



ONALANI FARIAS

EHCC ALAKA`I

ABOUT

William Kamālamalamaonalani Farias V is an EHCC leader who is honored to contribute to the mission. As a member of the EHCC Alaka`i team, Onalani strives to educate people about the Hawaiian culture and become a stronger dancer under Kumu Hula Kaleo Trinidad.

Onalani started his cultural journey seven years ago as a kākō`o (assistant) and was in charge of teaching and training keiki hula classes and assisting with kāne hula classes. These experiences cultivated a drive for Onalani to learn more about his culture and led him to E Ala E Hawaiian Cultural Center. At EHCC, Onalani spends his time educating nā keiki (children) about the Hawaiian culture, whether through demonstrating/teaching hula or showcasing the Hawaiian language through fun, interactive games. In addition to this, he performs at events to showcase and expose people to the Hawaiian culture.

Onalani is a current junior at the University of Baltimore County (UMBC) pursuing a degree in computer science and has earned the President's Volunteer Service Award in 2019 and 2020. Onalani enjoys creating artwork in his free time and playing rhythm games.

What makes you come alive?

Seeing people that I helped make a difference in their life, and the satisfaction of tackling challenging problems.

What are your innate strengths?

I am empathetic, willing to help others, and technologically capable.

Where do you add the most significant value?

Trust in people and being there for people when they need it most.

How will you measure your life?

Based on my achievements and how many people I was able to help during my lifetime.