



PRESENTS



## A VIRTUAL EVENT

*Celebrating Youth Leadership and Empowerment*

April 29, 2021 • THURSDAY • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

# PROGRAM

Co-Emcees:  
Lina Girl Langi and Ehukai Goias-Medeiros

Opening 'Oli	Ehukai Goias-Medeiros
Welcome Remarks	Delia Ulima
Video	HI H.O.P.E.S Highlights
FYA Talks Introduction	Ehukai Goias-Medeiros
FYA Talks Presenter	Patricia "Patty" Duh
FYA Talks Presenter	Keola Pagud
Musical Performance	Kapena
FYA Talks Presenter	Melissa Mayo
FYA Talks Presenter	Noy Worachit
Musical Performance	Tonga Sisters
Musical Performance	Nā Waiho'olu'u o ke Ānuenuē
Video	Leaving a Legacy
Closing Remarks	Laurie Tochiki



# EMCEES



Lina "Lina Girl" Langi is an accomplished radio and television personality, professional emcee, musician, songwriter and local entertainer with over 30 years of experience in the industry. She has been a top radio host on KCCN FM 100 and HAWAIIAN 105 KINE for many years. Lina is also a founding member of the musical wahine group, Nā Waiho'olu'u o ke Ānuenue and is part of the Kanile'a Ukulele sales and marketing team.

Ehukai was born and raised on the island of Kaua'i. He served on the Kaua'i HI H.O.P.E.S. Youth Leadership Board and has since relocated to O'ahu where he now serves on the O'ahu HI H.O.P.E.S. board. He is a proud graduate of the 2020 Class of Kawaikini Hawaiian Immersion Charter School on Kaua'i. Ehukai spent 6 years in foster care, emancipating in 2020. He is a father, a caregiver for his younger siblings and currently works as a Mobile Crisis Youth Outreach Worker for Hale Kipa.



# GUEST ARTISTS



The Tonga Sisters come from a family of 8 siblings, 7 girls and 1 boy. They were raised on Oahu's North Shore and have been singing together in church, the community and for family since they were little girls. The sisters have become internationally known since performing on the Ellen Show in 2018 and on Nickelodeon's "America's Most Musical Family" in 2019. Since then, they've become recording artists and have performed internationally, across the U.S. mainland and all over Hawai'i.



Kapena is one of Hawaii's premier island bands, with more than 20 Island Music CD's to their credit and audiences and fans around Hawai'i and the world. Although the band has changed through the years, its founding member, Kelly Boy De Lima, remains the band leader. Kapena continues to be an institution that embraces what islanders fell in love with when fans first heard the unique sound of their "electrifying" Kapena music. In the early 2000's, Kelly Boy introduced Hawaii to the next generation of Kapena, his three children—Kapena, Kalena and Lilo. With the next generation came a new, fresh Kapena sound.



The ladies of Nā Wai have been performing together for over 30 years. The four girls (Bella, Luisa, Lina, Delia) formed their musical group while attending Kamehameha Schools. After winning their school's Brown Bags competition coming in third during the State competition, they were approached by one of the judges, John Kahale Chang, who signed and recorded them while three of the four were still in high school. Since then, the ladies have recorded albums and collaborated with other musical artists. Nā Wai has performed for many in Hawai'i and abroad. The musicians have families and careers today but still enjoy playing music together professionally.





FYA (pronounced "fiyah" or "fire") Talks were first presented by HI H.O.P.E.S. Youth Leadership Board members in 2016 at their annual conference. FYA Talks were designed to "spark ideas and ignite change" within the foster care system and in the lives of those who experience foster care. FYA Talks are now a part of the annual conference, with young people sharing their story before hundreds of youth and leaders in the foster care community. These presentations, from the perspective of young people with lived experience in foster care, are honest, insightful and inspirational. The HI H.O.P.E.S. youth leaders have served as voices of advocacy and hope over the last eleven years in Hawai'i and have certainly sparked ideas, passion, action and ignited transformation. Our HI H.O.P.E.S. leaders and alumni will share their FYA talks, to inspire, educate and share their Voices of Hope.

## FYA TALKS PRESENTERS



East Hawai'i/O'ahu-- Keola grew up in Hilo. He was in and out of foster care as a child, finally entering and remaining in care at age 15 until emancipating at 18. Keola served on both the East Hawai'i and O'ahu boards. He played a role in the passage of various legislation, served as a Jim Casey Young Fellow and a congressional intern in Washington D.C., and wrote a white paper about foster youth rights and grievance processes. Keola earned his Master's in Social Work and is currently a Child Welfare Services social worker on O'ahu.



O'ahu--Noy was raised in Kalihi and spent over 6 years in foster care. She is a founding member of the O'ahu HI H.O.P.E.S. Youth Leadership Board, where she served for 9 years. She has been a powerful advocate, assisting with the passage of three legislative bills and collaborating with, educating and presenting to thousands of youth and professionals over the years. She is a Jim Casey Young Fellow, a Pono Process Navigator at EPIC 'Ohana and a member of the Hawai'i Air National Guard.



Kaua'i -- Patricia "Patty" Duh spent 6 years in the foster care system on O'ahu before aging out at the age of 18. She is currently the Pono Process Lead with EPIC 'Ohana Inc. She obtained her bachelor's degree in Social Sciences with a concentration in Psychology at University of Hawai'i West O'ahu in 2019. She is currently a resident on the island of Kaua'i and a recent graduate of the HI HOPES Youth Leadership board.



East Hawai'i -- Melissa Mayo spent five years in foster care between the ages of 13 and 18 in Hilo. She serves as the president of the HI H.O.P.E.S Youth Leadership Board in East Hawai'i. Melissa is a national Young Fellow with the Jim Casey Initiative and has been an ambitious leader, with a passion for creating positive change and empowering her peers that have been impacted by foster care. In addition to Melissa's advocacy work, she is currently working on obtaining her bachelor's degree in Political Science and Administration of Justice at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and is employed as a Youth Partner at EPIC 'Ohana.





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