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Hospitality • Customer Service • Cultural Retail

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PROFILE

I’m Native Hawaiian and have worked in family food businesses, restaurant and bar service, and Hawaiian cultural retail. I’m seeking steady service work to support myself through graduate school, with plans to pursue an MFA in Hana Keaka at UH Mānoa. I’m building my life here in Hawai‘i around Hawaiian culture, family, and service to our communities.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Top of Maunakea Food!

Customer Service and Food Service Manager

- Manage day-to-day customer and food service at my dad’s food truck.
- Coordinate order flow and work with the kitchen to keep service moving.

Mai Tais

Bar Back and Food Runner

- Supported bartenders by restocking the bar and keeping service stations ready.
- Ran food from the kitchen to guests and coordinated with servers on orders.

Nā Mea Hawai‘i

Customer Service Shop Floor Associate

- Welcomed shoppers, answered questions, and helped customers choose products in a Hawaiian cultural retail setting.

Aunty Kana‘i’s Famous Teriyaki Marinade

Sales and Marketing Business Development Manager

- Managed sales, marketing, and business development for my grandmother’s marinade company.
- Promoted the marinade to customers and developed sales relationships.

CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Lili‘uokalani Center | Performing Arts Kāko‘o (2023) and producer of Glitter in the Pa‘akai (2025).
Kamehameha Schools | Summer Programs Kumu and alumnus.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

In a past life, I was a corporate media executive and executive producer, with work across the BBC, PBS, and NBCUniversal. As a filmmaker, I’m now making more personal work rooted in the local, the radical, and Hawaiiana. After more than 15 years away from the islands, I’m reconnecting with family and friends. I want my work here to reflect that return. For me, making a difference in Hawai‘i starts with service to ourselves and to others. I’m heading back to my roots. Please hire me.