

Katina M. Soares

"She is well respected throughout the school and community for her integrity, communication, adaptability and getting things done. Throughout the time I've known her, she has shown me time and again that she is a positive, motivated leader with amazing potential."

Geneva Castro'Lichtenstein
School Counselor
(Formerly) Kualapu'u School

Objective

When delivered effectively, education can give each next generation, not only the knowledge and skills, but the passion and power to become agents of positive change in the world. My objective is to be part of that movement through a principal's position in public school where my goal to cultivate school improvement and a trajectory of success for students can be farther reaching.

Education, Honors, and Certifications

PhD in Educational Leadership

Walden University, Minneapolis, MN. 2013

Master of Education School Counseling

Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA. 2003

Bachelor of Arts – Psychology (Minor Sociology/Social Work)

Judson College, Marion, AL. 2000

Magna Cum Laude

Associate of Art – Liberal Arts (Pre-education)

Maui Community College, Molokai, HI. 1998

Certifications

- Professional School Administrator Certificate. Hawaii State DOE. 2018
- School Administrator & School Counselor (PreK-12) License.VA. 2015
- Administrative Services Credential (Regular II) K-12. District of Columbia. 2014
- Capella University School Counseling Supervision. 2012
- ASSIST (suicide prevention) Certified. 2005 & 2011
- Licensed School Counselor. Hawaii. 2003
- First Aid/AED/CPR Adult, Child, Infant. American Red Cross. 2022

Awards

- Innovative Grant Award Winner, 2020
- DOE/HGEA Rewards and Recognition Vice Principal, 2017
- DOE/HGEA Rewards and Recognition Vice Principal, 2018

Employment

● Principal, 2018-Present

Molokai High School, Hooilehua, HI

Oversee all facets of school operations, programs and employees for this 9th to 12th grade small, rural high school of 340 students. Duties include but are not limited to managing curriculum and instruction, student support services and discipline, recruitment, facilities, safety, fiscal operations, professional development and the evaluation of 70+ employees.

● Vice Principal, 2016-2018

Lahaina Intermediate School, Lahaina, HI

Support principal's oversight of school operations for this 6th to 8th grade school. Assist with curriculum and instruction, student support services and discipline, provide supervision and evaluation of 100+ employees, assist with recruitment of employees and lead committees such as the culture and climate committee, student support data team and safety committee.

Dr. Soares is an invaluable asset to our school community through developing a positive culture, promoting student safety, working collaboratively with stakeholders and modeling life-long learning. She is a knowledgeable, reliable professional, who I can comfortably trust leading our staff, supervising our students and interacting with our parents and community.

Stacy Bookland
Principal
Lahaina Inter. School

- **Vice Principal, 2010-2016**

- **Acting Principal, Spring 2012**

Kualapu'u School: A Public Conversion Charter, Kualapu'u, HI

Support the principal, or as principal, oversee all school operations for this PreK-6th grade school, which includes a Hawaiian Language Immersion Program. Assist with curriculum and instruction, guide and provide student support services and discipline, including special needs students and counseling, track student learning and assessment, provide supervision and evaluation of employees, assist with recruitment of employees and lead committees such as accreditation or the solutions network, partner or liaison with community organizations such as Maui Police Dept. and Healthy Alliance, and oversee smaller grants and budgeting.

- **Counseling Department Chair, 2007 to 2010**

Molokai High School, Ho'olehua, HI

In addition to school counseling duties, the department chair holds weekly student support meetings, represents the department at executive board meetings, manages the counseling budget, and provides immediate supervision of department members, educational assistants and student aides.

- **Licensed School Counselor, 2003 to 2010**

Molokai High School (formerly Molokai High and Intermediate School), Ho'olehua, HI

Provide support and guidance for students grades 9-12 (plus two years with grades 7-8) with academic, career, and personal counseling in an individual, small group, or classroom setting. Coordinate and/or facilitate parent conferences, parent night presentations, freshman orientation, 504 services, school advisory program and administrate state, career assessment, and college entrance testing. Wrote curriculum and taught bi-weekly college/career readiness courses.

- **College Course Instructor, 2002**

Maui Community College (UH Maui College), Kaunakakai, HI

Taught IS105C, a one credit, 15 hour, summer course on orientation to employment for high school and college students including resume completion, job interview techniques, and job searching.

- **Educational Specialist, 2001-2003**

Maui Community College (UH Maui College), Kaunakakai, HI

The position of Student Support Services Counselor required providing academic advising, tutoring, case management and personal, financial aid, or career counseling for Maui Community College Liberal Arts Students who were low-income, first generation, and/or disabled.

- **Substitute Teacher II, 2001**

State of Hawaii Department of Education, Molokai, HI

On-call, short-term teacher in the absence of a regular public school teacher; this position consisted of working with grades K-12 and required skills in classroom management and lesson planning.

Related Community Service Positions

- **Parent Representative, 2011-2016**

Molokai High School – School Community Council, Molokai, HI

- **Vice-Chair, 2010-2011**

Aka'ula School Booster Club, Molokai, HI

- **Be the Change Grant Writing and Activity Coordinator, 2008-2010**

Molokai High School PBIS Team Leader, Molokai, HI

- **Class Advisor (Head Advisor, Homecoming & Prom), 2003-2010**

Molokai High School, Molokai, HI

Katina Soares grasps and understands that intangible drive of mission and vision and adapts her role, her skills, and her talent to support OUR sense of teamwork to support the growth and achievement of Kualapu'u School. Katina is a task-master, a learner, pays attention to details, completes what she starts, and is willing be in charge and be accountable for the outcome—and she only wants a positive outcome. She is willing to take the hits from parents, teachers, and others if it means advancing mission and vision of the school.

Lydia Trinidad
Principal
Kualapu'u School

- **Youth Leader and Christian High School Club Advisor, 1998-2002**
Friendly Isle Christian Fellowship, Molokai, HI

Professional Committees and Professional Development

- Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, 2021-Present
- Hawaii Innovative Leaders Network, 2018-2020
- Committee on Weights (School Funding), 2019/2021/2023
- School Retool Fellowship, 2018-2019

Research

The Impact of Teacher Furloughs on Academic Achievement in Grades 3-8 and 10 in Hawaii Public Schools, (Walden University Dissertation, 2013)

Professional Affiliations

American Counseling Association, 2003-2011
American School Counselors Association, 2003-2011
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 2006-Present
Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE), 2016-2019
Hawaii Association for Career and College Counselors, 2003-2011
National Association of Elementary School Principals, 2011-2016
National Education Association, 2003-2010
National Association of Secondary School Principals, 2018-Present

Featured Professional Forums and Events

- Education Leadership Institute: Presenter, 2022
- Hawaii Business Magazine: Change Event Series - Education, 9/23/2021
- Vibrant Hawai'i: Transformational Learning Spotlight, 1/21/2021
- What School Could Be Office Hours, Hosted by Ted Dintersmith, 12/8/2020
- Innovation Playlist Film, 2020
- What School Could Be Hawaii (Podcast S1:E3). 9/16/2019

References

Lindsay Ball, Complex Area Superintendent (*retired*)
Maui District - Canoe Complex
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Stacy Bookland, Principal
Lahaina Intermediate School
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