



# MOANI FARIAS

EHCC ALAKA`I

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## ABOUT

Moani is deeply rooted in her Native Hawaiian culture and is committed to living a life grounded in aloha, service, and community. As a leader at the E Ala E Hawaiian Cultural Center (EHCC), she is passionate about sharing and preserving Hawaiian traditions, language, and values for future generations.

Her cultural journey began at the age of 4 with Hālau O 'Aulani's Kumu Hula Keith Kalanikau Awai and Kumu Hula James "Kimo" Luluiwalani Awai III. She continues to deepen her understanding of Hawaiian culture under the guidance of Kumu Hula Kaleo Trinidad, while also participating in cultural workshops and educational seminars. Through this lifelong journey, Moani has developed a strong passion for Native Hawaiian education and community service, striving to honor her ancestors and uphold her kuleana (responsibility) as a kanaka maoli.

Moani is also a graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, where she studied Management and served as an active member of APAC (Asian Pacific American Council). During her time at the Academy, she led hula and lei-making workshops and organized cultural events, including Makahiki celebrations, for fellow cadets. Through her involvement, EHCC proudly supported several APAC cultural events she helped coordinate, creating opportunities to share Hawaiian culture, traditions, and community with cadets and attendees.

Her dedication to service and leadership earned her the President's Volunteer Service Award in both 2019 and 2020. In her free time, Moani enjoys painting, drawing, baking, and traveling.