



# LīPOA NEWS

## CONSTRUCTION AT LĪPOA



Construction is complete at LīPOA's latest subdivision, HALEAKALA GREENS SUBDIVISION. South Ninau and South Holopono Streets have been extended to provide access to the three new commercial lots. For information on real estate sales, contact Anthony Provenzano (B) of Cushman & Wakefield Chaney Brooks. 808-544-1600.

## CELEBRATING GEOFF KIRKLAND'S 32 YEARS OF SERVICE

Geoff Kirkland remembers when he could trim the monkeypods lining what was then known as the Maui Research & Technology Park with a pair of pruners, standing on the ground with his own two feet.

"There's 115 of them," Geoff explained on a recent morning at Līpoa, under the canopy of branches that now soar 35 feet above his head. "I pretty much know them all."

After 32 years caring for the monkeypods, along with every other tree, hedge, lawn, and flower, Geoff is retiring as the park's decadeslong steward. He remembers when he first started how there were dreams of it becoming a thriving live-work community. Back then, there was only one building.

But over the decades, came new offices, the brewery, a school, and then another. And now, while Geoff mows and prunes, parents arrive to work in doctor's offices and accounting firms; their children walk the sidewalks to school. He knows all of the nearby homeowners who exercise on Līpoa's trail system — and each one of their dogs.

After Geoff retires in December, his stepson is taking over the family landscaping business. He's going to miss caring for his "pride and joy," the laua'e fern, but is ready to close the chapter of "32 years of perpetual summer."

"In those 32 years, I've had one full-day rain out," Geoff laughs. "Only one!"

***Līpoa extends a heartfelt mahalo to Geoff Kirkland and wishes him nothing but aloha on his next journey!***



## INNOVATORS CORNER

### LAHAINALUNA GRAD SURVEYING SPACE – WITHOUT LEAVING HOME



When Dominic Manzano graduated from Lahainaluna High School in 2020 during the height of the pandemic, he never imagined that just four years later, he'd be working in Maui's space industry for a company deploying autonomous telescopes across the farthest reaches of the globe.

Thanks to an internship program while attending University of Hawai'i Maui College to study electronic and computer engineering technology, the Lahaina-grown student landed at Cloudstone Innovations, an aerospace engineering technology company nestled in LīPOA's Maui Research & Technology Center.

Now 23, Dominic is on staff as the firm's electronics engineer, designing custom circuits and GPS sensors that power a cutting-edge, 25-pound portable device that can be mounted onto rooftops anywhere in the world to observe space. But for Dominic, the best part of the job is that he is able to stay close to family: "I didn't want to leave; I just wanted to stay on island," Dominic explained. Another perk to working for a company dedicated to fostering the next generation of Maui's high-tech workforce: Cloudstone is funding Dominic's studies so he can receive a bachelor's degree in engineering online — so he will never have to leave Maui.

# LĪPOA SPOTLIGHT: 'ĀINA ARCHAEOLOGY SEARCHES FOR FOOTPRINTS OF HAWAI'I'S KUPUNA



Although Tanya Lee-Greig grew up on O'ahu, she spent every summer with her grandmother in Makena, passing the hours away within the walls of the Keawala'i Congregational Church. That's where the words on Bible pages came to life: Tanya imagined life in ancient civilizations and what it was like to walk the streets of faraway places captured in the glossy photos of National Geographic magazines that she found in her grade school library.

By the time she was ready for college, choosing an area of focus was simple. Tanya earned a degree in history from Western State College, then went on to graduate with a masters in Anthropology from Colorado State University. Like so many other children born and raised in Hawai'i, she worried about whether she could afford to return home — until she was offered a position to help lead the historic preservation team for the Kaho'olawe Ordnance Clearance Project.

Even though the mauka swath of the island was decimated by bombing, Tanya had the rare chance to document and preserve windows into Hawai'i's past, like the island's prolific adze quarry and centuries old villages along the coastlines, untouched after decades of forced abandonment. While working on Kaho'olawe, Tanya always remembered just how much of a privilege it was to walk "the footprint of our kupuna who lived there."

Almost two decades since then, Tanya now spends her time on the other side of the Alalākeiki Channel, tucked away in a quiet office with-in LĪPOA, where she grew her own archaeological firm, 'Āina Archaeology. What started with Tanya and a partner sharing LĪPOA's coworking space has over the years transformed into one of Hawai'i's leading cultural resource management firms, with a team of eight staff and a handful of temporary hires to assist with cultural preservation in the Lahaina fire's aftermath. Although Tanya would rather be out in the field, uncovering remnants of rock walls and hale (houses), she spends most of her time in the LĪPOA office, using the center's high-speed internet to power sophisticated mapping software that bring once-hidden remains of the past to life on a computer screen.



## PAU HANA AT LĪPOA

Neighbors from every corner of LĪPOA sampled sliders and sipped local brews at October's PAU HANA AT LĪPOA, thanks to host Maui Brewing Company. Founder Garrett Marrero welcomed all and shared the story of how Maui's favorite brewery grew to five locations across Hawaii. Watch for invitations to the next Pau Hana in the new year to open 2025, and in the meantime, we hope to catch you after work sipping Garrett's latest seasonal beers over the holidays.



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