

INSPIRATION HAWAI'I MUSEUM

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Tua



DeForest



Kaimi



Marcus

SPECIAL ISSUE:
HAWAI'I PLAYERS LIST
SUPER BOWL EDITION

159 PLAYERS FROM HAWAI'I

1927



WALTER "SNEEZE" ACHIU

Hawai'i players have been part of the NFL since 1927.

Saint Louis alumni **Walter "Sneeze" Achiu** (1902-1989) along with **Sam Hipa** (1900-1961) and **Augie Cabrinha** (1902-1979) were the first football players from Hawaii to professionally play for the NFL in 1927.

Walter "Sneeze" Achiu's mother was Hawaiian and his father was Chinese. He got the nickname "sneeze" because his last name was pronounced "ah choo."



SAM HIPA

All three, Sneeze Achiu, Sam Hipa, and Augie Cabrinha, left Hawaii to study at the University of Dayton, affiliated with the same Marianist Catholic order as Saint Louis College (now Saint Louis School) in Honolulu.

They were outstanding college athletes and after graduation they were recruited in 1927 to join the Dayton Triangles, one of the original franchises of the National Football League.



AUGIE CABRINHA

Sneeze Achiu made headlines in Ohio for being the first Asian American to play in the NFL. He was the first East-Asian of Chinese descent to play professional sports in America.

Samuel Kihilauakea Hipa was born on Moloka'i. He was the first Native Hawaiian to play in the NFL. **August "Augie" Cabrinha's** parents were Portuguese and he was born in Honolulu.

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16 players in 2024

Raised in
Hawaii



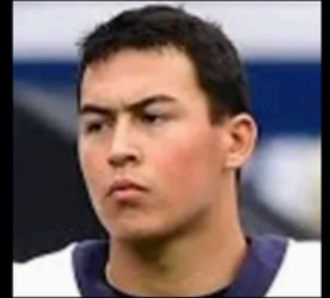
Tyson Alualu
Age 37, Saint Louis
Detroit Lions



Marcus Mariota
Age 31, Saint Louis
Washington Commanders



DeForest Buckner
Age 30, Punahou
Indianapolis Colts



Kaimi Fairbairn
Age 30, Punahou
Houston Texans



Kamu Grugier-Hill
Age 30, Kamehameha
Minnesota Vikings



Breiden Fehoko
Age 28, Farrington
Pittsburgh Steelers



Alohi Gilman
Age 27, Kahuku
Los Angeles Chargers



Nate Herbig
Age 26, Saint Louis
Pittsburgh Steelers



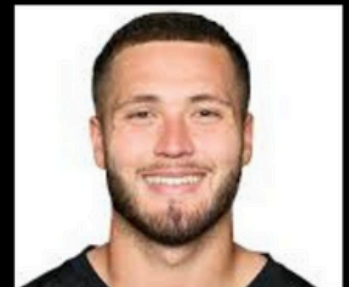
Tua Tagovailoa
Age 26, Saint Louis
Miami Dolphins



Kana'i Mauga
Age 25, Waianae
Las Vegas Raiders



Andrei Iosivas
Age 25, Punahou
Cincinnati Bengals



Nick Herbig
Age 23, Saint Louis
Pittsburgh Steelers



Netane Muti
Age 25, Leilehua
Detroit Lions



Darius Muasau
Age 23, Mililani
New York Giants



Marist Liufau
Age 23, Punahou
Dallas Cowboys



Roman Wilson
Age 23, Saint Louis
Pittsburgh Steelers

FROM THE MUSEUM

Dear Supporters:

Hawai'i is a small state but per capita, we have the most talented people in the nation. The Inspiration Hawai'i Museum showcases the achievements of those raised in our unique culture who have gone on to inspire the world.

In honor of Super Bowl Sunday, we've compiled a list of 159 young men who attended high school in Hawai'i and played professional football. The list spans from 1927 to the present and includes athletes from various professional leagues. We will publish an updated list in Fall 2025 and welcome your suggestions for any players we may have missed.

Our other exhibits feature Olympic Gold Medalists, renowned musicians, groundbreaking scientists, and influential politicians – all with ties to Hawai'i. From sports to the arts, science to politics, Hawai'i has produced leaders in every field.

We welcome your support in continuing to celebrate the inspiring achievements of Hawai'i's people.

Mahalo,
Gloria Borland
Founder - The Inspiration Hawai'i Museum

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COVER

The highest paid Hawaii athletes in the 2024 NFL season.

Tua Tagovailoa	\$23.1 million
DeForest Buckner	\$20.2 million
Ka'imi Fairbairn	\$ 6.3 million
Marcus Mariota	\$ 6 million

source: Hawaii Business Magazine August 2024

LIST OF 159 PLAYERS

From Hawaii: 1927-2024

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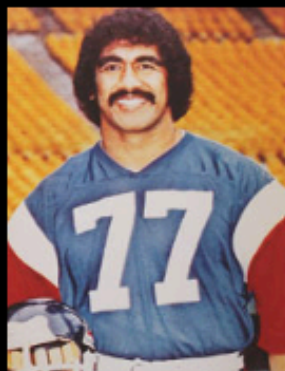


KAHUKU *Red Raiders*

29 Players



Al Lolotai



Junior Ah You, 1969



Chris Naeole, 1992



Maake Kemoeatu, 1997



SAINT LOUIS *The Crusaders*

24 Players



Herman Wedemeyer, 1942



Olin Kreutz, 1995



Marcus Mariota, 2011



Tua Tagovailoa, 2016

29 Players

Kahuku Red Raiders

***Kahuku High & Intermediate School
Kahuku, Hawaii
Founded: 1897
Number of Students: 1,351
Coach: Sterling Carvalho***



Bradlee Anae, 2016, DE, Dallas Cowboys/New York Jets, (UFL)Stallions 2020-present
Alohi Gilman, S, Los Angeles Charges, 2020-present
Suaesi Tuimaunei - Tennessee Titans, 2020
Hauoli Kikaha, 2010, OLB, New Orleans, 2015-17
Uani Devin Unga, LB, New York Giants, 2014-16
Kona Schwenke, DT, Kansas City Chiefs/New England/Seattle, 2014-15
Tigi Hill, OL, Indianapolis Colts 2011
E.J. Reid, DT, St Louis Rams/Los Angeles Rams, 2010
Al Afalava, DB, Chicago/Indianapolis/Tennessee, 2009-12

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Kahuku Red Raiders

Tala Esera, G, Miami Dolphins 2007

Leonard Peters, S, New York Jets 20007

Palauni Ma Sun, OT, Washington Red Skins/ Boise/Spokane Shock, 2007-2014

Chris Kemoeatu, G, Pittsburgh, 2006-11

Aaron Francisco, DB, Arizona/Indianapolis, 2005-10

Maake Kemoeatu, 1997, DT, Baltimore/Carolina/Washington, 2002-2012

Toniu Fonoti, G, San Diego Chargers/Miami/Minnesota, 2002-06

Faaesea Mailo, G, New York Jets, 2002

Tevita Ofahengaue, TE, Arizona Cardinals/Jacksonville 2001-02

Itula Mili, TE, Seattle, 1998-2006

Harland Ah You, Canadian Football League 1998

Chris Naeole, 1992, G, New Orleans/Jacksonville, 1997-2007

Tim Manoa, RB, Cleveland/Indianapolis, 1987-1991

Lakei Heimuli, RB, Chicago, 1987

Stan Mataele, NT, Green Bay, 1987

Robert Anae, 1977, OG, New Jersey Generals, 1985

Brad Anae, 1976, D, DT, Philadelphia Eagles/Houston Gamblers/San Antonio, 1982-85

Junior Ah You, 1969, DE, New England Patriots/ Canadian Football League, 1972-79

Leo Reed, 1957, T/G, Denver Broncos/Houston Oilers, 1961

Al Lolotai, G, Washington Red Skins 1945, Los Angeles Dons 1946

24 Players

Saint Louis ***The Crusaders***

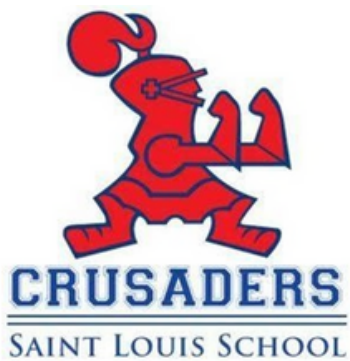
Saint Louis School

Kaimuki

Founded: 1846

Number of Students: 876

Coaches: Tupu Alualu



Roman Wilson, 2020, WR, Pittsburg Steelers, 2024 - present

Jayden de Laura, 2020, QB, Indoor Football League's San Antonio, Vegas Hawks, 2024-present

Nick Herbig, 2019, LB, Pittsburg Steelers, 2023 - present

Tua Tagovailoa, 2016, QB, Miami Dolphins 2020 -present

Nate Herbig, 2016, OG, Philadelphia Eagles, New York Jets, Pittsburg Steelers, 2019-present

Kamalei Correa, 2012, OLB, Baltimore/Tennessee, Jacksonville, 2016-2020

Marcus Mariota, 2011, QB, Tennessee, Las Vegas, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Washington, 2015-present

Jeremiah Masoli, 2006, QB, San Francisco '49ers, Canadian Football League, 2011-present

Tyson Alualu, 2005, DT, Jacksonville/Pittsburgh, Detroit Lions, 2010-present

Dominic Raiola, 1996, C, Detroit Lions, 2001-14

Vili Maumau, 1993, DT, Carolina Panthers, 1999

Olin Kreutz, 1995, C, Chicago Bears, 1998-2011

Chris Fuamatu-Maafala, 1995, RB, Pittsburgh/Jacksonville, 1998-2004

Continued

Saint Louis *The Crusaders*

Kaipo McGuire, WR, Indianapolis 1997-98

Brian Cabral, LB, Atlanta/Green Bay/Chicago, 1979-86

Gary Campbell, LB, Chicago, 1977-83

Hal Stringert, DB, San Diego Chargers, 1975-1980

Jim Nicholson, T, Kansas City, 1974-79

Herman Wedemeyer, 1943, B, Los Angeles Dons/Baltimore Colts, 1948-49

Jim Spencer, G, Dayton Triangles, 1928-29

Augie Cabrinha, 1923, WB, Dayton Triangles, 1927

Walter "Sneeze" Achiu, 1921, WR/TB/E, Dayton Triangles, 1927-28

Sam Hipa, 1920, E, Dayton Triangles, 1927-28

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PUNAHOU
Buff 'n Blue

20 Players



Ray Schoenke, 1959



Mark Tuinei, 1978



Manti Te'o, 2008



DeForest Buckner, 2012

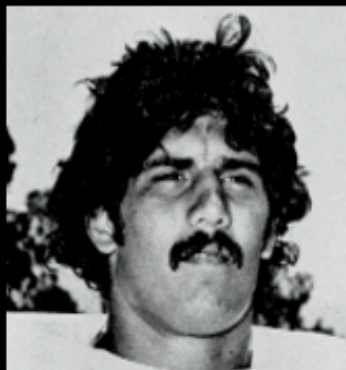


KAMEHAMEHA
Warriors

13 Players



Rocky Freitas, 1963



Karl Lorch, 1968



Leo Goeas, 1984



Kamu Grugler-Hill, 2012

Punahou ***BuffnBlue***

20 Players

Punahou School

Manoa

Founded: 1841

Number of Students: 3,731

Coach: Nate Kia



Marist Liufau, 2019, LB, Dallas Cowboys, 2024-present

Andrei Iosivas, 2018, WR, Cincinnati Bengals, 2023-present

Kaimi Fairbairn, 2012, K, Houston Texan, 2016-present

DeForest Buckner, 2012, DT, San Francisco 49ers, Indianapolis Colts, 2016-present

Manti Te'o, 2008, LB, San Diego Chargers/New Orleans/Chicago Bears, 2013-2020

Dane Uperesa, 2002, OL. Cincinnati Bengals, 2007-2008

Derek Turbin, 2002, S, European League, Finland 2006

John Kamana, 1980, RB, Los Angeles Rams/Atlanta, 1984-87

Mark Tuinei, 1978, T/C/DT, Dallas Cowboys, 1983-1997

Mosi Tatupu, 1974, RB, New England/Los Angeles Rams, 1978-91

Keith Uperesa, 1974, OL, Oakland Raiders, Denver Broncos, 1978-1979

Charles Kale Ane, 1971, OL, Kansas City/Green Bay, 1975-81

Arnold Morgado, 1971, RB, Kansas City, 1977-80

Ray Schoenke, 1959, G/T, Dallas Cowboys/Washington Red Skins, 1963-75

Don Parker, 1962, 19621G, San Francisco 49ers, 1967

Charlie Ane, 1949, T/C, Detroit Lions, 1953-59

Herman Clark, 1948, G/LB, Chicago, 1952-57

Jim Clark, 1948, T/G/DT/LB, Washington, 1952-53

Harry Montague Field, 1930, T, Chicago Cardinals, 1934-36, Los Angeles 1937

Henry "Honolulu" Hughes, 1927, B, Boston Braves, 1932.

Kamehameha Warriors

13 Players

Kamehameha Schools

Kapalama

Founded: 1887

Number of Students: 6,900

Coach: Kaeo Drummond



Kamu Grugier-Hill, 2012, OLB, Philadelphia Eagles/Carolina Panthers, 2016-present
Brandon Hardin, 2007, S, Chicago Bears, 2012-13
Donovan Raiola, 2001, C, Tampa Bay, 2010
Makoa Freitas, 1998, T/G, Indianapolis Colts, 2003-04
Steven Grace, 1997, C, Arizona Cardinals, 2002
Leo Goeas, 1984, G/T, L.A. and St. Louis Rams/Baltimore, 1990-97
Kani Kauahi, 1977, C, Seattle/Green Bay/Phoenix Cardinals/Kansas City, 1982-83
Kaulana Park, 1980, RB, New York Giants, 1987
David Hughes, 1977, RB/FB, Seattle/Pittsburgh Steelers, 1981-84
Blane Gaison, 1976, DB, Atlanta Falcons, 1981-84
Karl Lorch, 1968, DE/DT, Washington Red Skins, 1976-81
Rockne Freitas, 1963, T, Detroit Lions/Tampa Bay, 1968-78
Joe Francis, 1954, QB/HB, Green Bay Packers, 1958-59



FARRINGTON

Governors

12 Players



Jesse Sapolu, 1979



Niko Noga, 1979



Al Noga, 1983



Shawn Lauvao, 2005



Leilehua

Mules

6 Players



Adrian Murrell, 1988



Al Harris, 1975



RADFORD

RAMS

5 Players



Jeris White, 1970



Wayne Hunter, 1999

Farrington Governors

12 Players

***R.W. Farrington High School
Honolulu
Founded: 1936
Number of Students: 2,300
Coach: Michael Lafaele***



Breiden Fehoko, 2014, NT, Los Angeles Chargers/Pittsburg Steelers, 2020-present
Shawn Lauvao, 2005, G, Cleveland Browns/Washington Redskins, 2010-2018
Vince Manuawai, 1999, G, Jacksonville Jaguars, 2003-10
Mario Fatafehi, 1999, DT, Arizona/Carolina/Denver, 2001-04
Jesse Sapolu, 1979, C/G, San Francisco 49ers , 1983-97
Taase Faumui, DE, Pittsburgh Steelers, 1994-95
Al Noga, 1983, DE/DT, Minnesota Vikings/Washington Redskins/Indianapolis, 1988-94
Niko Noga, 1979, LB, St. Louis and Phoenix Cardinals/Denver, 1984-91
Nuu Faaola, RB, New York Jets/Miami, 1986-89
Pete Noga, LB, St. Louis Cardinals, 1987
Lew Kamanu, DE, Detroit Lions, 1967-68
Wally Yonamine, 1944, HB/DB, San Francisco 49ers, 1947

OAHU

Leilehua *Mules*

6 Players

Netane Muti, 2016, G, Denver Broncos 2020-22, Las Vegas 2023, Detroit Lions 2024-present
Lauvale Sape, 1997, DT, Buffalo Bills, 2003-05
Adrian Murrell, 1988, RB, Washington/New York Jets/Dallas/Arizona, 1993-2003
Ray Austin, 1992, DB, New York Jets/Chicago Bears, 1997-99
Al Harris, 1975, DE/LB, Chicago/Philadelphia Eagles, 1979-90
Paul Dombroksi, 1974, DB, Kansas City/New England/Tampa Bay, 1980-85

5 Players

Radford *Rams*

Wayne Hunter, 1999, T, Seattle/New York Jets/St. Louis Rams/Jacksonville, 2004-12
Ashley Lelie, 1998, WR, Denver/San Francisco/Atlanta/Oakland, 2002-08
Jack Sims, 1980, G, Seattle, 1987
Art Smith, 1974, LB, Denver Broncos, 1980
Jeris White, 1970, DB, Miami/Tampa Bay/Washington Red Skins, 1974-82



CAMPBELL

Sabers

4 Players



Cliff Russell, 1997



Matt Masifilo, 2007



Mililani

Trojans

4 Players



Ma'a Tanuvasa, 1988



IOLANI

Raiders

3 Players



Bern Brostek, 1984



Kailua

Surfriders

3 Players



Samson Satele, 2002



Russ Francis

OAHU

Campbell Sabers

4 Players

Matthew Masifilo, DT, Tampa Bay, 2012-2015

David Veikune, DE, Cleveland/Denver, 2009-2010

Cliff Russell, WR, Washington/Cincinnati/Miami/Denver, 2003-2008

Mike Ulufale, DT/DE, Dallas, 1996

Mililani Trojans

4 Players

Darius Muasau, LB, New York Giants, 2024-present

Jake Ingram, LS, New England/New Orleans Saints, 2009-2010

James Fenderson, RB, New Orleans Saints 2001-2003

Ma'a Tanuvasa, 1988, DE/DT, Denver Broncos/San Diego Chargers, 1995-2001

OAHU

Iolani ***Raiders***

3 Players

Bern Brostek, C/G, Los Angeles and St. Louis Rams, 1990-1997

Jerry Scanlan, T/G, Washington Red Skins, 1980-1981

Al Lolotai, G, Washington Red Skins /Los Angeles Dons, 1945-1949

Kailua ***Surfriders***

3 Players

Samson Satele, 2002, C, Miami/Oakland/Indianapolis, 2007-2014

Joe Hau'oli Wong, G, Philadelphia Eagles, Miami Dolphins, Oakland, 1999-2003

Russ Francis, TE, New England/San Francisco'49ers, 1975-1988

OAHU

3 Players

Kalaheo *Mustangs*

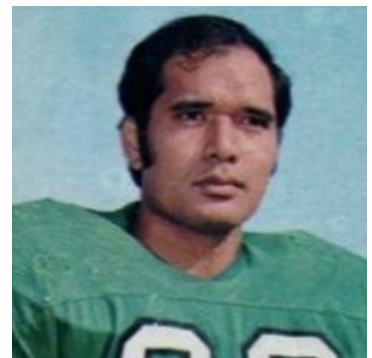
Ikaika Alama-Francis, DE, Detroit/Miami, 2007-2011

Siupeli Malamala, T/G, New York Jets, 1992-1999

Mike AKiu, WR, Houston Oilers, 1985-1986

Maryknoll *Spartan*

3 Players



Mel Tom, 1960

Ink Aleaga, LB, New Orleans, 1997-99

Pio Sagapolutele, DT/DE, Cleveland/New England/New Orleans, 1991-1997

Mel Tom, DE, Philadelphia/Chicago, 1967-1975

McKinley ***Tigers***

3 Players

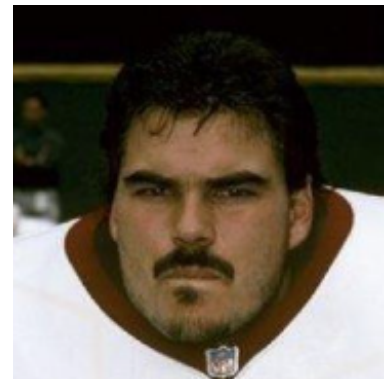
Dwayne Johnson, Canadian Football League, 1995; owner XFL 2020

Theo Adams, T, Seattle/Tampa Bay, 1992-93

Johnny Naumu, HB, Los Angeles Dons, 1948

Waianae ***Seariders***

3 Players



Kurt Gouveia, 1981

Kana'i Mauga, LB, Denver Broncos 2020, Las Vegas Raiders, 2022-present

Kurt Gouveia, LB, Washington/Philadelphia/San Diego Chargers, 1986-2001

Tom Tuinei, DT. Detroit Lions, 1980

2 Players

Damien
Monarchs

Kealoha Pilaes, WR, Carolina, 2011-12

Charles Aiu, G, San Diego Chargers/Seattle, 1976-78

2 Players

Roosevelt
Rough Riders

Chad Owens, WR, Jacksonville, 2005-07

John Simerson, C/T, Philadelphia/Houston Oilers/Boston Patriots, Pittsburgh, 1957-61

2 Players

Aiea
Na Alii

Brandon Rodd, OL, Buffalo Bills/Oakland Raiders, 2008-09

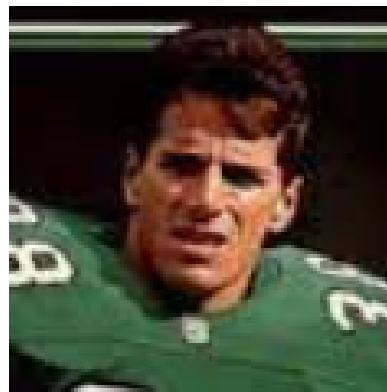
Tuufuli Uperesa, G, Philadelphia Eagles, 1971

Castle
Knights

John Kapele, DE/DT/T, Philadelphia/Pittsburgh, 1960-62

OAHU

***Kaiser
Cougars***



Rich Miano, 1980

Rich Miano, DB, New York Jets, Philadelphia/Atlanta, 1985-95

***National Guard Youth Challenge
Academy***

Johan Asiata, G, Chicago Bears, Canadian Football League, 2009-13

***Pearl City
Chargers***

Doug Hire, DL, Seattle Sea Hawks, Arizona Cardinals, 1987-1988

***University Laboratory
School
Junior Rainbows***

Ricky Andrews, LB, Seattle Sea Hawks, 1990

***Waipahu
Marauders***

Ben Apuna, LB, New York Giants, 1980

Lahainaluna Lunas



Hercules Mata'afat

3 Players

Hercules Mata'afa, DE, Minnesota Vikings, New Jersey Generals, 2018- present

Mitchell Loewen, DE, New Orleans, 2017-18

Wally Yonamine, RB, San Francisco 49ers, 1947

2 Players

Baldwin Bears

John Lotulelei, OLB, Jacksonville/Seattle Se Hawks, 2013-15

Kaluka Maiava, LB, Cleveland Brown /Oakland Raiders, 2009-14

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Hawaii Preparatory Academy *Ka Makani*

2 Players

Max Unger, C, Seattle Seahawks/New Orleans Saints, 2009-2018

Daniel Te'o-Nesheim, Philadelphia/Tampa Bay, 2010-13

Kamehameha-Kea'a *Warriors*

Mana Silva, S, Dallas Cowboys /Buffalo Bills, 2011-12

Kealakehe *Waveriders*

Jesse Maheolona, DT, Tennessee, Miami Dolphins, Atlanta Falcons, 2006-07

Honoka'a *Dragons*

Kaulana Noa, OG, St. Louis Rams, 2000-02

KAUAI

Waimea Menehune

Jordon Dizon, LB, Detroit Lions, 2008-09

MOLOKAI

Molokai Farmers



Kimo Von Oelhoffen, 1989

Kimo Von Oelhoffen, DE/NT/DT, Cincinnati/New York Jets/Pittsburgh/Atlanta, 1994-2007

**Total: 159 professional football players
from 32 different Hawai'i high schools.**

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LIST OF 159 PLAYERS

From Hawaii: 1927-2024

32 High Schools

Dear Supporters,

At our museum, we strive to create a space that fosters local pride.

Today is the perfect time to celebrate Hawaii's rich history of talented athletes. We're building a permanent physical exhibit showcasing the 159 professional football players from Hawaii grouped by their high schools.

To complete this football exhibit, we still need to raise funds. We would be grateful if you and your friends could contribute to this project. The Inspiration Hawaii Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations can be made through our website or by using the QR code below.

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