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Experience

Education:

2012: Leilehua High School Graduated with High School Diploma
2020: Leeward Community College: Academic Subject Certificate in Writing
2022-2023: MCH Lend, Certificate of Completion

Work Experience

2021: Next Gen Ambassadors, RCUH
2023-Pres.: Project Assistant Manager, Special Olympics Hawaii

Volunteer:

2019: Alzheimer's Association Walk
2020: Best Buddies Hawaii Friendship Jam
2021: Special Olympics Hawai'i: Health Messenger Ambassador

Professional Organizations:

2018-Pres.: Hawaii Self-Advisory Advocacy Council (SAAC) Officer
2018-Pres.: Athlete, Special Olympics Hawaii (SOHI)
2018-Pres.: Board Member and Ambassador, Best Buddies Hawaii
2020-Pres.: Member, Tammy Evrard Counseling (TEC)
2019-Pres.: Member, Global Health Messenger, and Toastmasters Hawaii
2021-Pres.: Member, Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC).

Select Projects:

2024-Pres.: Gardening Club, Special Olympics Hawai'i

Presentation Highlights

2023 Day at The Capital, Self-Advocacy Advisory Council.
Social Media posts for Next Gen Ambassadors in 2021
Opening Ceremonies for 2022 and 2023 State Summer Games.
2021 Best Buddies' Friendship Jam.
2023 HABA Convention.
Webinar as a Special Olympics Health Messenger in 2021.

Awards and Honors

Champion Of the Year for 2021 and 2022 for Best Buddies Friendship Jam
Certificate of Appreciation for participation in 2021 Best Buddies Friendship Jam

References:

Zosimo Arista, Jr., MSW

State Program Specialist and Liaison for the Self-Advocacy Network

Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Dan Epstein, CEO

Special Olympics Hawaii (SOHI)

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Tammy Evrard,

Tammy Evrard Counseling (TEC)

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Dr. Pokii Balaz, Director of Strategic Initiatives

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