

Nalani Brun, CFEE

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Summary

Enthusiastic economic development professional and entertainer with 27+ years' experience in government and 45+ in entertainment and the visitor industry.

Objectives

My goal is to collaborate with a team and partners to further enhance the island's success and reputation as a great place to live.

Education

*University of Hawaii-Manoa
Bachelor of Liberal Arts
Honolulu, Hawaii
Graduated*

Major in Pre-law, minor in music.

Employment History

County of Kauai-OED

Director

Lihue, HI

December 2008 – Present

Manage the Office of Economic Development and its many programs in the community; manage the County OED Grant Programs that oversees funding for Kauai's events, projects, flood related projects and Kekaha CAC grant projects island wide with a focus on economic development in several sectors. Liaison for the County to the Hawaii Tourism Authority for programs; oversee cultural programs and funding as they relate to the County of Kauai including Fishpond and natural resource restoration; Niihau Language Preservation; Native Hawaiian cultural events and protocols; Educational programs and workshops; grant writing; grant distribution; management of State funding being passed through the County to nonprofit organizations in different economic sectors. Direct management of some sector staff and administrative staff. Bridging of community and partners to government projects. Management of the Tourism Strategic Plan. Office guru on procurement, computer issues, community inquiry.

**Smith's Motor Boat Service/Smith's Tropical Paradise
Entertainer (Singer/Dancer)
Wailua, Kauai
February 2017- Present**

Perform as an entertainer at a lu'au show-dances and songs of the Pacific region.

**Royal Hawaiian Legacy Productions
Hula Dancer
Koloa, Kauai
January 2017-Present**

Perform as a dancer at the Grand Hyatt Regency & Spa Kauai.

**Ho`ola Lahui Hawaii-Native Hawaiian Healthcare Program
Group Fitness Instructor-Independent Contractor
Lihue, HI
December 2004 – December 2016**

Taught all kinds of fitness classes from Step to Strength, hula, latin, intervals, circuit training and anything else that is needed focused on the Native Hawaiian population.

**Ho`ola Lahui Hawaii-Native Hawaiian Healthcare Program
Fitness Program Administrator
Lihue, HI
January 2005 – December 2008**

Built up the fitness program for this Native Hawaiian Health Organization. Also organized events year round that supported community health efforts including massive walks, runs, nutrition and fitness challenges, performance events and large gatherings of traditional native Hawaiian cultural practitioners.

**County of Kauai
Economic Development Specialist-Tourism/Program Administrative Officer
Lihue, HI
January 1994 – December 2004**

Did promotions around the world on Kauai as a destination, including setting up a multitude of Hawaii focused events at our airline hubs in California, Washington, Chicago, New York, Texas and many other places. Also ran the grant program for events and wrote grants for the Office of Economic Development.

Bali Hai Realty

Sales and Contracts Manager

Hanalei, HI

January 1986 – December 1993

Helped to building company revenues and status of this company into the premier and largest real estate company on Kauai.

Professional Skills

Microsoft Software: Expert

Group Fitness Instructor: Expert but have recently let my certification expire

Entertainer (Singer, Dancer): Expert

Certified Festival and Event Executive (CFEE) with the International Festivals and Events Association.

Group Fitness Instructor: Expert but have recently let my certification expire.

2BMindset Coach: Certified. (Online nutrition coaching program)

References

Hobbies & Interests

Hobbies include dancing hula, singing, tahitian dancing, Maori dancing, hiking and exercising with friends, community building projects, Hawaiian language, Native plants.

Affiliations:

Board Member and Secretary for Hoike Television

Board Member to the State Foundation of Culture and the Arts

President of Kapaa First Hawaiian Church Choir

Council member for the Kaua'i – American Cancer Society

Member (starting in January 2021) of the Hawai'i Community Foundation Advisory Board–
Kaua'i.

Ohana Alaka'i for Kukui Heiau stewardship with the County of Kauai

First Aid/AED Certified through 2020