

Business and community leader passionate about respecting, supporting, preserving and perpetuating the host culture, which is the essence of what makes Hawai'i such a unique place to live. Influenced by Kenneth Brown, Winona Rubin and Gard Kealoha to create Kā'anapali Beach Hotel's Po'okela Program with Dr. George Kanahēle. After thirty five years, Po'okela stands as a model of how cultural values can successfully enhance a business environment with a wide variety of outstanding human and bottom-line results.

Professional Experience

Kā'anapali Beach Hotel and The Plantation Inn Lāhaina, Hawai'i General Manager	1985 to Present
Maui County Council Council Member & Council Chair Representing Makawao, Ha'ikū & Pā'ia	2011 to 2018
State House of Representatives Representative, District 7, serving West Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i and Kaho'olawe	1993 to 1998
Mauna Lani Bay Hotel Kalahuihua'a, Kohala Coast, Hawai'i Resident Manager	1982 to 1985
Mauna Kea Beach Hotel Kohala Coast, Hawai'i Director of Rooms, Senior Assistant Manager	1973 to 1982
Hawaiian Regent Hotel Waikīkī, Hawai'i Assistant Manager & Director of Security	1971 to 1973
Halekūlani Hotel Waikīkī, Hawai'i Dining Room Host, Waithelp and Bushelp	1969 to 1971

Education

Punahou School, Honolulu, Hawai'i,
University of Hawai'i, School of Travel Industry Management
B. S. Degree in Hospitality Management

Professional and Community Organizations

Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association – Founding Member, Board of Directors

Hawai‘i Employers Council - Board of Governors - 2001 to present

Hawai‘i Tourism Authority – Hawaiian Cultural Program Advisory Council

University of Hawai‘i School of Travel Industry Management Advisory Council

Maui Visitors Bureau, Member of the Board

Kā‘anapali Beach Resort Association, Board of Directors

Kualoa Ranch, Board of Directors

Maui Economic Development Board, Board of Directors

Historic Hawai‘i Foundation – Board of Trustees

University of Hawai‘i Foundation, Board of Trustees

Maui Food Bank, Member of the Board

Lāhaina Restoration Foundation, Member of Board of Directors

Maui United Way, Director

University of Hawai‘i's Advisory Board of the Hawai‘i International Hotel Institute, Member

Maui Hotel & Lodging Association, President