## L. Candy Suiso LaJuaine C.D. Suiso

#### **Business:**

Searider Productions Wai`anae High School 85-251 Farrington Highway Wai`anae, Hawaii 96792

seariderproductions.com

## **Educational Background:**

Chaminade University of Honolulu Honolulu, Hawaii Masters in Education - Secondary Social Studies

University of Northern Iowa Cedar Falls, Iowa Bachelor of Arts - Liberal Arts

Wai`anae High School Wai`anae, High Diploma

## **Employment Background:**

1981 - present

Owner/Public Relations

Makaha Mangoes - Makaha, Hawaii

Home to over 12 different varieties of mangoes

January 2011 - June 2014

**Director of Development** - Kauhale O Wai`anae, a community driven re-development initiative funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation which merges Searider Productions, MA`O Organic Farms, and Makaha Studios. This initiative immerses Wai`anae youth in culturally relevant enterprises, utilizing both sustainable agriculture and digital media to instill academic and entrepreneurial competencies. It also serves to promote appropriate and vibrant economic development on the Wai`anae Coast.

July 2003 - June 2020

## **Program Director**

Department of Education, Wai`anae High School

Responsible for fundraising and Public Relations for Searider Productions, a multimedia program that integrates journalism, photography, video production, graphic arts/ design, and animation.

September 1993 - July 2003 **Teacher**, Wai`anae High School

Video Productions I, II, III, and Newswriting I, II, III, & IV

January 1987 - June 1993 **Teacher**, Wai`anae High School Social Studies, Spanish I & II

Summers 1985 - 1998

#### Career Consultant/Trainer

City & County of Honolulu, WorkHawaii SYETP Program Youth counselor for disadvantaged youth - responsible for participant counseling, monitoring of worksites, distribution of information and other field work.

September 1982 - June 1985

**Teacher** - Social Studies, English & Science

Teacher/Coordinator for Wai`anae High School's alternative program for pregnant teens. Responsible for overall planning and coordination of program within school and community.

1982 - 1983

### Bartendar/Cocktail Server

Served cocktails in the main lobby lounge

1981 - 1982

**Teacher** - Severely Emotionally Disturbed Special Education Class Provided classroom instruction to four boys ages 13 and 14, six periods a day

1980 - 1981

## **Hostess/Assistant Manager**

Fogcutter Restaurant - Makaha, Hawaii

Provided management and supervision in the restaurant and bar for 15 employees. Developed work schedules, work plans, organization of inventory controls, and labor training.

1979 - 1980

# **Banquet/Catering Manager**

Makaha Resort - Makaha Resort

Provided management and supervision of approximately 100 employeed in three major restaurants, two bars, and all catered functions. Coordinated sales and banquet functions within the hotel.

# **Professional Activities & Honors:**

2020 - present	Board Member, How `Aina O Makaha
2018 -	Ted Talk (TedxFargo - "Student Engagement Through a Different Lens")
2015 -	Honoree, Pacific Buddhist Academy
2016 - present	Board Member, Teach for America Hawaii
2014 -	Honoree, YWCA LeaderLuncheon
2014 - present	Board Member, Searider Productions Foundation
2013 -	Honoree, Makaha Hawaiian Civic Club
2012 - present	Board Member, Wai`anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
2013 - present	Board Member, PBS Hawaii
2011-2014	Board Member, INPEACE
2011-2013 -	Board Member, YMCA of Honolulu
2008-2010 -	Board Member, MA`O Organic Farms
2009 -	Honoree (Culture & Arts), Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs
2004-2005 -	Founder/Board Member - Wai`anae High Alumni & Community Foundation
2004 -	Technology Educator of the Year - Flavors of Technology
2003-2005	Board Member, Student Television Network (STN)
1999 -	Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award (Hawaii)
1997 -	Distinguished Alumni Award - Chaminade University
1996 -	Teacher of the Year - Hawaii Leeward District
1996 -	Outstanding Educator - Oahu Interscholastic Association (OIA)
1975	Member - Gamma Phi Beta National Sorority

References provided upon request