

Kumu Hoakalei teaches Hawaiians to be proud of who they are. She teaches other nationalities to appreciate the culture she cherishes. Hawai'i has become a mixture of peoples and she teaches students to enjoy one another. She emphasizes the need to set many goals for one's lifetime and then to work hard toward them. Kumu Hoakalei advises youth "to be yourself (what you are) and do what you can."



Lokelani Hew-Len grew up on Kaulula'au Street and began dancing professionally after getting married to a homestead boy. Lokelani first started children's hula classes at her home which got so popular she expanded to the community center. Others in the neighborhood were helpful to her and she wanted to give back to the community by reaching out and encouraging the children. She never charged for the classes so lots of kids attended, even her favorites- the kolohe ones.

Lokelani sees something deep inside of kids that others sometimes miss. She's willing to invest her time, heart, and spirit into gathering up the kids and loving them. Lokelani teaches Hawaiian children to see their self-worth by showing them how important they are



to her. Her song and creed for the Lincoln school children says, "We need someone to guide us, someone to stand beside us." Lokelani stands beside the children and connects with them whether through

May-Day programs, the school board meetings, or by teaching music and hula. She enjoys seeing adults whose lives she touched as children. She reminds us to stay involved so the children can go forward, "E lanakila e na pua, O Hawai'i."