

KUMU KALEO TRINIDAD

EHCC CHIEF CULTURAL OFFICER

ABOUT

Kumu Hula (Master Hula Instructor) and Native Hawaiian Kaleo Trinidad of hālau (school, academy) Ka Leo O Laka I Ka Hikina O Ka Lā of Honolulu, Hawai`i and Ka Leo O Laka I Ka Hikina O Ka Lā Iapana of Nagoya, Japan of Nagoya, Japan is an educator and the Hawaiian Ensemble Director at the Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Performing Arts Department in Honolulu. Taught by Randie Kamuela Fong, Wayne Keahi Chang, and `ūniki (graduated) by Holo`ua Stender, Kumu Kaleo's hālau has participated in the Annual Merrie Monarch Festival Hula Competition in Hilo, Hawai`i since 2004. Through the years, his hālau has placed in the kāne (men), wāhine (women) and Miss Aloha Hula divisions. In 2014, at the 51st Merrie Monarch Festival, Kumu Hula Kaleo's hālau took the prestigious "Overall Winner" award. And in 2018 and 2019, his hālau was awarded first place in the Kane Kahiko, Kane Auana, and Kane Overall divisions.