

25 KAMEHAMEHA MAUI

Years
1996-2021

Nā Lei Koa – Alumni

KU^oUPAU



So many great things are happening at Kamehameha Maui!

Aloha mai e Nā Lei Koa!

At the campus we're in the end-of-the-year sprint, anticipating Senior Appreciation Day and Senior Sunset (2 new events), and awaiting the details regarding senior and Commencement activities (with COVID guidelines). On May 29, we will welcome 117 alumni from the class of 2021.

In this newsletter, we feature Jaimescey Wicklund '06, Hulali DeLima '08, veterinarian Jalisa Chong Kee Camara '09, Maui Lani Veterinary Hospital; and illustrator Nicki Barsamian '06, of "Huli the Hawaiian Searches for Snow." We also mention alumni that returned to campus as panelists or as Zoom participants, and the 62 alumni that received post high degrees in 2020.

Work has started on an Alumni Business Directory to promote networking opportunities for you to share your products and services with the KSM 'ohana. Earlier this month Micah Alo's '17 Alo[ha] Kuki, were included in swag boxes sent to new KSM invitees and we see No'i Figueroa '17, Noi's Nom Noms on IG. [We invite you to participate in the Alumni Business Directory, contact us at : https://tinyurl.com/KSMalumni](https://tinyurl.com/KSMalumni)

Alumni return to campus - virtually

In March, alumni returned to share mana'ō at the **March 5th KSM Staff In-service** on the theme: Ola Loa Pilina & Self Care - how do you address health, wellness, culture, centering, and pilina? Each of the alumni echoed their appreciation for the 'ike shared by their kumu, the grounding of the cultural experiences that they fondly remember, and the expectation to kōlia i ka nu'u and give back to their 'ohana and lāhui. If asked, what would your mana'ō be to these questions? What are your biggest takeaways from your experience at Kamehameha Schools Maui? (I am where I am today because of...). How have you been thriving during this time? What tips or suggestions might you have, for us or our students, on staying grounded, connected, healthy, and happy during the pandemic?

Participating Alumni: Cody Felipe '08, Project Manager, US Air Force; Kauai Krueger '11, Cultural Programs Coordinator, Hui No Ke Ola Pono; Maui Bartlett '12, Solutions Engineer, KS Kawaiha'ō Plaza; Jaye Orikasa '15, Associate Producer, So Yummy; Koko Casey '17, Kumu 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani and Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u.



At the **Virtual Gathering - Ho'ākoako on March 31**, we learned from Coach "Del" of the changes being implemented at KSM.

- Reorganizing: Upper Division, grades 6-12, and Lower Division, grades K-5, have replaced what we formerly called elementary, middle, and high school.
- Staffing changes: Assistant Vice Principals, Upper Division: Kaleo Pahukula, Jaylyn Hashimoto, Kapulani Antonio, and Kyle Fujii-Miller; Lower Division: Lisa Correa and Cyndi Fernandez.
- Deans (formerly called Counselors) at each grade level that will follow the class. Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-13 (Grade level Dean follows grade 12 for an additional year after graduation).
- Hō'ike Nui, Senior Project. Revamping to allow students to create their unique capstone project that best allows them to develop, work, and share their passion.
- Focus on SEL – social, emotional learning for all students. Collaboration with Kumu and Deans to provide opportunities for 'ike, growth, and experience.

Former Art Kumu Levi Mason reminded us why she enjoyed her time at KSM and shared her excitement about her current school. She looks the same, radiates the same energy, and currently resides in Texas (after stints in Washington D.C, Georgia, and California). Kumu Kathleen Frampton was unable to attend, and her highlights were shared by facilitators: 'Eleu Novikoff '06 and Kaleialoha Kaniaupio-Crozer '11. For those that came, we enjoyed seeing you and we look forward to our next gathering.

Continue to stay in touch, share your achievements with us, and join us when you can. This May the class of '06 celebrates 15 years, the class of '11 celebrates 10 and the class of '16 celebrates 5! I mua!

Alumni Staff

Jaimescey Wicklund '06, Custodian II



After graduation, I attended the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and majored in Animal Science for two years seeking to obtain a degree in the field of veterinary medicine. I have a love for animals but I also had the passion to become a teacher. My professors at UH Hilo suggested that I go into teaching science or biology so I moved back to Maui to pursue a degree in Education. I was given the opportunity to do my clinical hours at Kamehameha Schools Preschool. I suddenly knew that obtaining my degree in Early Childhood was what I wanted to do. I graduated in 2013 in the field of Early Childhood Education. I worked at Kihei Veterinary Clinic in 2008-2009 assisted Dr. Kehler in day-to-day operations. I worked at Little Explorers Maui, Inc with preschool children ages 2-4 year-old group in 2010-2013. And prior to that in 2007-2008, I worked at Kamehameha Schools Maui Summer School with haumāna in grades Kindergarten to 2.

What motivated me to return to KSM is the love that Pauahi gave us, the education, and I just wanted to give back. I am so honored, grateful and blessed to be a part of this legacy as a member of Kamehameha Schools Maui's first graduates, class of 2006!

My fondest memories are the Founder's Day programs; celebrating and giving thanks to her on this special day. Pauahi cared so deeply for her people, her culture and the children. She was deeply rooted in her Hawaiian culture and Christian values, and she provided the education that instills these values in haumāna, our families and our communities. Thank you Ke Ali'i Pauahi Bishop for providing me with the opportunity that made me the woman I am today. Pictured above: Lucan Wong, Jaimescey Wicklund '06 with Miya '33 & Teya Wong



Hulali DeLima '08 Kumu Mo'omeheu

Hulō! to Hulali DeLima, '08, who assumed the position of Kumu Mo'omeheu for Ka Papa 3-5, for the '20-'21 SY! Her kūleana embraces teaching 145 haumāna about the culture, knowledge, and people of traditional Hawai'i. Engaging the haumāna in enriching curriculum about our kūpuna Hawai'i: daily traditional lifestyle, Hawaiian language, chanting protocols and practices, the land and sea, traditional 'ike, traditional Hawaiian spiritual systems, Hawaiian community, traditional Hawaiian jobs and responsibilities, as well as our beginnings as a Hawaiian people. Haumāna begin every day with pule, 'oli and 'ike, under the direction of kumu Hulali at their morning piko. Hulali is not new to the Maui campus, she began her full-time career as kumu for Papa 'Elima in July of 2016 and served haumāna in that position for 4 years.

We asked kumu Hulali a few questions, enjoy her mana'o. Please share a highlight from your new role as kumu for nā haumāna. "I think that my favorite part of this new role is being able to work with so many students. We have the best conversations, and I find myself smiling all day."

What was a fond memory from your days as a KSM student?

"One thing that I enjoyed most about my time at Kamehameha were the relationships I was able to build through extra-curricular activities. It gave me the opportunity to make life-long friends. I especially remember the support of our student body. While playing volleyball the gym was always full of students cheering. We always made it a point to attend sports events as students, because of the amount of pride we held for our kula.

Advice for current students from your journey after KSM?

"I would say to let your light shine! Be you and be happy!"

Alumni Spotlight

Jalisa Chong Kee Camara '09 - Associate Veterinarian.

"I attended Hawai'i Pacific University and earned my Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2013, and then went straight to veterinary school at Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine where I received my Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 2017. It was always my goal to return to Maui to practice veterinary medicine. Maui is home, and I wanted to be able to help not only the animals of Maui but also their 'ohana as a whole; as my kūleana to give back to the Maui community. I was so fortunate to be hired as an associate veterinarian at Maui Lani Veterinary Hospital upon graduation from OSU. At Maui Lani Veterinary hospital, we put the well-being of our patients before anything else. We offer a wide range of services with state-of-the-art equipment. I am also a certified veterinary acupuncturist. In this way, I'm able to combine modern (Western) medicine with alternative treatments as well. Being able to connect with my community, help many sick animals, and even meet some KSM alumni in the process, has been so rewarding. I absolutely love my career! They always said, "when you do what you love you will never work a day of your life", and it truly feels that way.

I am so grateful for my education and the opportunities provided to me through Kamehameha Schools. From an exceptional education, to amazing teachers who pushed us to achieve our best, to post-high scholarships/financial aid, KSM played a critical role in my accomplishment of becoming a veterinarian. My advice to students? Although it may sound cheesy, honestly, don't be afraid to pursue your dreams. I knew as a child that I wanted to be a veterinarian, but I had reservations about attending graduate school on the mainland so far from family and home. Because of these reservations, I almost didn't apply to veterinary school. Looking back now, I'm so glad I did."

Nicki Barsamian '06 - Waikapū Publishing Company Owner & Co-Founder.

After graduating, Nicki ventured to the east coast and attended Dartmouth College where she met her wonderful husband Alex. She pursued her degree in education and art and has taught social studies and art at all levels. Her most recent position was at Kamehameha Schools Maui Campus teaching art at the Middle School level. She left that position in 2019 to stay at home with her two young daughters, and continue creating works of art for kids of all ages to enjoy! Her passion is to use place as a vehicle for learning, creating, and connecting to the land.

"Huli the Hawaiian Chicken: Dances on the Moon" and "Huli the Hawaiian Chicken Searches for Snow" are beloved children's books created by two Maui moms, Jenny Coon and Nicki Barsamian '06. Since becoming moms, they have found an insatiable desire to teach their children using the world around them. During the COVID-19 pandemic, one of their toddlers began rhyming about a chicken. These silly rhyming words became the springboard to write the "Huli the Hawaiian Chicken" series.

Books may be purchased online at <http://waikapupublishing.com/shop/>



Jalisa is pictured with Mrs. Linda Shibano, retired KSM Data Analyst, and Lexi, her labrador. With her husband Jordan Camara '09, currently operating engineer, heavy equipment operator, and twins, Jet and Jai.

Jenny and Nicki posing at their book signing on April 10, 2021 at Ululani Shave Ice Kīhei.



Hulō to Alumni - Degrees in 2020

Kaylee Correa '13
 Kaleihoku Kubota '13
 Mehanaokala Lee '13
 Raven Paresa-Neizman '13
 Jaelyn Takiguchi '13
 Shana Aruda '14
 Taylor Awai '14
 Derek Bal '14
 Hiilei Casco '14
 Tiana Guerrero '14
 Kyana-Lei Yamada '14
 Jayden-Rose Almeida '15
 Pomaikai Cathcart '15
 Daisy Draper '15
 Ilima Fisher '15
 Keoni Frampton '15
 Kamanukea Gomes '15
 Lawrence Harris '15
 Samantha Hill '15
 Lopaka-Titus Kealiinohomoku '15

Bryant Kubo '15
 Samuel Stanich '15
 Ionatana Tua '15
 Mical Ventura-Estrella '15
 Pohaikaloha Artates '16
 Danielle Brown '16
 Kiana Carroll '16
 Kaitlyn Castillo '16
 Kylee Corpuz '16
 Ayla Forsythe '16
 Mauiola Gonsalves '16
 Rachel Hillen '16
 Lia Ikeda '16
 Sarah Ikioka '16
 Aeris Joseph-Takeshita '16
 Mahie Kama '16
 Kayana Kamoku '16
 Kiana Kanoa '16
 Ofa-Helotu Koka '16
 Sanoelani Lania '16

Danann Mitchell '16
 Ashley-Anne Morishita '16
 Russell Nagamine '16
 Faith Owan '16
 Hannah Patrick '16
 Kasey Redman '16
 Richard Renaud '16
 Micah Sacabaen '16
 Kainalu Steward '16
 Quincee Taniguchi '16
 Kia Takamori-Tlhada '16
 Shayna Tamanaha '16
 Jrae Vlela '16
 Quinn Williams '16
 Kehaulani Youn '16
 Jasmine Casey '17
 Kiera-Lynn Iela '17
 Brylee Carillo '18
 Airana Hurdle '18
 Analis Nitta '18

*To view degree, major, college and date received, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/ksmdegree20>

Hau'oli lā Hānau



Niki Kieko Kamehanaakalāiha'e Arakaki born on March 14, 2021 to Bryson Arakaki '13 and Gabby Arakaki, joins sister Aria Arakaki, KSM '33 (current Kindergarten class).



Already 9 months! Pictured with dad, Noah Kahiau Harry Dias born on July 29, 2020, to Keli Dias '08 and Kauwela Kaia.

Kumu Update

Aunty Melani Abihai, KSK '67

"I retired from KSM in the spring of 2007, after serving at the school for 10 years. It was a fulfilling time of much growth as we set up in each of our new campuses. I moved offices 5 times in those years until I finally had a permanent home in the high school. Starting the schools was an exciting time full of challenges and constant change. When I left my first grandchild was 3 months old. I left to start a new phase of my life with the Federal Aviation Administration. I am still happily employed there. I don't foresee "retiring" again any time soon. I love the people and the Maui Air Traffic Control Tower is never boring. In 2012 my husband and I moved into our retirement home he built for us in Waiohuli. As I continue to work, my husband Norman is living his dream of farming our one acre. He has maximized our 'aina so that it sustains us. It's wonderful to not have to worry about buying poi, as we make our own from our grown kalo. I make seasonal jams and jellies from the abundance of fruits we have growing (guava, fig, papaya, mango, poha, lilikoi, dragon fruit, banana, citrus, etc). There is never a lack! I now have 8 mo'opuna, 2 of which are students at KSM in grades 6 & 8. I tell them they better behave and be respectful, cause I have eyes on them! I still try to attend school athletic events. My 8th grader is already preparing for baseball with the high school team and played this past year with the head coach that is a part of the first graduating class of 2006. So I'll be back watching more KSM baseball games for the next 4+ years. I still miss the students and am gratified when I see them now as adults in the community. I may not remember names but I do remember faces. Many parents come up to me still to say hi and I have to ask, "what's your name again?" Happens all the time..... so please don't hesitate to say hi when you see me. A little bit makule, but am healthy, happy and living a blessed life. A hui hou!" Aunty Melani

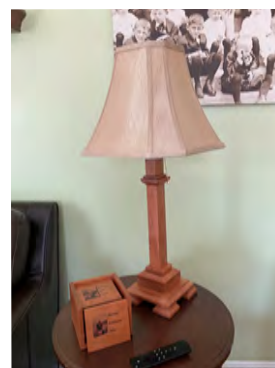
Pictured below, Melani with Norman. Mo'opuna. Front: Braddah, Tita, Pēpē and Makahiapo. Back: Aukai '27, Makoa, Nape and Aka '25.



Dr. Warren Hitz, Principal

"Time travels so quickly, though I find it hard to believe the students I fondly remember as students are now grown and growing families of their own. It is so good to see their success and to see several gladly returning to their Alma Mater to prepare others for their success. Since Elaine and I moved back to Pennsylvania, I have continued my woodworking and work at a Home Depot a few days a week. It keeps me busy and serves as my gym. I work in the garden department and usually get between 16 to 18,000 steps a day, three days a week. In warmer times of the year, I golf once a week with a good friend. Along with some trips a couple times a year, things are going well for us. I miss you all and wish you continued happiness, good health, and continued success." Ke Akua pu, Warren and Elaine

Pictured below: Elaine and I on one of our trips. The "Magic Secret Box" made for my grandsons. Lamp and coaster set made from local cherry wood.



'Apelia is Native Hawaiian Plant Month



‘O ‘APELILA KA MAHINA MĀLAMA LĀ‘AU ‘ŌIWI



April is Native Hawaiian Plant Month

The proclamation signed in February 2020 was created to “recognize the importance and urgency of supporting the work being done to protect and cultivate the endangered and threatened species of these plants in the Hawaiian Islands.”

Visit the Native Hawaiian Plant collection at the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. Admission is free for kama‘āina. Check out their website at <https://mnb.org/> for more information.

Read KS article: Lā‘au love: Let’s celebrate Native Hawaiian Plant Month! with lots of insightful ways to mālama our native Hawaiian plants!

Article link: <https://www.ksbe.edu/article/laau-love-lets-celebrate-native-hawaiian-plant-month/>

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UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

PEHEA?

HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/KSMALUMNI

form link: <https://tinyurl.com/ksmalumni>

KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS MAUI

CLASS OF 2006

XV

year reunion

KSC

7.17.2021

ABOVE THE WAVE - MAUI, HAWAII

6:00 P - 11:00 P

form link: <https://tinyurl.com/ksm2006xv>

Summer Courses for Native Hawaiian Students

The Kapi'olani Community College
Huliāmahi Transfer Program is offering

FREE SUMMER COURSES AT UH MĀNOA FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN STUDENTS

in partnership with the Native Hawaiian Student Services

SUMMER SESSION 1

Tahitian 101 (HSL):
Elementary Tahitian
Dr. Keao NeSmith

NEW COURSE

Science 305:
Comparative
Philosophy

COURSE FULL

Theatre 318 (WI):
Playwriting
Dr. Haili'opua Baker

COURSE FULL

Theatre 486 (WI, DS, HAP):
Introduction to Theatre
Dr. Kūkahiho

English 100 (FW):
Composition 1
Wyatt Souza

SUMMER SESSION 2

English 100 (FW):
Composition 1
Mahealani Ahia

COURSE FULL

Philosophy 340 (DH, HAP, OC):
Introduction to Philosophy
Dr. Lani Teves

COURSE FULL

Anthropology 385:
Undergraduate Seminar
Dr. Keolu Fox

COURSE UPDATED

Women Studies 141 (DH):
Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies
Dr. Lani Teves

NEW COURSE

**HULIĀMAHI
COURSE
UPDATES**

**NHSS Summer Institute (for college students!)
TUITION-FREE SUMMER COURSES AVAILABLE |
Register Here**

The Summer Institute provides for-credit sheltered classes for incoming freshmen, transfer, and continuing Hawaiian students to take courses as a cohort over the summer taught by amazing instructors and with enrichment programming embedded into the program itself.

Students earn credits toward graduation and as a supplement, participate in workshops that introduce them to student resources, prepare them with the necessary skills and tools for success in college, and help them build a Hawaiian identity at UH Mānoa!

Summer institute classes are offered tuition-free saving students and families \$1,900.00 per 3 credit class. Students need only pay summer school UH administrative fees of \$143/class.

The following classes (on the flyer) are now open for registration. Classes close as seats fill and seats are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis for qualified students. Priority deadline to apply for Summer Institute classes are May 24th. For questions or more information, please contact Kawaipuna Kalipi (kkalipi@hawaii.edu) or Keauhou Mitchell-Aldan (keauhou@hawaii.edu).
LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/freesummeratuh>

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa & University of Hawai'i Maui College

MAUIAKAMA [JUNE 7-12]

na KUMU KALEIKOHA KA'EO
Papa Ho'oulu'ike, Ho'okanaka,
Aloha 'Āina & Mele Aloha 'Āina

JUNE 7 - 12, 2021
9:30AM - 7:30PM ma Zoom
2 lā he alo a he alo
(June 9 & 11)
HAW 321 ai'ole HAW 499
3 helu'ai
\$142 ke kākī kula

KA PALAPALA NOI KOMO NO MAUIAKAMA:
<http://go.hawaii.edu/JQP>
(E KĀINOA MA MUA O KA LĀ 30 O 'APELILA)

O'AHUALUA [JUNE 14-19]

na KUMU ALI ROZET
Papa Kama'ilio Hawai'i, 'Imi
No'i'i & Huaka'i i nā Wahi Pana

JUNE 14 - 19, 2021
9:30AM - 7:30PM ma Zoom
2 lā he alo a he alo
(June 15 & 17)
HAW 429 ai'ole HAW 430
3 helu'ai
\$142 ke kākī kula

KA PALAPALA NOI KOMO NO O'AHUALUA:
<http://go.hawaii.edu/JCr>
(E KĀINOA MA MUA O KA LĀ 30 O 'APELILA)



Inā he nīnau kā kekahi, e leka uila mai iā
Ke'alahi (aubreykm@hawaii.edu). Mahalo!

Mahalo iā
Kawaihuelani &
E Ho'oulu Lāhui

Mauiakama: 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Summer Program
Happening On Maui & O'ahu | Application
information below.

Hosted on O'ahu and Maui, the Mauiākama Program Application is now available online! Those interested in enhancing or enriching their 'ōlelo Hawai'i skills are encouraged to participate. The classes will be hosted online and two "in-person" classes. Participating in these courses will allow you to receive credit and a grade in either one of the classes provided.

Inā he nīnau kā kekahi, e leka uila mai iā'u
(aubreykm@hawaii.edu).

Eia ka loulou:
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