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KE ALA KUPUNA

HAWAIIAN CULTURAL EDUCATION CENTER

Māliko, Maui, Hawai'i



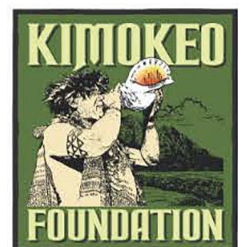
Investing in a lasting legacy grounded in the
Hawaiian culture and language and guided by our kūpuna

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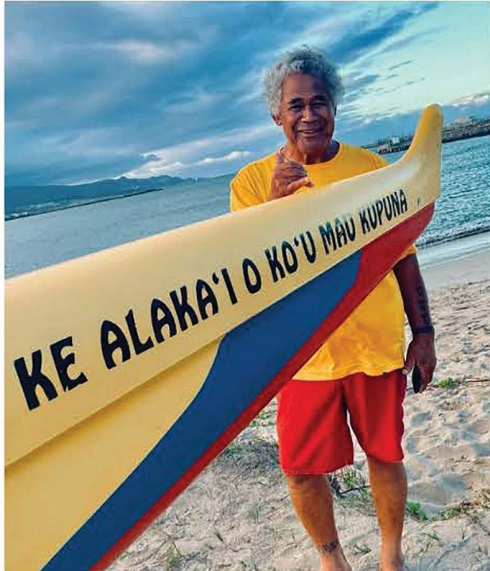


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VISION

A lasting legacy of preserving and perpetuating our Native Hawaiian culture, language, people and environment

MISSION

To preserve and perpetuate the Native Hawaiian culture, its traditions, practices and language, Maui's environment and community's health through education programs which benefit the people of Hawai'i.

MEET OUR LEADER

Kimokeo Foundation was founded in September 2015 by Native Hawaiian, Kimokeo Kapahulehua, as a Maui nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in which he could elevate his passions for the Hawaiian culture, language, environment and education.

OUR DEDICATION TO EDUCATION

Kimokeo Foundation has been unwavering in our belief that in order to fulfill our mission, we must look toward our next generation and educate them using our native language. This has led us to support several of Maui's Hawaiian immersion schools since 2017 in which students are taught using only the Hawaiian language. Amongst many things that we have done, some highlights include assisting them with purchasing school supplies, implementing education programs, improving safety on their campuses and have supported them through the COVID-19 pandemic and Maui's wildfires of August 2023.



As the years progressed, we realized that we too, have a desire, the knowledge, abilities and resources to create a Hawaiian education program which serves our youth and community and encourages the use of Hawaiian in our every day lives.

Turning a Dream Into a Reality



In April 2024, Kimokeo Foundation turned our dream into a reality when we successfully purchased a 2.7 acre property on the north shore of Maui for the purpose of using it for Hawaiian cultural education. The property is located on the north shore of Maui at Māliko Gulch. It boasts a beautiful Hawaiian landscape which is a great outdoor living classroom and has several structures which can be used as classroom space. It also has a large ti leaf farm that can be utilized by the Kimokeo Foundation for its education program.

Kimokeo Foundation utilized the property for several years prior and launched our first education program on the property in 2022. Nā Liko I Ka La'i, was designed to engage youth in Native Hawaiian cultural traditions and practices by having them learn directly from Hawaiian cultural practitioners. The program focused on youth who were fluent in Hawaiian and the entire program was taught in 'ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian language).

In 2025, we began a new program to engage Hawaiian immersion youth in mālama 'āina (land stewardship) practices on the property. The students are learning how to care for the land and are using its natural resources to support their Hawaiian immersion education pathway.

We look forward to offering these and many other Hawaiian cultural and environmental programs as we transform the property into Ke Ala Kupuna Hawaiian Cultural Education Center.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Kimokeo Foundation is asking our supporters to consider investing in an enduring legacy by making an impactful tax-deductible gift with suggested values ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. All gifts, including annual pledges, are welcome and will help us move towards achieving our goal of developing Ke Ala Kupuna Hawaiian Cultural Education Center in Mālika, Maui.

Our financial supporters have always been a critical part of turning this dream into a reality. Please consider making a donation. The future perpetuation of our Hawaiian language, culture and environment is worth your investment.

TO MAKE YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION

Please make your check payable to
"Kimokeo Foundation" and mail it to:
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Online, donations can also be made at
www.kimokeofoundation.org.



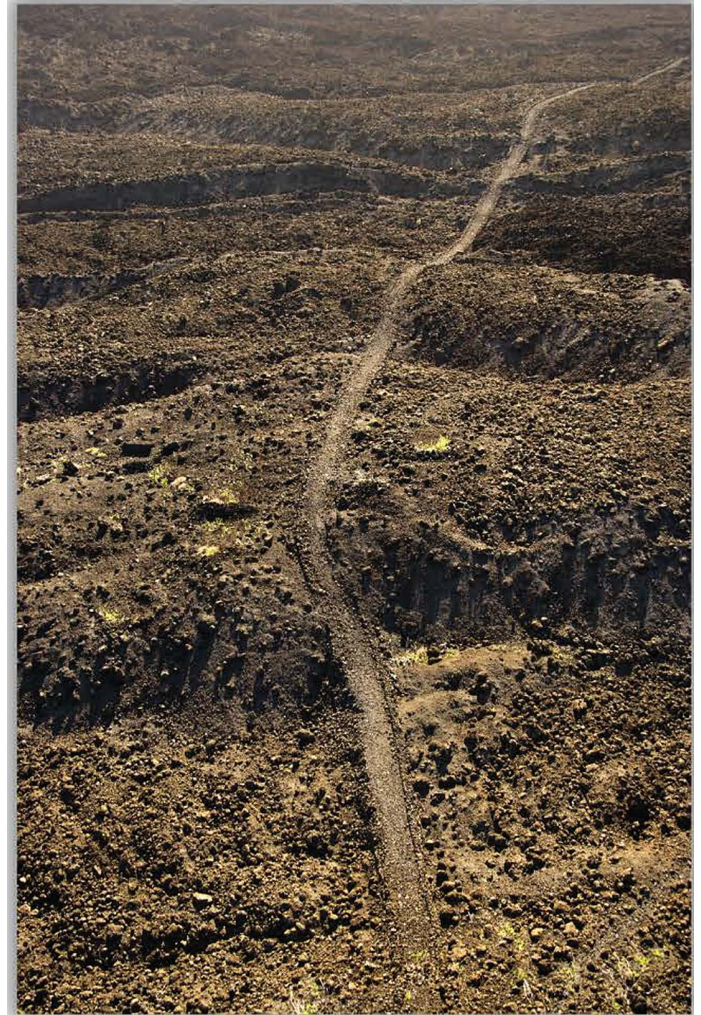
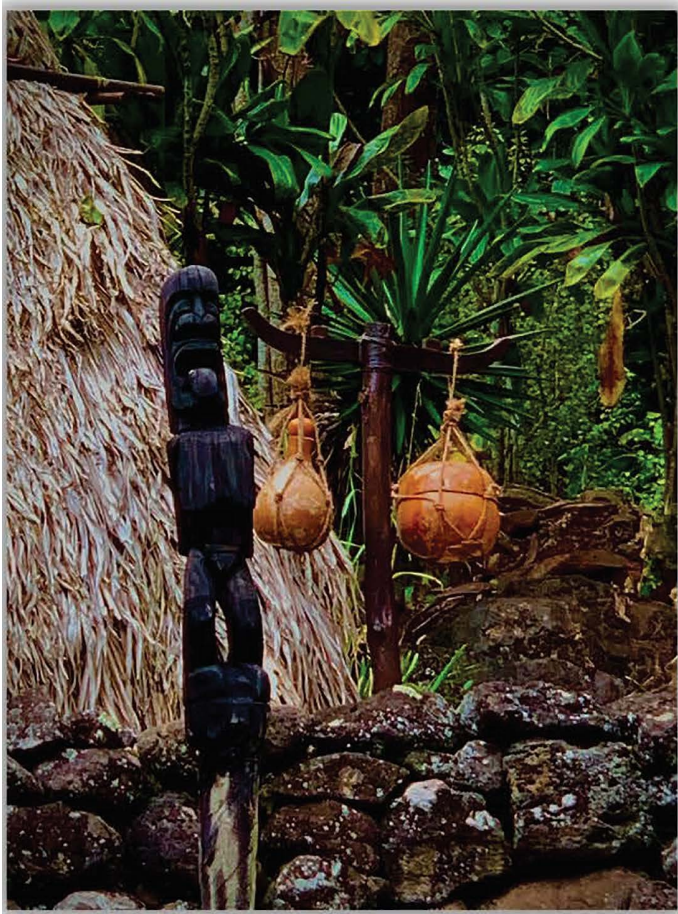
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KE ALA KUPUNA

THE PATHWAY OF OUR ANCESTORS

Ke Ala Kupuna simply means, "the pathway of our ancestors" yet it holds a much deeper meaning and connection for our indigenous Hawaiian people and culture. Our Hawaiian cultural path was created, defined and paved by our kūpuna (ancestors) in the past. In order to move forth along this ala (pathway), we must guide our children of the present and empower them to lead and perpetuate our Hawaiian culture into the future.



Ke Ala Kupuna Hawaiian Cultural Education Center aims to bring this ancestral pathway to life for our keiki (youth), Hawaiian cultural practitioners and community by regularly integrating the Hawaiian culture and language through a variety of education programs.

HAWAIIAN CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- An out-of-school program targeting youth who are fluent in Hawaiian who will actively engage with Hawaiian cultural practitioners and learn cultural practices while being taught only in Hawaiian.
- Hawaiian cultural education classes will be hosted by Hawaiian cultural practitioners as they teach their students their cultural practice at an in-depth level.



HAWAIIAN CULTURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS

- A series of Hawaiian cultural lectures will be held online and/or at Māliko to provide general Hawaiian cultural education.
- A community program will target youth who are interested in learning about the Hawaiian culture.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- A Native Hawaiian garden will be designed and planted to connect our community with the 'āina (land) and showcase their unique Hawaiian and conservational significances.
- Educational learning opportunities for volunteers will reinforce the Hawaiian value of mālama 'āina (land stewardship).
- Small tours which highlight our Hawaiian plants and the impacts of invasive species will educate participants about the uniqueness of Hawai'i and the need to care for our precious environment.

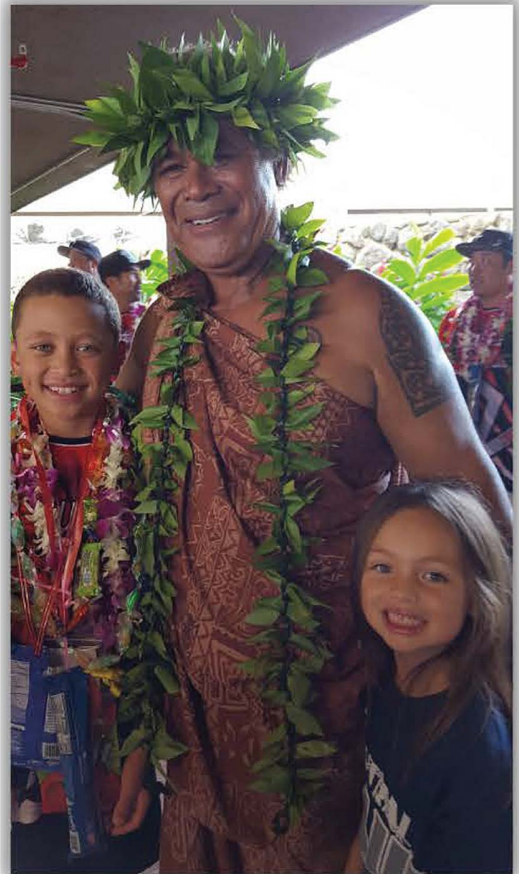


KA MO'OPUNA I KE ALO

BUILDING A LEGACY FOR THE CHILDREN OF TODAY,
AND THE GENERATIONS OF TOMORROW

Ka mo'opuna i ke alo describes a vision of placing one's grandchild at the focal point from which one addresses the present in preparation for the future.

At Ke Ala Kupuna, our keiki are our next generation, the main beneficiaries and the focal points of our programs. Radiating beyond our keiki are their 'ohana (families) who provide them with strength and guidance to make thoughtful decisions which influence their future. Our kumu Hawai'i are our Hawaiian cultural practitioners who connect our keiki with the 'ike kūpuna (ancestral knowledge) that has been passed down for generations. Extending beyond our kumu Hawai'i is our kaiāulu (community) who benefit from the leadership of our keiki who have been grounded in 'ike Hawai'i.



MĀLIKO'S CONNECTION TO LANGUAGE PRESERVATION

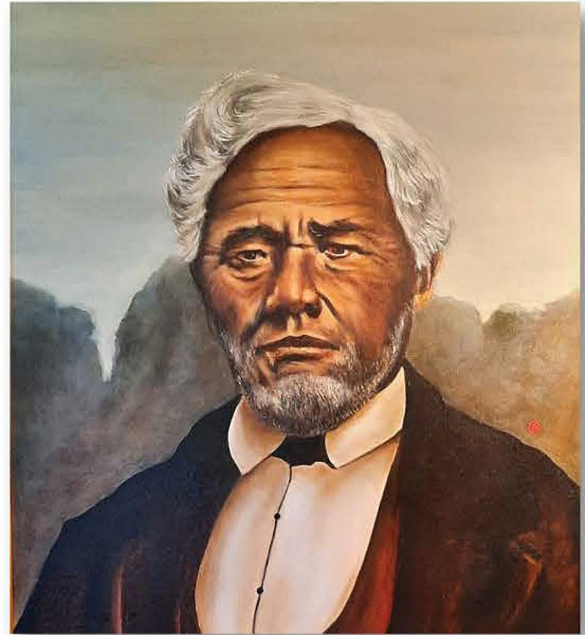
MATAIO KEKŪANAŌ'A

Mataio Kekūanaō'a (c. 1791 - November 24, 1868), was a Hawaiian politician who served as governor of the island of O'ahu, father of two kings, Kamehameha IV and Kamehameha V, and held the office of Kuhina Nui as did his wife, Kīna'u and their daughter, Victoria Kamāmalu.

Of his many successes in life, Mataio Kekūanaō'a led the Hawaiian Kingdom's public school system as President of the Board of Education from 1860-1868. In 1864, he made a profound statement which still resonates today.

"If we wish to preserve the Kingdom of Hawai'i for Hawaiians, and to educate our people, we must insist that the Hawaiian language shall be the language of all our National Schools, and that English shall be taught whenever practicable, but only, as an important branch of Hawaiian education."

In 1879, Kamehameha III granted Kekūanaō'a Land Grant Royal Patent No. 165. This land encompassed 567 acres along the northern side of Maui. Kekūanaō'a passed this land down to his only daughter, Princess Kamāmalu, granddaughter of Kamehameha the Great.



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Land Grant Royal Patent No. 165 which includes Māliko holds a special place in Hawaiian history. Its direct connection with Mataio Kekūanaō'a, the first President of the Board of Education, solidifies the intent of our kūpuna (ancestors) to uphold the preservation of the Hawaiian people and our culture by consistently using 'ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian language) in Hawaiian education. Today, Kekūanaō'a's foresight is being manifested through Kimokeo Foundation's vision and mission.



‘O Maui ka mokupuni.
‘O Haleakalā ka mauna.
‘O Hāmākualoa ka moku.
‘O Ha‘ikū ke ahupua‘a.
‘O ke kahawai ‘o Māliko ka wai.
‘O ka hono ‘o Māliko ke kai.
‘O ke kī ka lā‘au e mōhala ai i ke ola o ka hanauna hou.
‘O Māliko ka ‘āina ho‘opulapula i ka la‘i.