

KEALA CARTER



Date of birth: 1984-02-26

Hawaiian ancestry

Papa's side is Kekaulike from Oahu and my Tutu's side is Pihaleo from Kauai. My Tutu was in one of the earliest classes of women to attend Kamehameha Schools. My grandma and dad were both KS grads

Educational background

Undergraduate degree in Sociology from Princeton University (focus on cross-cultural understanding)

Master's in Environmental Law & Policy from Vermont Law School (focus on mediation and negotiation)

Employment history

Federal policy advocate at OHA, Washington D.C. office (current)

Policy aide in Senator Schatz' office (2 yrs)

Project manager on mediations across Hawaii (1 yr)

Paralegal at a law firm in NYC (4 yrs)

Personal statement

Teachings from my kūpuna provide the lens by which I see the world – an appreciation that life (all life) is precious, stewardship and humility towards the `āina, and a belief that we are stronger because of our differences not in spite of them. My work supporting a U.S. Senator on the Indian Affairs Committee has provided me first-hand experience with the ins and outs of a gov't-to-gov't relationship, and my time facilitating mediations in Hawai'i has taught me a collaborative approach to solving problems and the importance of listening to

all sides of an issue before developing an opinion. If elected, my goal will be to build bridges and keep people focused on the bright future we can build together instead of getting stuck in politics and positions. I see participation in the 'Aha as a means to address real world problems in the community (disproportionate health issues, access to high quality education, home-ownership, etc.) and provide the foundation for a promising and culturally-relevant future. It would be an honor to serve as a delegate in the upcoming 'Aha and I pledge to put the interests of the lāhui above my own. With this opportunity to write our own future - I mua!

The delegate candidate represent these 10 people are eligible voters who have nominated them : Mahesh Cleveland

Meakalia Katelyn Pevich-Liu

Catelin Kawahinekoa Aiwohi

Marsha Leinaala Gilbert

Alvin Hawai'i Pauole

David Earl Kaleoikaika Cooper

Daniel Kalani Wassman

Juliana Maili Kaulukukui Tennberg

Michael Eric Rawlins

Sue Ann Momi Napoleon