Representatives, which passed the bill on to what should have been a formality in the U.S. Senate, where Sen. Dan Inouye sits as one of the most powerful men in the country. Hawaiians should have been planning a celebration.

Instead we sit with fallen spirit wondering where we go from here. Auwē. Yet the dialogue has begun within OHA to shape a renewed strategy in pursuit of federal recognition and the vision of a government reorganization act leading to the nation of Hawai'i.

As we regroup and rethink our next steps to achieve political sovereignty, perhaps we should refocus the considerable resources held by the collective Hawaiian community toward a goal that doesn't require a congressional act or asking anyone's permission to achieve. Let us pursue the path of a Hawaiian future that is totally within our control to navigate. Let us turn our attention toward the notion of Economic Sovereignty. We don't need political sovereignty to achieve economic sovereignty. If one were to tally up the lands and cash assets that are already under the direct control of the major Hawaiian institutions, that is the *collective institutional wealth* of the Hawaiian community, we have, at our command, a staggering economic capacity. The major players are Kamehameha Schools, Queen Lili'uokalani

Trust, Queen Emma Trust and Land Company, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Then, there are millions of dollars in federal entitlement programs that continue to accrue to the Hawaiian community. Consider the compelling picture that emerges. The collective wealth of these Hawaiian institutions includes hundreds of thousands of acres of land in fee-simple title as well as billions of dollars in cash assets. Hawaiians have emerged collectively as the single wealthiest ethnic group in the history

of Hawai'i. Our collective economic base is bigger than the Big Five! I wonder what might be possible if we tried to connect the institutional dots and rise to the kuleana of forging a common vision of a Hawaiian economic future, one that serves Hawaiians in ways that would also lift the economy of the entire state in a sharing of the wealth. What would it take to assemble our institutional economic leaders into a puwala, or collective, to forge a Hawai'i nation economy? Why do we need to beg for the right to exercise nationhood? We are a nation. All we have to do is to behave and act like one.

I am cautioned that flaunting our collective wealth will only fuel the fire created by those who challenge the constitutionality of and need for government-sponsored entitlement programs. But this is not a reason to not act like a nation. Sometimes we are our own worst enemy when we posture ourselves as professional victims and cling to the government-dependent models that keep us disenfranchised. Let us defend the entitlements as justice earned in settlement of our claims for reconciliation.

Meanwhile, we have tremendous capacity. We can become major players in shaping Hawai'i's growth. All we have to do is laulima. Work together. The time has come. The opportunity is here. We have but to seize it. ■



Peter Apo

Trustee, O'ahu



## Mele Hawai'i

**A**loha mai kākou e nā 'ōiwi 'ōlino mai Hawai'i a Ni'ihau a puni ke ao mālamalama. Every week, Monday through Friday at 7 a.m. and again at 5 p.m. on 940 AM radio, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs broadcasts its one-hour Hawaiian talk show *Nā 'Ōiwi 'Ōlino* and features Kūlia I Ka Nu'u, interviews with Native Hawaiians "at the top of their game."

A likely voice for Kūlia I Ka Nu'u is Amy Ku'uleialoha Stillman, Ph.D., kama o ka 'āina Hawai'i. One can Google her name and find a 12-page CV highlighting her service to the community, publications, presentation of papers, research initiatives in progress, completed consultations, areas of teaching and specialization and her past as well as current teaching positions. She studied at the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa earning the following: a B.Music; B.A. Hawaiian Studies and M.A. Ethnomusicology. She continued her studies at Harvard University earning an M.A. in Musicology and Ph.D. in Musicology. She is back in Hawai'i as the 2010-2011 Dai Ho Chun Distinguished Visiting Professor in the College of Arts and Humanities at UH-Mānoa and will be convening *aia i ka wai*, a series of five *Dialogues on [the Present and Future of] Hawaiian Music* "to recognize accomplishments and envision new directions for studying, teaching, presenting and producing Hawaiian music in the 21st century" and exploring shared goals between education and industry sectors in the effort to strengthen excellence in Hawaiian music.

Location: Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2645 Dole St., in Honolulu. Time: 6-8:30 p.m.; musical performance precedes from 5-5:45 p.m. Free admission; open to all. Parking lot is adjacent to the Kamakakūokalani Center. Series dates and topics are as follows:

• **Friday, Jan. 21: Assessing the Documentary Record.** What accomplishments should we be celebrating, and what endeavors should we be initiating? Participants: DeSoto Brown, Jay Junker, Michael Keany, Maile Loo-Ching, Puakea

Nogelmeier, Ricardo Trimillos

• **Friday, Feb. 4: Producing Culture.** What are the conditions necessary to support creative excellence? Participants: Manu Boyd, Keala Chock, Ku'uipo Kumukahi, Michael Pili Pang, Cody Pueo Pata, Jordan Sramek

• **Friday, Feb. 25: Creating Culture.** What is the place of creativity and innovation in a heritage tradition? Participants: Snowbird Bento, Kekuhi Keali'ikanaka'oleohā'ilani, Nāpua Mākua, Taupouri Tangarō

• **Friday, March 11: Nurturing the 'Ohā.** What kinds of knowledge could strengthen

the production and scholarship on Hawaiian performance? Participants: Leilani Basham, Keawe Lopes, Nola Nahulu, Jon Osorio, Aaron Salā, Kalena Silva

• **Friday, April 1: Gathering the Seeds.** What new 'ike have we generated about Hawaiian music and Hawaiian music studies? A summary and synthesis presented by series convener Amy Ku'uleialoha Stillman. Note: this program will take place at the UH Mānoa Music Department, Choral Rehearsal Room (Room 36).

Sponsorship is by the Dai Ho Chun endowment at the University of Hawai'i Foundation, the UH-Mānoa College of Arts and Humanities, the Hawai'i inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, and the UH-Mānoa Departments of American Studies and Music. Visit <http://amykstillman.wordpress.com/dialogues/> or visit the Facebook event page at "aia i ka wai – Dialogues ... " Email Amy Ku'uleialoha Stillman at [amyk88@hawaii.edu](mailto:amyk88@hawaii.edu).

"The Hawaiian Renaissance of the 1970s solidified the foundation for the flourishing of Hawaiian performance traditions," reads a flyer publicizing the series.

"Amidst the momentous transformations in the music and entertainment industries globally, and the vigor of Native Hawaiian cultural self-determination, we are at an opportune moment to reflect, imagine and chart paths anew."

Welowelo e ka hae Hawai'i, i hō'ailona wehi no nā kini, Ke Akua pū me kākou, i pono ke ea o ka 'āina. 26/48 ■



Haunani  
Apoliona, MSW  
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## 'Plant aloha, reap harmony,' my wish for OHA

**M**ost of us who are Hawaiian are of mixed blood. I am Hawaiian, haole, Maori and a smidgin of Chinese. The story I bring you today is a fable (author unknown) about a wise Chinese Emperor whose eyes were growing dim. He knew it was time to choose his successor. Instead of choosing one of his children, he decided to bring 300 of the Country's "best and brightest" young people to the Royal Square where in a frail voice he proclaimed his intention,

"It is time for me to choose the next Emperor from amongst you." A hush fell over the assembly as the Emperor continued: "I am going to give each of you a seed, a very special seed. I want you to plant the seed, water it and come back here a year from now with what you have grown. I will then look at all of my choices and one of you will be Emperor."

In the gathering was a young man named Ling. Like everyone else, he received a seed along with a warm smile and good wishes from the Emperor. He went home and told his mom all that had happened that day. She helped him find a special pot. Ling planted his seed in it and carefully placed the pot on a sunny sill. Each day he gave it water and bushels of TLC. A week went by. Two months. Eight months and three days. A year went by, nothing happened. He was the only one of 10 from his village whose seed had not sprouted. Ling was sure he killed his seed.

A week before the year ended, the Emperor's Messenger came by to summon Ling to the Royal Square for his rendezvous with the Emperor. Ling told his mother he was not going to go as he was too ashamed. She reminded him the choice was not his to make. When the day came he carried with utmost reluctance his empty pot to the palace. When he got there he was amazed at all the beautiful plants his colleagues had grown.

Instead of placing his empty pot on the floor of the Royal Square with all the others, Ling held on to it. Many who saw him clutching his pot laughed at him.

After what seemed an eternity the Emperor finally arrived. "What great plants, trees and flowers you have grown. Today one of you might be appointed Emperor." Suddenly he spotted Ling with his empty pot. The Emperor ordered his guards to bring Ling to him and demanded to know his name. "My name is Ling." The Emperor looked at Ling and at the

crowd and said, "Behold your new Emperor." He continued: "A year ago I gave everyone a seed. I told you to take it and plant it. But I gave you boiled seeds that would never grow. You all substituted my seed with another seed except for Ling. He is the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Ling will be Emperor."

*Kaona of this fable:*

If we plant honesty, we will reap trust.

If we plant goodness, we will reap friends.

If we plant humility, we will reap greatness.

If we plant perseverance, we will reap victory.

If we plant *ALOHA* (consideration), we will reap *HARMONY*.

If we plant hard work, we will reap success.

If we plant forgiveness, we will reap reconciliation.

If we plant faith, we will reap miracles. ■

*Next month: Jamie Beamer, 21st century Hawaiian Cowboy*



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## NO KAILINA PUBLIC NOTICES

### HO‘OHULI

#### The Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Reaches Out to the Community

As part of the City’s rail project’s continued community outreach, the following information is being provided to na ohana having historical ties to areas in and around the Project site. If you are related to na ohana listed below and would like to learn more about the project, please contact the City and County of Honolulu’s Department of Transportation Services, Rapid Transit Division, Kaleo Patterson, 808-768-6176.

The following Land Commission Awards were identified in the Final Archaeological Inventory Survey of Construction Phase I

#### for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project,

Honouliuli, Hō‘ae‘ae, Waialeale, Waipi‘o, Waiawa, and Manana Ahupua‘a, ‘Ewa District, Island of O‘ahu

TMK: [1] 9-1, 9-4, 9-6, 9-7 (Various Plats and Parcels); as follows:

#### Land Commission Awards in Honouliuli Ahupua‘a

Kalauhala; Kanoho; Mahina; Luana; Kalauli; Nunu; Haae; Kauhailepa; Manuwa; Kamaala; Kaunahi; Kama; Keinohanani; Kaulu; Kauouo; Kaopala; Nihua; Poopuu; Kuhemu; Kaalauahi; Kinolua; Kekua; Kalama; Paekane; Keliiaa Solomona; Naholowaa; Kamalae; Kawahamana; Paele; Kanahuna; Hapauea; Kapioho; Pio; Kekua; Kauakahilau; Nakai; Kawahaea; Mauwele; Kaekuna; Kuahilo; Opiopio; Moano; Oni; Makue; Kaiaawaawa; Leleiaupa; Kekukahiko; Alaluka; Hinaa; Aimaikai; Kapule; Healani; Pue; Hilea; Kahakuliilii; Hilinae; Laamaikahiki; Kalama; Nohunohu;

Kua; Kikala; Kuhiena; Kahalewai; Kanehikili; Aoao Samuela; Kaohai; Kaneaola; Kumupopo; Kuahine; Pihana; Haakue; Uia; Kaimuena.

#### Land Commission Awards in Hō‘ae‘ae Ahupua‘a

Rees, Lewis; Mokumakuaole; Kaihikapu; Puko; Kahooweliweli; Kaneiahuea; Kealaiki; Kaumanu; Kapili; Kalihue; Kaihumail; Kukahoe; Kekapa; Kekoamiki; Kaualei; Ewa; I; Hinawale; Kaiwi; Namaau.

#### Land Commission Awards in Waialeale Ahupua‘a

Luluhiwalani; Kauliokamoa; Namakeha; Hunt, Thomas; Kuapanio; Hiwauli, Salai; Kapepee; Kanealoha; Puolohinana; Pokini; Kalauao; Kaaihee; Niulii; Ilikealani; Kuhano; Kaakiakiaho; Nalii; Kaneaola; Kaniu; Napihe; Kahiki; Ku; Kekualiilii; Mahoe; Koniho; Makalolohe; Kaneolei; Kaneiakama; Pala; Pauoa; Puihi; Kualii; Hopu; Nuuanu; Hauna; Ka‘u; Marini, P.F. & Marini, Akoni; Puhalahua; Keawe; Kapahu;

Napupu ; Koliola; Kookoo; Kahonu; Kahanu; Kahookohu; Kakualopa; Muhu; Kuheleloa; Haole; Palaualelo, wahine; Akaakaa; Maawe; Piimahina; Kamole; Kaihumua; Kaihunana; Huailua; Hooakaamomi; Kuaihelani; Kumumu; Kalou; Kaupuaa; Puhalahua; Makole; Kahaekaua; Haalilio; Hana Hupa; Namakeha, B; Kuauli; Kamoana; Kahula 2; Kahula 1; Namahana; Puniwai.

#### Kuleana Land Commission Awards in Waialeale Ahupua‘a

Puakai; Poonui; Naheana, Noa; Keawe; Kakoo; Peahi; Namomoku; Hanamaulu; Haa; Paahana; Kikane; Ohia; Kauhi; Ohia; Kekua; Kamalii; Kaionio; Kapaa; Makanui; Keken; Keoho; Opunui Kaanuu; Naone; Kupihea; Lio; Nahalepili; Puhiki; Ohulenui; Wallace.

#### Land Commission Awards in Waipio Ahupua‘a

Honu; Kailakamoa; Kaluahunenui; Kaneiakama; Peke; Hinaakala; Kapiipo; Luheluhe; Hinaumai; Ehu;

Kaahuewalu; Kapela; Kaia; Kumumu; Manoha; Puou; Humehume; Ii, Ioane; Palekaluhi; Kuhiwahiwa; Kaiki; Mokunui; Kaholohana; Ai; Nahua; Kupokii; Puhipaka; Ukeke; Luaka; Manuwa; Uma; Kahea; Ulakaipo; Kupehe; Kamakahi; Meahale; Poikeo; Keliikuhoe; Koleaka; Kalauli; Kahuailana; Keawekolohe; Poupou; Manoha; Paakiki; Leoiki; Makaaloha; Kalili; Hana; Kapule; Kaumiumi; Ope; Kauhi; Moku; Kawahine-lawaia; Kamaka; Paumano; Puakea; Niau; Ohilau; Kauhihewa; Kailio; Kailihao; Nahola; Kalaiku; Kaulu-oaiwi; Kaneakauhi; Pi; Halelaau; Hepa; Kaioe; Nahuina; Paki, Abner; Kanae, S.; Kailianu; Kini; Kauaila; Kihewa; Kalaiku.

The above referenced archeological inventory survey was prepared by Hallett H. Hammet, Ph.D., Cultural Surveys, Hawaii, Inc., April 2010, and it is available online at <http://honolulutransit.org> or from the Project at Alii Place, 1099 Alakea St., Suite 1700, Honolulu, HI 96813. ■

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**E nā ‘ohana Hawai‘i:** If you are planning a reunion or looking for genealogical information, Ka Wai Ola will print your listing at no charge on a space-available basis. Listings should not exceed 200 words. OHA reserves the right to edit all submissions for length. Send your information by mail, or e-mail kwo@OHA.org. **E ola nā mamo a Hāloa!**

## 2011

**AH LEONG/KALAMA/MOKULEHUA/KAUAAHI**

– The descendants of John Ah Leong (b: Feb. 1838) and Kalama (b: 1840 in South Kona) will be gathering for the first time to celebrate their ‘Ohana Reunion on Saturday, July 16, 2011, in Honolulu, Hawai‘i. The marriage of Ah Leong and Kalama produced seven children: Lulima; Juliana (m: Kepano Mokulehua in 1872); Josephine (m: Joseph Kauahi in 1887); Ben Ah Leong; Thomas Ah Leong (m: Mabel Pohina); Kekui and Kalua. No additional data on Lulima; Juliana and Kepano had 11 children: Thomas (m: Mary Napua), Victor (m: Harriet), Elizabeth (m: Hoolopa Keano), Julia (m: George Waialae), Moses (m: Catherine), John (m: K. Kaopuiki), Ella (m: Nicholas Zablan), Sabina, Julianio (m: Myrtle Smith), Annie, and Victor (m: Victoria Kamalii); Josephine and Joseph Kauahi had six children: Ana (m: Joseph Amarin), Peter (m: Hattie Apana), Margarita (m: Samuel Keliikuli), Francis (m: Elizabeth Ah-Hoy), Joseph (m: Bernice Mahiai, Amy Oshiro, Emily Ah-You), and Josephine (m: James Akima); no additional data on Ben; Thomas and Mabel had one son, Daniel. No additional data on Kekui and Kalua. For information about meeting dates and places, visit our web site at MyFamily.com – Ekahi ‘Ohana Reunion 2011; for help navigating this web site, contact Kika Oyamoto at kikawaialae@gmail.com; Mokulehua ‘Ohana contact Nana’i Oyamoto at alohaabee@aol.com. Ah Leong and Kalama ‘Ohana contact Kim Keli at kimokelii@aol.com; Kauahi ‘Ohana contact Joseph DeSantos at anakala@hawaii.rr.com or Andrea Kailihiwa at kailihiwa001@hawaii.rr.com.

**ALAPA** – The descendants of Oliva and Emily Alapa will be holding its biannual reunion June 16-19, 2011, in Checotah, Oklahoma. The theme of the reunion is “Country Style Aloha.” The Jacobs ‘Ohana will be hosting the reunion on their ranch with western-themed activities. Cost per adult is \$35 and \$20 per school-age children, with the maximum of \$140 per household. If you have any questions, contact Waddy Jacobs at (918) 473-5757 / 441-0299, email: Lerj4@aol.com; or Linette Hunter (503) 342-8700 / 331-3101, email: alapa58@msn.com.

**BROWN** – In preparation for the 2011 reunion of the John and Benjamin Brown ‘Ohana of Hilo, Hawai‘i, the ‘ohana is asking for all family members to update their contact information, births, deaths or marriages and/or share contact information about their family members. The family will be holding its reunion in Hilo, Hawai‘i, from July 1-3, 2011. The ‘ohana includes the descendants of William Christopher Brown, Enoch Brown, Violet Nathaniel, Mealoa Anakalea, Benjamin “Tuna” Brown, Keala Kuamo‘o, Valentine Brown, Manoa Brown, Maria

Hendershot, John Thomas Brown, Irene I‘i Brown, Emmaline Brown Lyman, James Harbottle Brown, Harry Kaina Brown, Frances Mililani Ludloff, and Helen Kanoelehua Brown Kawai. Preliminary information regarding the reunion was sent out mid-June 2010. Please call Terise (Teri) Terkelson-Temple: 808-987-7920 or email: ttemple1@hawaii.rr.com, Maria Smith 808-982-6815 or email: RonBroomell@gmail.com.

**CUMMINGS** – The descendants of the marriage of Thomas Booth Cummings and Kahale Kamanauolu, plus those of his daughter Caroline Cummings Dutro will hold a Family Reunion on O‘ahu at the Kualoa Ranch House on Saturday the 16th of July, 2011, between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Address updates may be sent to Harold Prados, harold.prados@hawaii.rr.com or ph. (808) 772-1261. Mailings to the known addresses will be sent out about March 2011.

**GRACE (DE GRAÇA)** – The Grace Reunion 2011 will be held Memorial weekend on Sunday, May 29, 2011, from noon to 10 p.m. at Kealakekua Bay State Park in Kona, Hawai‘i. The Grace (De Graça) ‘Ohana originates from Ka‘ohe, South Kona. We would like to gather the families of Teofilo John and Maria (Malía) De Graça, and their children Edward Alexander (Alikā), Julia Ka‘anohi, Charles Mokuhali‘i, Antone Lonoikamakahi, Martez Maki, Domingo Ernest Koa, Jenny Alepok and Mary De Graça.

If you are descendants of the above family members, we cordially invite you to join us for a fun-filled weekend surrounded by aloha and ‘ohana. For some of us, it will be for the first time. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Monthly meetings are being held to plan and coordinate the festivities; in order to make this reunion a success we graciously ask that everyone complete the registration form that will be mailed out. Contact Cindy Grace Ascencio, eldest daughter of Henry Mahiai Grace from Napo‘opo‘o, Kona, at (808) 942-4209 or email kona.grace.oha@gmail.com for information on the reunion event and/or for registrations forms.

**KAAWA** – Na Mamo o Kalaulipa‘uli‘uliahuea-okekoa aka Louis Kuula Kaleikula Kalauli Kaawa aka Kalauli Kaleikula Kaawa a me Kalalani Keakuaheane are having a family reunion from March 17-20, 2011. Registration set for March 17 and 18 in Hilo at Wailoa Park. Events, li‘au, mo‘oku‘auhau sharing, mo‘olelo and picture taking will be done March 19 and 20. We have also invited his siblings who are the descendants of David Kaawa, Kuula Kaawa and Kaamoana Kaawa. Please register early so T-Shirts, lanyards and other items can be ordered. Send information to: Chair/ Mo‘oku‘auhau: Kaleo Nakahara at kalaulikaawa@gmail.com or FACEBOOK (Groups-KALAUULI KALEIKULA KAAWA) (808) 937-9811. Co-Chair: Nani Kaeha.

**KELIIKOA** – Keliikoa Reunion 2011 is set for March 17-20 at the old Hawaiian Village, also known as Puhi Bay. All gathering and activities shall be held there, including sleepover for anyone that would like to. We will be setting up for the event on the 16th (Wednesday) for those that would like to help. Also, for anyone else that would like to share in arts and crafts, games or activities please inform us. All ‘ohana are welcome! Please contact me: Jessica Keliikoa Kalehono at 808-959-3050 or Sampaguita Walker at 808-895-4398.

**PEREZ** – The Perez ‘Ohana will be holding their family reunion on Labor Day weekend Sept. 2-5, 2011, on the Big Island of Hawai‘i at Mahukona in Kohala. We invite the descendants of Nicholas Perez (of Spain) and Kawahineaukai Pupuka, also the descendants of Joseph Perez (of Spain) and Leleau Kupukaa. If you will be joining us, send your e-mails or phone numbers to Clarence and Gale Perez at ainakoh70@yahoo.com or call (808) 325-2050. You can also join our (Perez reunion) private group on Facebook for updates and reunion messages. Immediate response needed for best planning.

## 2012

**MAIELUA** – We are planning a family reunion in August 2012 and would like to update our address and telephone numbers so that we can keep you informed of future plans. Currently we do not have a committee, but if we can get enough of the ‘ohana who may be interested in the reunion to contact me, we will get the ball rolling. Our last reunion was in 2004 at Bellows, so it’s about time we plan another. You can email me at daharyan@yahoo.com or call me at 808-782-7588 (cell) or 808-696-6755 (home). My name is Carol Jean Ryan (Maielua), Uncle Pua’s daughter.

## ‘IMI ‘OHANA • FAMILY SEARCH

**CHIEF AHIA** – Searching for descendants of Ahia Keli‘ihanapule (brothers were Ehu and Kauka‘aha), Ahia kept this name as his last name (change to J.D. Ahia married to Nei Kalua) and their children were: James Levi Ahia, Luika Kaolohu Ahia married Liana Kaimana, Anna Ahia married Joseph Hussey, Pikelā Kaohelani Ahia. Any information on these names please contact Annette at hina13ulu@gmail.com.

**HIILEI/KAIA/KAPUNI** – ‘Ohana descended from Kauhī-Awana and Cecelia of Ni‘ihau and/or Moloka‘i are invited to contact Stanford Lanias at 45kama@gmail.com to share genealogical information and family stories and to be on the contact list for future family reunion.

**KA ‘OHANA O KALAUAPAPA** – has records and resources that could provide you with information about any ancestors you might have had at

Kalaupapa. Contact us by e-mail (info@kalaupapa-oha.org), mail (Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa, P.O. Box 1111, Kalaupapa, HI 96742) or phone (Coordinator Valerie Monson at 808-573-2746). There is no charge for our research. All descendants are also welcome to become part of Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa.

**KAAWA** – Na Mamo o Kalaulipa‘uli‘uliahuea-okekoa aka Louis Kuula Kaleikula Kalauli Kaawa aka Kalauli Kaleikula Kaawa(k) a me Kalalani Keakuaheane(w): KEANUENUE (George K Kaawa), KALEHUA NUI (Elizabeth K Kaawa)-MANU [1]-COMMODORE /KAMAKOA[2], KUULA (Isaac K Kaawa)-ELIZA LANSING [1]-VICTORIA HAO KAOULIKOOKEALANI [2], KALEIKULA (James K Kalauli)-ANNIE KIKAHA PAULI, LIWAI (Liwai K Kaawa)-CONSTANTINE SIMIONA [1]-MARY IONA [2]-HELEN LIU MOOKINI [3], KALANIKAPU (Nancy K Kaawa)-DAN MOKUMAI, KAMEALOHA (Arthur K Kaawa)-MALIA KAIHONIA, KAMANAWA (Ellen K Kaawa)-SING YUEN [1]-NAKANO[2], KALEHUA LIILII (Abraham K Kaawa/Kalauli)-UNKNOWN, KELIIHAHEO (Kelihaaheo Kaawa)-UNKNOWN, KAHAO (Joseph K Kaawa)-UNKNOWN, KAWIKA (David K Kaawa)-also seeking the descendants of HIS brothers DAVID HAILI KAAWA Sr, KUULA KAAWA, and KAAMOANA/KAAUMOANA KAAWA. Setting of family reunion and planning. Most descendants carry one or more of his names: KUULA/ KALEIKULA/KALAUULI/KAAWA and most carry their HAWAIIAN family names, if you have information and/or are ‘ohana, contact Kaleo Nakahara at kalaulikaawa@gmail.com or FACEBOOK (Groups-Kalauli Kaleikula Kaawa).

**KAHALEKULU** – I am searching for any information on a Mary Nohokula Kahalekulu. She went on to marry Benjamin Kanae Nakila (f.k.a. Samuel Apela Jr.) Mary was my paternal great-grandmother and had my grandfather (the eldest) before she married, which is why we carry the Kahalekulu name. It’s unknown where she was raised but stories have suggested that she grew up in ‘Ewa Beach. There is also mention of “Tūtū Lady,” who may also be her but no solid proof. If you have any information, email rmk1125@gmail.com or call 808-387-7726. Mahalo a nui.

**KEALALIO/CHOY** – Mary Elizabeth Kao Kealalio m. Sing Sun Choy. Children: Ah Lin Tai Choy m. Douglas Puanui Pane‘e; Amoe Hoopale m. J.K. Keliikuli; Ami Hoopale m. Paul Puhulu Charmin; John Ahuna Sing Choy Hoopale m. Lilia Naihelelelimahiaimoku Kawaa. Children adopted by tutu Kao’s brother Hoopale. Ah Lin Tai chose to keep Choy as her surname. Mary Elizabeth Kao Kealalio m. Petero Kolohaiole (Kauai). Adopted Ruth “Luka” Kolohaiole m. Chow. Long over-

due. Bonding time, meeting each other for the first time. Interested? Leave contact information: tamar-pane@yahoo.com or 1-808-520-2822. Also looking for Douglas Puanui Pane‘e (1845) m. Kanamu. Children: Douglas Puanui Pane‘e m. Ah Lin Tai Choy; Lydia Pane‘e.

**KIKO** – My name is John Dias Jr. I am a pa‘ahao in an out-of-state facility in Arizona, and I’m looking for any information on my great-grandparents. Their names are Joseph Kiko from Maui and Mary Moses from O‘ahu. My grandmother’s name is Berida x-mas Kiko from O‘ahu. If anyone has information or mana‘o pertaining to them, please contact me at: John Dias, 1252 E. Arica Road, Eloy, AZ 85131. I am very interested in finding and getting to know my family genealogy.

**KUALU/HAUPU** – I am in the process of creating a family web site for members of the Kualu/ Haupu ‘Ohana. My grandmother is Helen Lahapa Dotimas (Kualu/Kuwalu). Anyone with information on the family and would like to contribute to putting together a web site for all descendants and ancestors of the family, contact Christine Chow at clabanon@hawaii.edu or by regular mail at: 50 Koapaka Lane #84, Wailuku, HI 96793. This will serve as a place to find family history information, news about upcoming family gatherings and as a place to visit to keep close and bring together our family members. I also hope to be able to link up families via pictures, blogs and other contacts.

**KUULA KALEIKULA KALAUULI KAAWA/ KEAKUAHANAE** – Na Mamo O Kalaulipa‘uli‘uliahuea-okekoa aka Louis Kuula Kaleikula Kalauli Kaawa aka Kalauli Kaleikula Kaawa(k) a me Kalalani Keakuaheane(w): Keaneue (George K Kaawa), Kalehua Nui (Elizabeth K Kaawa) m1. Kamakoa, m2. Commodore; Kuula (Isaac K Kaawa) m1. Eliza Lansing, m2. Victoria Hao Kaoulukookealani; Kaleikula (James K Kalauli) m. Annie Kikaha Pauli; Liwai (Liwai K Kaawa) m1. Constantine Simiona, m2. Mary Iona; Kalanikapu (Nancy K Kaawa) m. Dan Mokumai; Kamealoha (Arthur K Kaawa) m. Malia Kaihonia; Kamanawa (Ellen K Kaawa) m1. Sing Yuen, m2. Nakano; Kalehua Liilii (Abraham K Kaawa/Kalauli) m. Unknown; Kelihaaheo (Kelihaaheo Kaawa) m. Unknown; Kahao (Joseph K Kaawa) m. Unknown; Kawika (David K Kaawa). Also seeking the descendants of his brothers David Haili Kaawa Sr., Kuula Kaawa and Kaamoana Kaawa. Setting of Family Reunion and Planning. Most descendants carry one or more of his names: Kuula/Kaleikula/Kalauli/Kaawa and most carry their Hawaiian names. If you have information and/or are ‘ohana, contact Kaleo Nakahara at kalaulikaawa@gmail.com or FACEBOOK (Groups-Kalauli Kaleikula Kaawa). ■

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Any 'ohana who have family members buried in marked or unmarked gravesites at Kawaiaha'o Church are requested to respond immediately to this notice. Kawaiaha'o Church is planning to build a multi-purpose hall at the site of the former Likeke Hall. Sixty-nine Iwi Kūpuna (bones and burial remains) have been dug up from the church's cemetery to date. The iwi were discovered, unearthed and disinterred at this construction site with permission of Kawaiaha'o Church, the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources

and the Department of Health.

The Iwi Kūpuna are currently in the basement of the church at the bottom of the bell tower. Our relatives need to be put back to rest and treated with the highest respect. The immediate concern is that construction will resume before family members have been contacted to discuss the current situation.

Please call Kawaiaha'o Church at 522-1333 and express your concerns and request a halt to all construction until meetings with family members have been held and all concerns have been addressed and discussed.

#### NORTHERN LEG OF THE WESTERN BYPASS ROAD Kōloa Ahupua'a and Kōloa District, Kaua'i

TMKs: (4) 2-7-003: 002 (por.)

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Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Amended 2006), notice is hereby given that the County of Kaua'i Department of Public Works, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration and State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation, proposes to construct the Northern Leg of the existing Western Bypass Rd. (Ala Kalanikaumaka) in the Kōloa District, Kaua'i. The 0.4-mile long Northern Leg will connect the Western Bypass Rd. with Ala Kinoiki (Eastern Bypass Rd.). The Northern Leg will include a 150-foot wide right-of-way, and a 520-foot long, 60-foot wide bridge.

Native Hawaiian Organizations and Native Hawaiian descendants with lineal or cultural ties to, cul-

tural knowledge or concerns for, and cultural or religious attachment to the historic resources of the Kōloa ahupua'a are requested to contact Mr. Wallace Kudo or Mr. Ken Tes-hima, Department of Public Works, County of Kaua'i, (808) 241-4996, 4444 Rice Street #275, Līhu'e, HI 96766-1340, [wkudo@kauai.gov](mailto:wkudo@kauai.gov) or [kteshima@kauai.gov](mailto:kteshima@kauai.gov). Please respond by Wednesday, March 2, 2011. ■

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