

KELSON KAUAÑO E BATANGAN



Date of birth: 1989-10-17

Hawaiian ancestry

Kelson Kauano'e Batangan was born in Honolulu and raised on Maui as the oldest son of Lyla Eldredge and Reuben Batangan. He is of Hawaiian, Filipino, Chinese, English, Irish, and German descent.

Educational background

Kamehameha Schools Maui - Graduated 2008

Stanford University - Bachelors of Arts in Political Science; Graduated 2012

Columbia University - Masters of International Affairs; Expected Graduation 2017

Employment history

Office of Hawaiian Affairs - Contractor

Office of Representative Tulsi Gabbard - Legislative Correspondent, Scheduler, Staff Assistant

Office of Senator Daniel Akaka - Staff Assistant

Criminal record

NA

Personal statement

"This election is a choice about what kind of nation we will be. That's why I'm in this race – to join you in transforming our people." – Kauano'e Batangan

Kauanoë is motivated by the hope of ushering forth a new Hawaiian era of restored self-governance. He understands that the recent arrests of activists atop Mauna Kea and Haleakala highlight the need for change in the role Hawaiians play in public affairs. He wants to take up the unfinished business of ho'oulu i ka lahui, and join you in building a better future.

As a former aide to Senator Akaka and Congresswoman Gabbard, he has unique experience fostering social and economic development in Hawai'i. His service has taught him that self-determination will only be achieved through the collective efforts of an engaged citizenry, so he is currently leading a new effort to provide 'oiwi leaders an opportunity to shape society through legislative appointments.

Kauanoë graduated as the valedictorian of his class at Kamehameha Schools Maui. He is an alumnus of Stanford University, current student at Columbia University, fellow in the First Nations Futures Program, and member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I.

The delegate candidate represent these 10 people are eligible voters who have nominated them : AKAKA, DANIEL KAHIKINA

HANNAHS, NEIL JACOB

KAUHANE, MICHELLE KRISTIN MAHEALANI

KIAHA, BRADLEY KAIPO

CONSTABLE, ELIZABETH DOWSETT KAWEHEAULANI

BRANCO, PATRICK TIMOTHY KALEOOKALANI PIHANA

CHUN, DAVID KAULIKE

ELDREDGE, LYLA KAUANOË

BATANGAN, JARIN KULAMANU

BATANGAN, MEGAN KAMALEI