

## Profile

The individuals featured here are your neighbors, friends, co-workers. They all share one thing: a true concern for the future of our island home and the willingness to become part of the building process.



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### **How have you been inspired to take action or involve others in building the future we all want?**

It is an honor to live in a place that has a project which seeks to build community by educating us about a wide range of the positive efforts in progress. Once I became aware of Focus Maui Nui, I felt even more inspired. In my roles as the Educational Outreach Coordinator of Akimeka, LLC, “The Maui Digital Bus Driver and Teacher,” I look forward to joining in the efforts of Focus Maui Nui to improve education and protect our natural environment.

### **Focus Maui Nui is also about building community. How do you see yourselves fitting into that strategy?**

The mission of the Digital Bus [[www.digitalbus.org](http://www.digitalbus.org)] is to cultivate skills and interest in science and technology among the youth of Maui Nui. We are helping to build a community of learners by giving young people learning experiences that take place beyond the walls of a classroom. We are also providing opportunities to do authentic scientific research in the outdoors—in many cases students collect data never gathered before. This cultivates their sense of stewardship of this precious and fragile place we call home.

### **What message do you want to send out to your fellow residents?**

We have a responsibility to think in the long term and ask, “What will Maui Nui be like in 10 or 20 years if we continue moving down our current track?” If any negative answers come to mind, then I encourage you to learn about Focus Maui Nui. There are many people working hard in the community to make it a better place, and there are not enough hands to do this good work.

### **Focus Maui Nui: *The future rests with us...***

For information on how you, your group or company can get involved, contact 875-2300 or visit [www.focusmauinui.com](http://www.focusmauinui.com).  
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