



LEIHUA STEWART

EHCC VICE CHAIRMAN

ABOUT

Melonie Leihua (Villanueva) Stewart, a Kū'au Maui native, is the Chief Executive Officer serving the E Ala E Hawaiian Cultural Center's (EHCC) Board of Directors to preserve and perpetuate Native Hawaiian culture. Leihua is deeply passionate about the work that EHCC does by educating, engaging, and connecting with the community.

Leihua is pursuing a doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) in Hawaiian and Indigenous Language and Culture Revitalization from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo's Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language. Leihua holds a master's degree in Education|Curriculum Studies: STEM with social science and sense of place from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from North Park University, Chicago, Illinois, and enjoys providing educational opportunities to showcase the vibrancy of Native Hawaiian people. Leihua served as the President of the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association – East Coast Region and is a current lifetime member. Leihua enjoys spending time with her 'ohana in Maryland: mother Diane Ululani Garcia, husband of 25 years, Harold Edmonds Stewart, Jr., their (5) children: Jonah Ke Ali'i Kona Stewart, Victoria Naleialoha Stewart, Kalia Ka'iulani Kaiona Stewart, Adara Leialoha Stewart, and Micah Makanaokekaiohawai'i Stewart.

Nā keiki o ka 'aina inspires her; they are our future, and they deserve every opportunity to live a culturally connected and impactful life. I MUA!