

FOCUS OUR
MAUI ISLANDS
NUI OUR FUTURE

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's common knowledge that Native Hawaiians are especially underrepresented in college. The focus of our Ke Alahaka summer program is to recruit Native Hawaiians into college, help keep them there and complete whatever degree they've chosen. We really believe everybody can be successful if you're motivated and want to be there. By targeting students who don't normally get the opportunity for this kind of experience, we improve the overall education on Maui.

Focus Maui Nui is also about building community. How do you see yourselves fitting into that strategy? To strengthen our community, we really need to grow our children. If we can help Native Hawaiians succeed through our college program, they are more likely to feel they are a part of the community, and realize that their responsibilities and privileges come along with living on Maui. I think this is good for everybody.

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

We would like Native Hawaiians to empower themselves. But we also want to get parents to really push their children towards education and not leave it up to the kids. Parents, a lot of our kids need that guidance so they can improve their lifestyle and the status of their families and have a future here on Maui. For people interested in our Ke Alahaka summer program, call Maui Community College at 984-3500 and ask for the Po'okela Project.

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.

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