

OUR YOUTH, OUR FUTURE:

**Get to know the
Focus Maui Nui
Youth Alliance!**

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Own it!

Youth Alliance was born out of the 165 small group sessions Focus Maui Nui held to define a vision for our county's future. Participants urged our youth to be a part of the dialogue that's shaping our community. Youth Alliance answers this call by empowering Maui County high school students with the skills and experiences to build our community in step with Focus Maui Nui.

Meet this month's featured member!

Kiana Hayes, Lahainaluna High School

What makes her feel good about our Maui Nui community?

"I want to be able to go to college and come back to the Maui I know and love...a laid back community not a concrete jungle."

What is she concerned about in Maui Nui?

"The tourist industry is a big part of our community and we depend on it too much. The traffic issue and keeping the culture alive is another [concern]."

What is her idea to address this community concern?

"My first suggestion is to build another road or make the road bigger from Lahaina to the other side."

What are her hopes for Maui's future?

"A lot of locals are having to move outside of Maui and Hawaii because it's so expensive—they have to work three jobs to live where they grew up. I would like to see this change."



"Youth Alliance has given me ways on how to put my ideas into action, not just words."

*Kiana Hayes,
Lahainaluna High School*



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