



MOANI FARIAS

EHCC ALAKA`I

ABOUT

Helena Moanikealaoka'awapuhi Farias is an EHCC leader who is humbled to share Hawaiian culture with the community through EHCC.

Moani started her cultural and hula journey at the age of 4 with Hālau O 'Aulani's Kumu Hula Keith Kalanikau Awai and Kumu Hula James "Kimo" Luluiwalani Awai III. Moani returns to Hawai'i to spend valuable time with 'ohana (family). The energy of the 'āina (land) and kai (ocean) provides Moani with strength and balance to continue her cultural journey. While not in Hawai'i, Moani participates in cultural workshops, seminars and is honored to continue her studies with Kumu Hula Kaleo Trinidad.

Moani is currently a senior at Archbishop Spalding High School, where she is a member of NHS, NAHS, and is co-president of the diversity club. She plans on going to college for either nursing or biology. Because of her considerable contributions to service, Moani earned the President's Volunteer Service Award in 2019 and 2020. Outside of school, Moani plays competitive soccer and futsal. In her free time, she enjoys painting, drawing, and listening to music.

What makes you come alive?

The satisfaction of putting a smile on someone's face and having a passion for doing things that I love makes me come alive.

What are your innate strengths?

Empathy, determination, hardworking, being there for others

Where do you add the most significant value?

I'm there for people when they need help, very trustworthy and creative.

How will you measure your life?

I measure my life based on achievements, the good I do in the world and share my wisdom as a mentor to others. (I've had a lot of mentors in my life, and I would like to help someone the same way others have helped me)