

**Charish Kawehi Miller**

## Professional summary

Visionary business leader with over 18 years of experience in renewable energy, business operations, and project management. Demonstrates expertise in leveraging cutting-edge technologies and sustainable practices to enhance operational efficiency and uphold cultural respect. Proven track record in community outreach, financial management, and strategic business development, with a commitment to optimizing every project and moment.

## Employment history

### **Waika Consulting LLC | Project Controller | Honolulu, HI**

*Oct 2022 - Present*

Worked in government affairs in renewable energy efforts. Our company has a native to native business model that highlights community involvement in development projects. The primary contract for the company is with the State of Hawaii through University of Hawaii in Geothermal.

- Lead project management and integration of software systems for renewable energy projects.
- Develop and submit formal RFP proposals, securing government contracts.
- Coordinate global consortiums and engage communities to build capacity and support.
- Manage legislative lobbying efforts to advance geothermal energy initiatives.
- Drive business development, resulting in significant growth in renewable energy sector.

### **Kuilei Consulting Inc | Operations Director | Honolulu, HI**

*Jan 2021 - Present*

- Lead government affairs and contracting with Office of Hawaiian Affairs, overseeing real estate development.
- Collaborate with executives to implement actionable plans, ensuring sustainable success.
- Manage organization, team coordination, business development, and client relations.
- Enhance operational efficiency through custom solutions, improving client satisfaction.
- Track projects and budgets, ensuring accurate invoicing and record-keeping.

### **Kiko'i Events, LLC | Co-Founder, Vice-President | Honolulu, HI**

*Jul 2020 - Present*

- Lead strategic planning and execution of corporate events, delivering memorable experiences.
- Enhance client satisfaction through tailored event designs, achieving measurable results.
- Manage vendor relationships and budgets, ensuring cost-effective solutions.
- Collaborate with teams to innovate event concepts, driving client engagement.
- Oversee all operational aspects, maintaining high standards of quality and detail.

**Aloha Mortuary | Co-Founder, President | Honolulu, HI**

*Jan 2020 - Present*

As a co-founder and president of Aloha Mortuary, a native Hawaiian-owned and operated company, our mission is to help families throughout Hawaii celebrate the lives of their loved ones who have transitioned to the next life. We take pride in culturally grounded approaches, integrating new technologies, and curating sustainable celebration options for ho'olewa. Our services honor all traditions, ethnicities, and people.

- Pioneered eco-friendly funeral services, enhancing cultural respect across Hawaii.

**SPRY Product Development, LLC | Supply Chain (SCM) / Logistics Manager | Hong Kong, Hong Kong**

*Jun 2014 - Oct 2018*

- Optimized global sourcing and quality control, enhancing SCM efficiency and reducing costs.
- Implemented innovative manufacturing strategies, driving startup product success.
- Managed complex logistics operations, ensuring timely deliveries and precise supply chain management.
- Conducted comprehensive market research, aligning product development with consumer needs.

**SPRY Product Development, LLC | Operations Director | Hong Kong, Hong Kong**

*Feb 2014 - Jun 2016*

- Directed product operations, boosting efficiency by 30% through strategic process optimizations.
- Revamped operational protocols, integrating cutting-edge technologies to enhance productivity.
- Led team towards a future-oriented strategy, significantly increasing market competitiveness.
- Fostered a collaborative work environment, enhancing team skills and morale.

**Lava Lava Hospitality | Bartender/Server | Waikoloa**

*Sep 2010 - Sep 2013*

- Served guests efficiently at a busy beach bar, enhancing satisfaction and repeat visits.
- Maintained meticulous inventory control, reducing waste and cutting costs.
- Supported team during peak hours, ensuring smooth operations.
- Implemented serving techniques that increased efficiency and guest engagement.

**Moana Surfrider | Beach and Pool | Honolulu**

*Jul 2008 - Aug 2010*

- Managed beach and pool services, boosting guest satisfaction and repeat visits by a notable margin.
- Implemented strict safety protocols, ensuring a secure environment for guests and staff.
- Trained new staff in top-tier customer service, enhancing team efficiency and performance.

**Maunalani Hotel | Beach and Pool | Waimea Hawaii**

*Mar 2006 - Jan 2008*

- Efficiently managed beach and pool amenities, enhancing guest satisfaction and safety.
- Maintained high cleanliness standards at beach and pool areas, ensuring a pleasant guest experience.
- Assisted guests with various needs, contributing to a memorable stay.
- Engaged with guests to promote hotel events and amenities, increasing participation.
- Streamlined service procedures, improving operational efficiency and guest experience.

# Education

**MBA | University of Chaminade | Honolulu, HI**

*2024 - Present*

Graduated with a Strategic Leadership Focus in Business and Finance

**Political Science and Minor in Chemistry | University of Hawaii at Hilo | Honolulu, HI**

*2018*

**Valedictorian | Honoka'a High School | Honolulu, HI**

*2008*

# Skills

**Microsoft Excel** (*Experienced*)

**QuickBooks**

**ClickUp!**

**Windows OS**

**Excel**

**CMS Web Development**

**Duda.co**

**Business Analysis**

**Accounting**

**Business Development**

**409A Valuations**

**Supply Chain Management**

**Community Outreach**

**Client Relations**

**Consortium Management**

**Leadership**

**Operations Management**

**Financial Management**

**Google Suite Apps**

**Canva**

**macOS**

**Cloud Systems**

**EPR**

**Squarespace**

**Wordpress**

**Financial Proforma**

**Legal Analysis**

**Equity Analysis**

**Valuations**

**Business Impact Analysis**

**Budget Tracking**

**Project Management**

**Strategic Planning**

**Strategic Decision Making**

**Business Consulting**

**Project Tracking**

# Additional information

## VOLUNTEER WORK

Founding Board Member of Alaula Life Foundation Hawaii (501c3 Organization), Catholic Charities, Homeless Shelters Downtown, Food Drive, Great Aloha Run, Pahiki Caskets, Helping Hands, Hawaiian Homes Community Kamuela, Ekolu Mea Nui, and Hawaii Mothers in Need.