



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS  
OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES

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*Aloha māi kākou!*

As you know, the Hawaiian people are facing challenging times. We have all seen the attempts to take Hawaiian homelands, dismantle the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, eliminate federal funding for programs that serve to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians, scuttle attempts in the U.S. Congress to solidify our peoples' Indigenous status and have Kamehameha Schools' preference policy declared illegal.

While the majority of people here in Hawai'i understand our history and have demonstrated support for our programs, there are still many, both here and abroad, who are unaware of our history, our culture, and the displacement of our people.

*E ku'i na lima.* It is time for us to join hands and resist any challenge that denies us the right to serve our people well. Kamehameha Schools stands united with other Hawaiian organizations to coordinate efforts to assure that much needed Hawaiian programs and services are protected. It is imperative that we push on together with our respective missions to serve our people with great diligence. Because we, along with our supporters, know that improving the well being of Hawaiian people improves the well being of all of Hawai'i.

We can start by ensuring that all who seek to erode our rights recognize how formidable a voice we possess. It is important that we stand up and be counted as Kanaka Maoli -- the Indigenous people of Hawai'i. Registering through Kau Inoa will show our numbers, as well as our determination to manage the resources of our people for their intended benefit -- in our case, providing an educational remedy for Hawaiian children. Registering through Kau Inoa does not commit you to a particular form of self-determination, but it allows each person a voice at the table to talk about that process. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to register your name and those of your `ohana with the Kau Inoa program, sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and managed by the non-profit group Hawai'i Maoli.

Currently, more than 67,000 Hawaiians have registered with Kau Inoa and the goal is to reach 100,000 names.

Registration is quite easy. Download a registration form from [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org) or visit OHA's office at 711 Kapi'olani Boulevard, Suite 500. All that is needed is to verify your Hawaiian ancestry. This is done through one of the following means:

- Proof of ancestry verification documents for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Operation 'Ohana program, or the Kamehameha Schools Ho'oulu Hawaiian Ancestry Registry
- Certified copy of birth certificate(s), marriage certificate(s) and/or death certificate(s) indicating Hawaiian ancestry
- Kumu 'Ohana, or legally sufficient methods other than those listed above.

For more information about Kau Inoa, call (808) 594-1920.

Kamehameha Schools is committed to standing strong with our fellow Ali'i trusts and other organizations to protect our assets and the rights of Hawaiians everywhere. We ask for your *kōkua* and continued support through your registration with Kau Inoa.

*Mahalo piha and i mua Kamehameha!*

  
J. Douglas Ing, Chairman, Board of Trustees

  
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