

Albert “Alapaki” Nahale-a

Education Leadership & Experience

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, PA

BA in Political Science

Co-founder of the Hawaiian Club, PENN Student Services Marketing Manager

KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS, Honolulu, HI

Student Body President, Outstanding Leader & Best Attitude Awards

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Phoenix, AZ

Pursued MA in Education under the Leadership for Educational Entrepreneurship Program. Completed first year of a two year distance learning program. Federal funding cuts eliminated distance component of the program, prohibiting the ability to finish the program.

KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

November 2016 – present

Senior Director - Hawaii Island

- Responsible for fulfilling Kamehameha’s strategic objectives on Hawaii Island, bringing together approximately 70 million dollars of spend to advance outcomes for Native Hawaiian learners.
- Directly responsible for the team that manages all Kamehameha lands on island, totalling nearly 300,000 acres of agricultural and conservation lands.

August 2012 – August 2013

Director of Community Education – Hawaii Island

- Responsible for overseeing Kamehameha’s community education programs on Hawaii Island which include investments in charter schools; literacy support, teacher and administrator training, DOE social studies and science supports from a Hawaiian perspective; aina based educational programming; early education campuses as well as community, graduation and post high programs.

LAUPAHOEHOE COMMUNITY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

August 2013 – October 2016

Director, Dean of Students & Instruction

- Served for a year as the Dean of Students & Instruction, primarily responsible for managing student support services, especially the school’s SPED program and behavior interventions. Took over as the head of school in 2014 responsible for all aspects of school success. As head of school, increased student enrollment, grew external revenue sources, and catalyzed active community partnerships. Became the first school in the state to employ comprehensive Social Emotional Learning supports K-12. Opened an income assisted pre-school and developed a blended virtual program to meet the needs of rural students and families.

HAWAII CHARTER SCHOOLS NETWORK

September 2009 – December 2010, **Executive Director**

October 2008 – July 2009, **Board President**

- Contracted to help build an effective and sustainable organization while simultaneously advocating for charter schools. Responsible for internal and external communication, developing partnerships, strategic thinking and planning, board development, fund development, and overall advocacy. Took the lead on calling for the charter school movement to be committed to quality and to hold schools to high standards. Was an active supporter for all public education, including participation in both of Hawaii's Race to the Top applications. As a volunteer board president, led the organization's effort to advocate for charter schools and the charter school movement in Hawaii. Included facilitation of stakeholder meetings and conversations, meeting with legislators and their staff, and setting strategic directions. Led the effort to convert HCSN from a volunteer organization to one with high capacity.

KA UMEKE KAEO HAWAIIAN IMMERSION PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

July 2003 – June 2009, **Director**

August 2002 – June 2003, **Local School Board Member & Chairperson**

- Responsible for all aspects of school leadership including strategic thinking and planning, management of school staff and faculty, creation and monitoring of the budget, compliance with local, state and national regulations, educational performance of students, and communication & collaboration with the internal and external school community. During tenure the school, which had a 95% at risk population, consistently met AYP, added a pre-school and middle school, and doubled enrollment while still establishing a significant building fund reserve. Also implemented enhanced parent involvement programs increasing participation and support from families.
- Served as a board member eventually becoming the board president. Led efforts to establish business practices at the school, including higher accountability measures.

AHA PUNANA LEO

August 1997 – November 1998

Development Director

- Responsible for tracking the progress of grants under the Native Hawaiian Higher Education Act. Assisted in evaluating programs to ensure that grant goals and objectives were met while maintaining grant compliance.

Government Leadership & Experience

HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TRUST

December 2010 – May 2012, **Department Director & Chairman of the Commission**

October 2008 – December 2010, **East Hawaii Commissioner**

- Appointed by Governor Abercrombie in December of 2010 to serve as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Facilitated monthly meetings of the nine commissioners and led policy initiatives, evaluation of programs, and establishment of the annual budget. Managed two hundred department positions, a \$60,000,000 annual operating budget and \$120,000,000 development budget. Responsible for all

aspects of working collaboratively with other State Departments, beneficiaries, direct stakeholders, and the larger community.

- Appointed by Governor Lingle in October of 2008 to serve as the voluntary East Hawaii member of the Hawaiian Homes commission. Worked with other commissioners and the Department to set policy via the approval of the budget and evaluation and support of programs. Also responsible for certain management functions, such as ruling on contested case hearings and approval of fiscal and legal actions of the department.

COUNTY OF HAWAII CHARTER COMMISSION

July 2009 – November 2010

East Hawaii Commissioner

- In conjunction with fellow commissioners, responsible for evaluating the Hawaii county charter and crafting and proposing amendments to be put forth to the voters on the 2010 ballot.

HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE

October 2002 – July 2003

Federal Title III Coordinator

- Charged with successful accomplishment of all activities for the Title III Project entitled I Ola Haloa at HawCC. Includes management of grant staff and budget, collection of data, and tracking and assessment of program progress. Responsible for coordination of meetings, reports, and communication internally and externally to identify and formulate partnerships and collaborative efforts to meet grant goals.

RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

March 2000 – April 2002

Development Specialist for Federal Housing Programs

- Served as the technical assistance provider for the USDA RD 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing federal grant program and the HUD HOME program. Provided technical assistance to non-profits and government entities in the areas of strategic planning, compliance, community development, affordable housing, grant writing, meeting coordination, communication, & fiscal management.

COUNTY OF HAWAII

May 1999- February 2000, **Fiscal/Program Review Auditor**

June 1994 – July 1997, **Legislative Auditor Assistant**

- Worked with Legislative Auditor staff to conduct research and develop reports assigned by the County Council & Coordinated Council's Non-Profit Grants program.
- Served as Committee staff for various Council Committees. Reviewed Committee agendas, coordinated attendees, & drafted Committee reports. Also responsible for researching, reviewing, and drafting legislation
- Responsible for community contact including letter writing, responding to complaints, community meetings, and drafting press releases.

Community Leadership & Experience

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS COMMISSION

January 2012 - present

Commission Member

- Appointed by President Obama to serve on the National Presidential Scholars Commission to evaluate and select scholars as well as establish policy for the Presidential Scholars program.

COUNTY OF HAWAII CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

February 2013 - present

Founding Chair and Commission Member

- Appointed by Mayor Kenoi and confirmed by the Hawaii County Council to serve on the Cultural Resources Commission to provide guidance and propose policy on the preservation of the Counties important cultural resources.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN LEGAL CORPORATION

2001-2005 & 2007-2008

Board Member

- Served as a volunteer board member. Focused efforts on expanding legal services to the Hawaiian community.

KUIKAHI MEDIATION CENTER

August 2009 – December 2010

Board Member (& former volunteer mediator)

- Serving as a volunteer board member. Focusing on expanding and improving services to the Native Hawaiian community and enhancing generated revenue.

KAKOO KA UMEKE

August 2006 – December 2010

Co-Founder and Board Member

- Created a nonprofit to provide education supports to Hawaiian communities, prioritizing Ka Umeke Kaeo Hawaiian Immersion Public Charter School.