

MATTHEW KAAIHUE



Date of birth: 1989-01-27

Hawaiian ancestry

Papa, Wakea, Ho'ohokukalani, Haloa, Haloanakalaukapalili, (See Kumulipo for complete mo'oku'auhau).

Educational background

Kealakehe Elementary; Kamehameha Schools (2007); UH Mānoa, B.S. 'Ike Hawai'i, 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (2012); UH Mānoa Law, J.D., Native Hawaiian Law Certificate (2015); Shidler College of Business (2016).

Employment history

Loko i'a & Lo'i Kalo Limahana, UH Mānoa Bookstore, Honolulu Club, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation Intern, Office of Hawaiian Affairs Intern/Legal Fellow.

Criminal record

None.

Personal statement

Aloha, my name is Matthew Ka'aihue but my friends call me "Kona" because I was raised in Kalaoa in the Kona moku of Hawai'i Island. In a perfect world, I imagine myself as a complete embodiment of my Hawaiian heritage, my passion, perpetuating cultural values and traditional practices on a daily basis. I see myself working hard, tending to the land in the early hours of morning, speaking 'Ōlelo to my keiki and dancing hula in the early evenings. I envision myself as a leader, a voice for the people, and a humble servant of our Hawaiian community, striving to find a balance where the values of 'Ike Hawai'i can peacefully coexist with conflicting ideologies of society today. To realize this dream, I tell my

friends, "You all go and be the best at whatever you do, get to the top of wherever you're at, and I'll do the same. And when the time is right, let's hui pū, kūkākūkā, and make some positive change."

Every voice is important and differing perspectives shape a broader understanding. With our collective 'ike, our people are unstoppable. And with aloha for each other, I believe that as a community, we can work together and holomua to create a better Hawai'i.

The delegate candidate represent these 10 people are eligible voters who have nominated them : Rachel Kawaihiko

Jordan Kealaikalani Inafuku

Olu Campbell

Raynette Sukanuma-Carlson

Keani Rawlins Fernandez

Rebecca Justine Iolani Soon

Anthony Melvin Makana Paris

Joyce Lani Emiko Kaaihue

Keone John Nakoa

Dennis Kalani Kaaihue