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ALOHA FESTIVALS PRESENTS THE 2014 ROYAL COURT

HONOLULU – Aloha Festivals is proud to announce the members of its 2014 Royal Court. Since 1946, The Royal Court is a symbol of Hawaiian heritage passed down through generations of Hawaiians. Since 1946, the Royal Court has played an essential role in all Aloha Festivals events.

The 2014 Royal Court will kick off the 68th Annual Aloha Festivals with the Royal Court Investiture at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, A Luxury Collection Resort in the Coconut Grove on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend the ceremony as the Royal Court members receive the royal cloak, helmet, head feather lei and other symbols of their station. The Opening Ceremony will take place following the investiture at the Royal Hawaiian Center, Royal Grove. Participating entertainers include Kumu Hula Blaine Kia of Hālau Ka Waikahe Lani Malie and Hālau Kahulaliwai; Ku‘uipo Kumukahi and The Hawaiian Hall of Fame Serenaders; and Kumu Hula Karen Aiu of Hālau Hawai‘i, who will provide the opening day performances.

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Royal Court Members

Mō'i Kāne (King) – Gene Malulani Kaniaupio

Gene is an electrician foreman for Kiewit Infrastructure. A graduate of Nanakuli High School, he is proud to be chosen as the Mō'i Kāne, representing his ancestors and heritage. In his free time, Gene enjoys surfing, volunteering at his church and spending time with his family.

Mō'i Wahine (Queen) – Jan Kuahine Burns

Jan is a business owner who creates and sells jewelry made from wana (sea urchin). She currently serves as the president of the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association O'ahu Regional Board and volunteers for the Waianae Civic Club. She is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and is humbled and honored to be part of the 2014 Aloha Festivals Royal Court as Mō'i Wahine.

Kamāli'i Kāne (Prince) – Joshua Awana Pacheco

Joshua is a senior at Kamehameha Schools. He is proud to serve on the Royal Court and feels it is an honor to participate in a way that his ancestors once lived, while also educating others about Hawaiian traditions and values. During his free time, Joshua enjoys reading adventure novels, lifting weights and canoe paddling.

Kamāli'i Wahine (Princess) – Kealohilani Lynzee Myers-Rosa

Kealohilani is a senior at Punahou School. She is privileged and honored to be able to represent Hawaiian royalty and feels it is a responsibility to pay homage to the ones who have done so much for the people of Hawaii. Kealohilani serves as a student director for Punahou's annual Holoku Pageant. In her spare time, she enjoys dancing hula for Hula Halau O Kamuela.

****Media: The Royal Court will have protocol training at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on Sunday, Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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About Aloha Festivals

Aloha Festivals was first held in 1946 as Aloha Week. For more than six and a half decades it has celebrated Hawaiian culture, integrating the traditions and cultures of the Islands through music, dance, cuisine and art. All festivities are coordinated by a volunteer board of directors. Aloha Festivals is funded by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, corporate and private sponsorships and sale of Aloha Festivals ribbons and merchandise.

More information about Aloha Festivals and its events can be found at www.alohafestivals.com, Facebook (facebook.com/AlohaFestivals), Twitter ([@AlohaFstvlS](https://twitter.com/@AlohaFstvlS)), Instagram ([@alohafestivals](https://instagram.com/@alohafestivals)), or by calling 808-483-0730. For an inside look at the Aloha Festivals, view the "Traditions of Aloha" video at vimeo.com/AlohaFestivals.

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