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### Alapaki Nahale-a

Alapaki Nahale-a is the CEO of the Global Resiliency Hub at 'Iole in Kohala, Hawaii. 'Iole's name was chosen to honor the 2408 acre historic ahupua'a it manages where they are modeling how regenerative governance can create a world that is not only sustainable, but regenerative, leading to abundance for people and the environment.

Born and raised in Hilo, Nahale-a is a 1986 graduate of Kamehameha Schools and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Pennsylvania.

Nahale-a has spent more than 30 years serving the community in a variety of roles including as director and chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He served in a variety of roles for Kamehameha Schools' including senior director of community engagement and resources for Hawai'i Island and senior director of community strategies statewide. Nahale-a has also worked extensively for charter schools as president and executive director of the Hawai'i Charter School Network, director of Laupāhoehoe Community Public Charter School and director of Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo Hawaiian Immersion Public Charter School.

Nahale-a has served on a variety of community boards and commissions including chairperson of the County of Hawai'i Cultural Resources Commission, member of the County Charter Commission, board member of the Boys and Girls club of the Big Island and board member of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation.

President Obama appointed Nahale-a to serve on the Presidential Scholars Commission where he helped to set commission policy and select top high school scholars from around the country.

Nahale-a is an experienced strategist, facilitator, and problem solver. In professional and volunteer capacities he seeks to bring communities together, identify key opportunities, and inspire achievable and impactful action.

Nahale-a is one of the Hawaii Island Regents for the University of Hawaii and currently serves as Vice Chairman. He believes that no institution has more potential impact on the future of Hawaii than UH and is committed to helping UH embrace and fulfill that role. In his four years as a Regent Nahale-a served as second vice chair for one year and vice chair for two years. He has also chaired the Planning and Facilities Committee for the past two years. When issues arose over TMT and Maunakea, Nahale-a stepped up to chair the Maunakea Permitted Interaction Groups.

# LAPAKI NAHALE-A

### PROFILE

I believe in a future where every family is part of a thriving community where individual and collective wellbeing manifests a better world for all.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### ISLANDER INSTITUTE JULY 2023 - PRESENT

#### Principal

Equal partner at Islander Institute whose purpose is to institute island values in the way we address systemic issues. We provide traditional consultant services such as strategic thinking and planning, business plan development, facilitation, project management, and communication. We only work with organizations and projects that seek to make systemic change for Hawaii.

Specifically, I lead initiatives around locally rooted community leadership development, sustainable local food system innovation, community empowered education initiatives, and strategic thinking and planning across private and public sectors.

#### 'IOLE GLOBAL RESILENCE HUB JAN 2022 - JULY 2023

#### CEO

Responsible for launching and leading all aspects of the 'lole Global Resilience Hub. Inspired by indigenous ways of living in reciprocity with the earth, 'lole employs a regenerative governance model to steward a two thousand four hundred acre traditional Hawaiian land division.

Responsibilities included environmental restoration and stewardship, maintenance of historic buildings and infrastructure, educational programming, community engagement, and fund raising. Higher level management activities included recruitment of the leadership team and key staff, establishing appropriate governing systems, building and engaging with a new board of directors, and securing catalytic partnerships.

"I think there are many ways to find that simple path within ourselves, and I think that those of us who wish to see a truly, radically different world must demand of ourselves the possibility that we are called to lead not from the right or the left, or from minority to majority, but from the spirit towards liberation."

*Emergent Strategies* adrienne maree brown



# **ALAPAKI NAHALE-A**

## WORK EXPERIENCE CONT.

KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS AUG 2012 - JAN 2022

#### Senior Director - Community Strategies

Led the statewide team responsible for community impact strategies including advocacy, strategic assessment, evaluation of impact, and investment recommendations on \$300 million dollars of spend.

Oversaw community education programs including public charter schools; literacy support, teacher and administrator training, social studies and science supports from a Hawaiian perspective; environmental

#### Senior Director - Hawaiʻi Island

Directly responsible for the team that manages all Kamehameha's lands on Hawaii island. Totaling nearly 300,000 acres, these lands are used for conservation, agricultural, commercial and community purposes. Stewarded these lands in a way that fulfills Kamehameha's strategic objectives.

#### HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TRUST DEC 2010 - MAY 2012

## Department Director & Chairman of the Commission

Appointed by Governor Abercrombie to serve as Director of of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the only federally recognized Hawaiian land trust. Responsible for stewarding over two hundred thousand acres of trust land and managing the trust for current and future beneficiaries. Worked closely with indigenous communities and policy makers at all levels of government.

A reflection on the role of the land in the health of Native Hawaiians must begin with the origins of Native Hawaiians from the life forces of the land, as traced through mo'oku'auhau or family genealogies. From this source, emerges the central role of the land in the health and wellbeing of Native Hawaiians, and unfolding from this relationship, Native Hawaiians have long believed in the power of the land to heal individuals, families, communities and the nation.

> 'Aina: Ke Ola O Na Kanaka 'Oiwi Land: The Health of Native Hawaiians

by Noa Emmett Aluli, M.D. and Davianna Pomaika'i McGregor, PhD



# **ALAPAKI NAHALE-A**

# COMMUNITY SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Regent

#### UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I JAN 2019 - PRESENT

Appointed by Governor Ige to serve as one of the Hawaii Island representatives to the Board of Regents. Currently serving as chairperson. Served as vice chair, chair of the planning and facilities committee, and the chair of the Maunakea Permitted Interaction Group. Also served on the Covid response working group.

#### Board Member

#### HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY JAN 2018 - JAN 2019

Appointed by Governor Ige to serve as the Hawaii County representative to the authority.

#### **Commission Member**

#### PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS COMMISSION JAN 2012 - JAN 2018

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.

#### Founding Chair and Commission Member

#### COUNTY OF HAWAII CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FEB 2013 - OCT 2013

Appointed to serve on the Cultural Resources Commission to provide guidance and propose policy on the preservation of the Counties important natural and historic cultural resources. Elected founding chair by my peers.

#### Board Member

# NATIVE HAWAIIAN LEGAL COROPORATION 2001 - 2005, 2007 - 2008

Served as a volunteer board member for NHLC that has fought to protect and advance the rights of indigenous Hawaiians.

## SKILLS

Public speaking	
Strategic planning	
Leadership development	
Community Engagement	
Staff development	

In every conceivable manner, family is the link to our past, and the bridge to our future.

### Alex Haley author of *Roots*: The saga of an American family



'Ike aku, 'ike mai. Kõkua aku, kõkua mai. Pēlā ka nohona 'ohana.

"Watch, observe. Help others and accept help. That is the family way."

# **ALAPAKI NAHALE-A**

### **EDUCATION**

#### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA 1986 - 1991

BA in Political Science Co-founder of the Hawaiian Club PENN Student Services Marketing Manager

#### KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS 1982 - 1986

Student Body President Outstanding Leader & Best Attitude Awards Varsity Basketball, Track, X Country & Water Polo

# ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY 2005-2006

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 the distance component of the program, prohibiting the ability to finish.

#### EAGLE SCOUT - 1986

## REFERENCES

ANDREW AOKI, FOUNDER ISLANDER INSTITUTE



#### TODD APO, VICE PRESIDENT HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

LAUREN NAHME, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS