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1. Brandon Wong

12/2/2025 11:01:41 AM

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Lagon for a number of years through his work with Purple Mai'a and community farming. He has a great rapport with community and is a great networker. Mr. Lagon is extremely personable and highly innovative. He is future facing and would be a great asset to the board as Kamehameha Schools works to continue to address the educational challenges facing Native Hawaiians here in Hawai'i. I am of the opinion that Mr. Lagon would be a great fit with this current board, helping Kamehameha Schools to holomua and prepare for an ever changing future.

2. Gwen Navarrete Klapperich

[REDACTED]

12/2/2025 1:43:47 PM

I first met Olin during COVID when he was working to make cost-efficient ventilators to help with the shortage hospitals were facing during the pandemic. I have never met someone who was not only community minded but action oriented. Olin produces results through innovative thinking and sustainability practices. I have learned so much from him about what it means to live with Hawaiian values like pono and kuleana. I can't think of a better person to continue Bernice Bishop's legacy than Olin. I strongly recommend his selection for this position.

3. Sean Keahi Spencer

[REDACTED]
12/2/2025 4:59:38 PM

I am pleased to announce my support for Olin as the next trustee of The Kamehameha Schools. I have know Olin for the last 3 years in our capacity as Board members of Olelo Community Media. Currently Olin's leadership on the Board is helping with the strategic vision of Olelo and its implementation of revenue diversification. Olin's commitment to the Lahui is evident in his resume and his daily habits.

Olin would be a great asset to our school.

Aloha,

4. Mele Andaya


12/2/2025 5:08:39 PM

I support Olin's selection because he brings a genuine skillset and a grassroots approach to bringing the Hawaiian community together. He is an intelligent man with great humility. He will work with the others on the committee to bring about the best results for Kamehameha Schools.

5. Aaron James Domingo

[REDACTED]
12/2/2025 8:56:12 PM

Olin is a servant leader who is always learning and always teaching. He is someone I trust whole heartedly to perpetuate the legacy of the princess. He is selfless and has dedicated his life to helping others. I can't think of a better person to fill this position.

6. Scott Nishimoto

[REDACTED]
12/2/2025 9:29:40 PM

I simply cannot imagine someone more equipped for this position than Olin Lagon. He has worked at the intersection of indigenous culture, technology, education, and entrepreneurship for decades and each venture he has launched has directly benefitted our community in profound, generational ways – Kanu, Purple Mai’a, Kahanu, and Shifted Energy, just to name a few. While his impressive resume is likely what got him this far in the selection process, it’s a bunch of qualities that probably don’t show up on his resume that really qualify him for this role. It’s the hours he spends in the lo’i gathering and teaching others, his commitment to serving the houseless community during the most desperate of times, and the moments he spends mentoring our future leaders – these are the qualities that make him the best candidate. He is from the community and after all of his personal career successes, he still remains in the community, boots on the ground, connected to those who are most vulnerable. As a father to two young Native Hawaiians, Olin is the kind of trustee I would like to see leading Kamehameha Schools.

7. Paa Carvalho

12/3/2025 9:39:07 AM

I strongly support the candidacy of Olin Kealoha Lagon for Kamehameha Schools Trustee. Traditionally, this trustee seat has been filled by individuals with deep business and financial acumen. While that expertise remains important, KS today has robust financial and operational capacity already in-house. What the organization needs in this moment is a leader who brings not only business experience but a broader, more visionary skill set – one rooted in ‘Ōiwi values, technological fluency, community grounding, and a regenerative worldview. Olin brings all of this, and more.

KS is navigating a complex environment marked by legal challenges, public scrutiny, and rapidly shifting expectations of what educational and cultural institutions must be. These challenges require a trustee who can guide the organization with integrity, innovation, humility, and a deep understanding of the communities KS serves. Olin’s life journey – from growing up in KPT and attending public school to becoming a successful entrepreneur and raising KS alumni – gives him a lived, grounded perspective on the realities Hawaiian families face, and the wisdom needed to steward KS through turbulent times.

Olin is a proven entrepreneur who has started and scaled companies, worked across multiple industries, and demonstrated responsible stewardship of capital and resources. But he also sees economics differently – not as extraction, but as regeneration, reciprocity, and shared prosperity. This worldview is critically important as KS confronts the intersection of legal pressures, economic obligations, community expectations, and cultural responsibility. He brings a mindset that strengthens KS’s long-term stability while ensuring decisions honor ‘āina, culture, and ke ea o ka lāhui.

He is also a leader of this technological era. Hawai‘i is facing rapid change driven by energy transition, climate impacts, digital innovation, and shifting social dynamics. Olin stands at the center of these convergences. He understands how technology and community values can work together, not against each other. His work has consistently uplifted underserved communities, expanded access to opportunity, and ensured that Native Hawaiians have a place in the future economy.

Despite his accomplishments, Olin remains deeply grounded in ‘āina and ‘ike kupuna. He spends his weekends working in the lo‘i, living the values he advocates for. He embodies the balance KS needs: someone firmly rooted in ancestral wisdom, but fully capable of navigating the complex and fast-changing world ahead.

For all these reasons – his business and financial capability, his entrepreneurial experience, his cultural grounding, his technological expertise, his commitment to underserved communities, his regenerative approach to economics, and his steady, values-driven leadership in times of challenge – I believe Olin Kealoha Lagon is the right trustee for KS at this critical moment. I offer my full and enthusiastic support for his candidacy.

8. Talia Kauionameleonalani Jardin Fermantez

12/3/2025 1:51:08 PM

This comment is in support of Olin Kealoha Lagon's selection.

Now more than ever the need for a united voice from those leading Kamehameha schools is needed. As a Trustee, whose purpose and duty is to set policy and vision for the organization moving forward, it is vital to be in alignment with the organization's mission, vision, and cultural identity. In 2015, Kamehameha Schools began to make the shift from being an organization that served Native Hawaiians, to being a Native Hawaiian organization whose sole purpose is the protection and perpetuation of the last will and testament of Bernice Pauahi Bishop who left her entire estate for the education of Native Hawaiian students. Over the past 10 years, through the efforts of two 5-year strategic plans, the organization thus far has been successful in staying on track to achieve the 25-year Vision statement set forth by the current and previous Board of trustees. This year, the next 5-year plan, SP2030, was released that continues this momentum by taking the organization one step further, and introduces Native Hawaiians concepts such as Ea, importance of 'Āina, and the incorporation of Hawaiian Culture based education into org wide goals. Because of this, it is my strong recommendation and opinion that the next Trustee should come with a foundational understanding of the core Native Hawaiian values, history, and cultural perspective that has led to the current Strategic Plan (SP2030). Through the work and advocacy Kealoha (Olin) Lagon has done, it is my belief that he has the necessary insight and skills needed to best serve Kamehameha Schools as a Trustee during this time.

9. Alicia DeRego

[REDACTED]
12/3/2025 7:24:41 PM

Olin really has a rags to riches story. Im not talking monetary wise but education & life in general. His determination to be better & share his manao with others can truly felt through his stories. I can't say that I myself like to do research or dig deep into my cultural roots but leave it Olin to capture my interest in the history & culture of our people. I love how he can share his experiences, & opinions on subjects & yet not criticize or look down on others if there is a difference in opinions or ways. He may have not grown up rich but he is rich in family, friendship & knowledge.

10. I Robert Nehmad

12/4/2025 4:04:58 PM

I was impressed by Olin Lagon the moment I was introduced to him by Robin Danner over 20 years ago.

In every interaction I had with him since then, I have learned about his multifaceted knowledge, expertise and kindness delivered to all people.

He is the clearest example of what is meant by Aloha. As a malihini I have strived to emulate his actions and behavior.

If I could follow him for a year, I am certain that I could provide at least 365 scenarios of delivered kindness and shared wisdom offered to any and all around him.

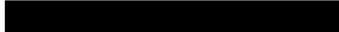
Just a few of his efforts which should be mentioned are:

Accomplishments achieved at a young age despite being raised by a single mother with very limited financial resources, such as:

- After dropping out of High School he lived with an aunt in Mississippi where he studied diesel mechanics. After returning to Hawaii, he graduated from UH with a 4.0 average and started and was head of a Hawaiian Management company. His efforts led to many native individuals achieving gainful employment. Furthermore, his businesses were extremely successful.
- Fellowship from East-West Center
- Joined Peace Corps in 2000
- Returned to Hawaii and launched Hawaiian Homestead Technologies
- Petra Foundation Fellow
- During Covid he gathered volunteers and developed a low-cost respirator which was manufactured and delivered at no cost to health facilities in Hawaii.
- Most recently, he has devoted time to work the land, grow kalo and share the benefits of a Hawaiian diet.

It is my belief that Olin Kealoha Lagon will be an outstanding Trustee and will be guided by Princess Bernice Pauahi's desire to create educational opportunities in perpetuity to improve the capability

11. Clyde Anthony Javellana


12/4/2025 8:28:30 PM

He fits the description of a well-rounded candidate, and will insure the utmost respect for this position. He's smart, knowledgeable, fair and will seek to uphold the integrity of this office. Loving family man who cares for everyone. Mahalo

12. Mike Curtis

[REDACTED]
12/5/2025 8:15:39 AM

To the Kamehameha Schools Trustee Screening Committee and the Honorable Probate Court, My name is Mike Curtis. I write as a finance and governance professional who has built my career advising organizations on fiduciary responsibility, strategic financial stewardship, and long-term sustainability. I respectfully submit this recommendation in strong support of Olin Kealoha Lagon to be selected as the next Trustee for Kamehameha Schools.

Kamehameha Schools needs trustees who combine fiduciary competence with deep cultural commitment and lived understanding of the communities the institution serves. The Court's stated criteria emphasize the capacity to fulfill trust duties, demonstrated leadership in the Native Hawaiian community, and a history of success and integrity in business, finance, or related fields.

Olin Lagon meets – and in many ways exemplifies – those criteria. Across decades he has built and led mission-driven organizations, founded ventures and programs that serve Native Hawaiian and underserved communities, and brought practical, entrepreneurial problem-solving to complex local challenges. Profiles of Mr. Lagon document his work as a serial social entrepreneur, his leadership at Kanu Hawai'i, and his track record of developing community-centered initiatives that blend innovation with cultural stewardship.

From a fiduciary and governance perspective, trusteeship requires strategic thinking, an ability to evaluate risk and opportunity, and an unwavering commitment to Pauahi's will and the wellbeing of Hawaiian beneficiaries. Olin's career demonstrates both strategic judgment (building sustainable programs and ventures) and cultural credibility – the respect and trust of community leaders and organizations – which are essential for successful trustee service.

For these reasons I urge the committee and the Court to select Olin Kealoha Lagon as a Trustee. His combination of community-rooted leadership, entrepreneurial experience, and demonstrated service to Native Hawaiian causes will serve Kamehameha Schools well as it advances education, stewardship, and long-term prosperity for our people.

Sincerely,

Mike Curtis

Hawaii Resident & CFO, Elemental Impact

13. Rita Makana Risser Chai

12/5/2025 9:44:08 AM

I write in strong support of the appointment of Olin Kealoha Lagon to serve as a Trustee of Kamehameha Schools.

I am an attorney licensed to practice in Hawai'i. Although I have been a resident for only twenty-five years, I have been blessed with the opportunity to work in and for the Native Hawaiian community for more than two decades. This has included service in the Human Resources Department at Kamehameha Schools (for seven months) and more than six years as staff to a Trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I am also a member of the Kalihi-Palama Hawaiian Civic Club.

While I do not know Mr. Lagon personally beyond hearing him speak at a conference and exchanging a brief conversation afterward, I have followed his work closely for more than three years through social media and public engagements. What I know—and what continues to impress me—are his remarkable accomplishments in business, his unwavering commitment to serving underserved communities, his weekly dedication to working on the 'āina, his intellectual brilliance, and his gift for explaining complex ideas in plain, accessible language. These qualities alone would distinguish him as an exceptional candidate for Trustee.

At this moment in Hawai'i's history, it is essential that Kamehameha Schools prepare its haumāna with the mindset, skills, and opportunities they need to thrive in the future. That future cannot rely primarily on tourism and real estate. Technology—whether on its own or integrated with agriculture, manufacturing, and other key sectors—will be central to Hawai'i's long-term economic resilience. Mr. Lagon is, in my view, the most knowledgeable and forward-thinking leader in technology in our islands. He is a visionary, yet he communicates in ways that invite understanding, collaboration, and enthusiasm. He has the clarity of purpose and the innovative insight needed to help guide Kamehameha Schools into the future.

Having observed a board of trustees in action for more than six years, I also understand that an individual's temperament and ability to work well with others can be as important as their technical expertise. Mr. Lagon exemplifies the generosity of spirit that is true aloha. He consistently sees the good in others while still being able to offer thoughtful questions and gentle suggestions for improvement. I have never seen or heard him speak negatively about any person or institution. A small but telling example: when he announced on Facebook that he had been nominated for this position, he included a link to the Kanaeokana compilation of biographies for all three nominees, encouraging his followers to learn about every candidate so they could make an informed choice. That humility and fairness speak volumes about his character.

For these reasons, I respectfully and wholeheartedly support the appointment of Olin Kealoha Lagon as Trustee of Kamehameha Schools. He brings not only expertise, but integrity, aloha, and a forward-looking vision that our keiki deserve.

Mahalo

14. Noel Kaohinani Yojo Daniels

[REDACTED]
12/7/2025 10:21:25 AM

Our 'ohana hopes Olin K. Lagon is selected as the next Trustee for Kamehameha Schools. We met Olin and 'ohana Lagon when our keiki were in the same preschool class 15 years ago. 'Ohana Lagon is a kind, loving, and humble family. Olin's humble nature and his passion and aloha for Hawai'i and future generations was as clear then as it is now. Olin's knowledge of biotech and computer science based technology was evident then, when he and his partners were building Kanu, and now. I remember Olin would speak with me at school 'ohana events about Kanu - he explained Kanu to me in a way that I could understand, and motivated me to be a part of, in my own home. He explained how even the smallest incorporations in our home could create tremendous positive impact for Hawai'i's ecosystems. His ideas and work towards independent resource management and sustainability regarding Hawai'i's food, economy, and energy production not only made sense and felt actionable for us to contribute to as an 'ohana, but I see these ideas in action in our community, now.

Olin is a leader who offers radically innovative ideas grounded in ancestral knowledge with demonstrated positive impact for Hawai'i's ecosystems. He delivers ideas in a way that is both comprehensive and actionable - that's just how his mind works. Ideas that integrate ancestral knowledge offering present day solutions that have proven results and are relational, inclusive, and adaptable rather than transactional, exclusive, and fixed. Additionally, Olin is truly rooted in aina. 'Ohana Lagon invites other 'ohana (like ours) with limited aina access to "unplug and plug-in" to aina for restorative work for both aina and kanaka. I believe working in aina grounds Olin's innovation in authenticity.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, I am confident Olin would contribute as a collaborator who listens, shares ideas, makes compromises, and is willing to hana ka lima ilalo, turn hands to the work. I think he would be a "good fit" for the current board. Olin is a leader who demonstrates the character and capabilities that will enhance continuing Pauahi's mission, vision, and hope for her people while simultaneously stewarding her endowment and legacy for future generations.

Mahalo ā nui for your consideration.

15. Jeannine Johnson

[REDACTED]
12/8/2025 6:27:35 AM

Mr. Lagon has some truly wonderful ideas and should have been picked during the last selection.

16. James Kelly Murphy

[REDACTED]
12/8/2025 8:03:48 AM

Aloha e nā Kamehameha Schools Trustee Screening Committee December 8, 2025

Over the past 40-years, my wife and I were lucky to have business opportunities allowing us to both visit and to stay in touch with close Island friends, one of whom is Olin Kealoha Lagon.

Julie and I are thrilled that Olin is one of your finalists in the Kamehameha Schools Trustee Screening Committee Trustee search.

As background, way back in 2015, while I was in DC, I spoke to folks from both Hawaiian Electric and the HPUC. I briefed them on renewable energy pilots that I was leading in the US and Canada and how the tech fits the Islands, and I asked them who might be a good contact. Several mentioned Olin at Kanu Hawai'i.

As you may remember from my 2023 email, Olin and I worked shoulder to shoulder on just such an Island project for HECO, and, due to the fact that I am located in Boulder, Colorado, the great burden of onsite troubleshooting fell to those on the O'ahu - Olin, Forest, and Alden - which typically happened on Friday nights and weekends. Not surprisingly, each of them lived up to and well beyond their commitments to me, our project, and those living in the rental units - which tells you a lot about character.

Olin exemplifies the desirable and optimal characteristics of an ideal trustee, yet let me suggest an additional, unique skill that directly and critically impacts your students, ML & AI.

It might surprise you, but even at my advanced age of 72, I am immersing myself in AI. Yes, I've always been a "lifetime learner", but AI's trajectory offers both young and old great opportunities.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, I suggest you give a thorough review to this Anthropic post:
<https://www.anthropic.com/news/claude-for-nonprofits>

Yes, a "raw" creation, yet, in the right hands and with thoughtful guidance, who knows - the Khan Academy and the Rumie Initiative started with foresight similar to what Olin will bring.

Mahalo for this opportunity to add my voice,

James (Kelly) Murphy

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

17. Nicole Suzuki

12/8/2025 7:34:27 PM

I support Olin Lagon as a finalist for the position of Kamehameha Schools Trustee. It is evident in his resume and work that he is an accomplished businessman and also has a heart for the lāhui and for the education of children. As an educator, I have taught in schools that partner with Purple Mai'a and their programs are top notch, Their impact on Native Hawaiian students and on the community at large are invaluable. The programs are loved by students and teachers alike. I have also had the opportunity to learn about Kanu Hawai'i programs, and found them to be enriching and supportive to all those involved. Lagon's professional endeavors demonstrate care for community, education, and making a positive difference. This perspective and heart will help support the mission of the Kamehameha Board of Trustees, the Kamehameha Schools, and the greater community.

18. Piilani Kaeo


12/10/2025 3:09:59 PM

I support Olin Lagon because he is the pono, future-focused leader our Lāhui deserves. His integrity, cultural grounding, and proven innovation make him the right trustee to steward KSBE's resources, uplift Hawaiian learners, and protect our 'āina for today and for seven generations to come. Olin brings vision, transparency, and true community commitment—exactly the leadership our people need now.

19. Nani Peterson

[REDACTED]
12/10/2025 3:38:52 PM

Olin Logan is who Kamehameha Schools must accept on board, as he holds the most kuleana and has a history of pono. I believe he can help bring Kamehameha Schools to where it needs to be.

20. Debra Javar


12/10/2025 4:25:57 PM

PLEASE select Mr. Olin Lagan as the finalist for the KS Trustee. He is a true Kanaka who sincerely cares about our Hawaiian people, culture and beliefs such as Aloha 'Āina. Mahalo for your sincere attention to this very important matter.

21. Michelle Felipe


12/10/2025 4:34:13 PM

We need a leader who is willing to serve the community and have HAWAIIAN INTERESTS as their first priority and not their own power and wallets like how the crooks Dole, Alexander & Baldwin, Thurston and more did when they overthrew Queen Liliuokalani and thrusted hundreds of thousands of Hawaiians into the background and did NOT listen to their voices. A the KS trustee must be able to listen to the Hawaiian people's needs and wants. So that is definitely NOT Keith Vieira or Eric Yeaman.

Olin Lagon has demonstrated his commitment to serve the Hawaiian community who are the BENEFACTORS of Pauahi's trust. Do not forget that.

22. Kaimihokulani Kaleleiki
[REDACTED]
12/10/2025 4:44:14 PM

The trustees of Pauahi's trust should be looking out in the interest of Hawaiians. That means Hawaiians being educated, staying in Hawaii, having good quality of life and contributing to the quality of life of others. The way this was run has been rushed and offered the public with little information. The illegal occupiers should have no say in This process and It should be entirely decided by Hawaiians with the proper information and more time allotted.

23. Malia Lum-Kawaihoa Marquez


12/10/2025 5:40:37 PM

We need KS to be as grounded as possible. By someone who is for OUR people. NOT Eric Yeaman who heads Alexander & Baldwin (as well as part of a global conglomerate "BlackStone/BlackRock". He would be a VERY poisonous choice for OUR lands. Also, Keith Vieira is heavy tourism. Yes we can have reposnsible tourism but we dont need irresponsible tourism! The ONLY pono choice would be OLIN LAGON. Please please please do the right thing for our home and our people. Please choose OLIN LAGON. Mahalo for your time on this crucial matter.

24. Bryson Poloa lewis



12/10/2025 5:47:52 PM

Olin k. Lagoon is trusted

25. Keke Manera

12/10/2025 5:52:15 PM

Aloha kākou!

We need a KS representative who is deeply rooted in our community's values. It is crucial that the selected individual prioritizes the well-being of our people and these islands, especially when it comes to Kamehameha Schools.

Eric Yeaman, who is the head of Alexander & Baldwin and a figure in the global conglomerate BlackStone/BlackRock, is not a detrimental choice for our islands.

Similarly, Keith Vieira's association with heavy tourism initiatives may not align with our interests as well. We advocate for responsible tourism practices, but not at the expense of our environment and community. He's out!

Olin K. Lagon emerges as the most suitable and pono choice. We urge you to make a decision that benefits our home and people. We implore you to choose Olin K. Lagon.

Mahalo for considering this critical matter.

K. Manera

26. Tatiana Young


12/10/2025 6:09:03 PM

Olin is brilliant and has a beautiful ano

27. Tanya K. D. Alana

12/10/2025 6:35:23 PM

Olin Lagon is the ONLY one of the 3 that is a true Kanaka 'Ōiwi. He is part of the Kanaka 'Ōiwi community and has done, and continues to, help the community. The other 2 do nothing for the Kanaka 'Ōiwi community. Yeaman is a corporate businessman who sets up businesses to fail, Hawaiian Telcom was one and Alexander and Baldwin is the most recent. Vieira is in the hospitality and tourism industry, need I say more? The ONLY CHOICE IS OLIN LAGON.

28. Hōkūao Pellegrino


12/10/2025 6:39:12 PM

While I don't know Olin personally, I have seen the good work he has done as one of the founders of Purple Mai'a, a successful and well respectful NH organization.

29. Teani Marquez

[REDACTED]
12/10/2025 6:48:20 PM

The other two candidates are NOT good for our home. Please make the right decision for Hawai'i and our precious 'āina. Theres only one choice...OLIN LAGON. Mahalo!

30. Kenna Reed


12/10/2025 6:49:34 PM

we need someone who actually has hawai'i's best interest in mind. we see through the other finalists and they have no place here.

31. Panaewa Tam Loo


12/10/2025 7:53:52 PM

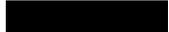
Olin Lagon is the best candidate. Eric Yeaman and Keith Vierra will not have KSBE's best interest

32. Nalei Pokipala


12/10/2025 8:11:18 PM

I hope Olin Lagon is appointed to Trustee. After attending Kamehameha's Ulu Koa's 12/10 Maui meeting at UH-MC, his background and work aligns with what the school's representatives presented with malama 'āina and giving the students a better foundation to connecting to home. The school would be better suited with Mr Lagon than others that are affiliated with Blackstone or the visitor industry. Mr Lagon provides a better option and hope for the trust.

33. Makoa James Freitas


12/10/2025 8:34:07 PM

Not only does Lagon meet the criteria for a trustee of an endowment for Hawaiian education, the other two candidates lack in experience in the trusteeship of any Hawaiian trust or organization.

34. Vance Leong



12/10/2025 8:43:40 PM

We want someone to represent us and not for themselves

35. Samantha Feyen


12/10/2025 8:48:31 PM

We will not let such power go to those who are incapable and are not aloha 'aina. Please wake up, our KS keiki need to be in better hands! Pauahi would have wanted better than these candidate.

36. Lynn Sonoda


12/10/2025 9:25:03 PM

He is the best choice for our Hawai'i keeping the kanaka Maoli in mind.

37. Nani Rio


12/10/2025 9:29:18 PM

He's the best choice for our Hawai'i

38. Ashley Colozzi

[REDACTED]
12/10/2025 9:31:45 PM

Because he is the BEST choice for our Hawai'i

39. Joy Rafael


12/10/2025 9:36:26 PM

He will represent Hawaii in honor of its people!

40. MaryJean Bresnan

[REDACTED]
12/10/2025 9:40:03 PM

I do not support black stone

41. Kanani Dias


12/10/2025 9:48:57 PM

He has Hawai'i's best interest at heart.

42. Mariko Moore


12/10/2025 9:51:44 PM

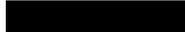
Olin K. Lagon is clearly the most qualified candidate for this position and holds the most experience helping native Hawaiians, education, and oiwi youth.

43. Annie Inouye

[REDACTED]
12/10/2025 10:04:16 PM

Resourceful, insightful & grounded.

44. Malia Mahi


12/10/2025 10:04:30 PM

Olin is the only PONO candidate!

45. Shawn Lyman


12/10/2025 10:12:01 PM

Olin is a very well educated individual who always has community in mind. I believe he is the most well informed and Pono candidate for KS trustee. He has lived a life of service and come up through poverty as a child. I strongly believe he has the lahui and haumana of KS in his best interests and will always choose to do what is best and right for the trust and its beneficiaries. Please note that I am an avid proponent of Olin's nomination. Mahalo nui loa.

46. Nicole Nagamine

[REDACTED]
12/10/2025 10:15:19 PM

He is the best candidate for our Hawai'i.

47. Alfred Keaka Hiona Medeiros

[REDACTED]
12/10/2025 10:22:23 PM

There should've been more people that's for the land and people of Hawai'i and not those that's about selling the land of the people of Hawai'i and that only care about money not our culture or history. Eric Yeaman shouldn't be in this at all, as he works for Alexander & Baldwin, the biggest thieves of all Hawaii's land and also helped shutdown Hawaiian Telcom. Keith Vieria is another that puts money before the people and who's entire life has been around catering to the tourism industry, not Hawaiians. Olin Lagon is the only choice and best choice between the 3...a Kānaka Maoli and Hawaiian born and raised in Hawai'i and that's about the land and the people, ensuring that our future generations have a place to call home.

48. Chivastine Zorichak


12/10/2025 10:26:02 PM

He is the best choice for our home and our people

49. Chi Huynh

[REDACTED]
12/10/2025 10:57:21 PM

Olin suppers the community from ground up and I fully support him

50. Noel Shaw

[REDACTED]
12/10/2025 10:59:21 PM

Appreciate Olin's connections to Hawai'i specifically Hawai'i 'āina. This will be so essential to the future of our home to have Kamehameha schools deepen their commitment to stewarding resources in a pono way and preparing their Haumana to auamo Kuleana.

51. Kumella Aiu


12/10/2025 11:03:18 PM

Olin demonstrates his commitment to social and 'Āina based impact as well as financial. These qualities are more important than ever.

52. Chase Keliipaakaua


12/11/2025 12:13:47 AM

Olin supports and uplifts the people of Hawaii on a daily basis. He is the only option to ensure the will of our Princess is upheld.

53. Kawika Ray-Lee Uwekoolani

[REDACTED]
12/11/2025 1:30:42 AM

Olin is trustworthy and for the people!

54. Jessica Kakelaka


12/11/2025 3:23:02 AM

Olin is a prevalent activist in malama aina and community building. A candidate who cares about growing a thriving future for Hawai'i's keiki and kingdom.

55. Matt Johnston


12/11/2025 5:29:48 AM

Mr. Lagon is the only candidate with objectivity and pure intentions. The others are clearly compromised by financial and business interests and should not even be considered due to conflicts of interest.

56. Rodger Reilly


12/11/2025 6:05:24 AM

Olin is the right fit at this time

57. Jolie Wanger

[REDACTED]
12/11/2025 6:26:58 AM

Eric Yeaman does not have the best interest of Hawaii or Kanaka in mind. Please do not choose him as the next Trustee.

58. Tiana Kawaihoa-Marquez

[REDACTED]
12/11/2025 7:32:40 AM

I support Olin K. Lagon as he represents our community's needs and voice.

My 'ohana support his words and actions. In the community at large, he would be an asset with proper representation of Hawai'i's future health and a stewardship to the land and community decisions.

59. Melissa Jean Tomlinson

[REDACTED]

12/11/2025 8:09:14 AM

Giving support to Olin Lagon. He is the best finalist for the position!

60. Cassidy Hollenbeck

[REDACTED]
12/11/2025 8:19:46 AM

Olin Lagon for the win!

61. Laurie Ann Casaquit-Gomrs

[REDACTED]
12/11/2025 9:08:58 AM

Hawaiian blood

62. April Leventhal

[REDACTED]
12/11/2025 10:14:51 AM

Olin Lagon is the only candidate without glaring conflicts of interest. To select anyone else gives organizations like former A&B now Blackstone the power and access to alter something as sacred and itegral to Hawaii as the future and the path of Kamehameha schools. This would be the ultimate corruption of the intentions of Ke Ali'i Pauahi.

63. Kawaiohawaiki Anakalea-Kila

12/11/2025 12:22:07 PM

Olin Kealoha Lagon is a serial social entrepreneur and Native Hawaiian leader who's been selected as one of three finalists for the Kamehameha Schools trustee seat. He's the co-founder of Shifted Energy, Purple Mai'a Foundation, and Asio Corp, and has a strong background in business, technology, and community development.

Some of his notable achievements include:

- ***Innovative Technology***: Co-launched ChipIn, the world's first online crowdfunding service, which funded over \$100 million in projects globally.

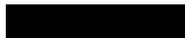
- ***Education and Empowerment***: Founded Purple Mai'a Foundation to teach coding and computer science to Native Hawaiian students and underrepresented youth.

- ***Sustainability and Community***: Worked on various initiatives focused on environmental sustainability, economic revitalization, and community development in Hawaii.

Lagon's commitment to community service is evident in his work with organizations like Kakoo Oihi and Ceeds of Peace. He's also served as Chairman of the Office of Economic Revitalization Commissioner at the City and County of Honolulu.

The Probate Court will review the finalists and appoint a new trustee to succeed Robert K.W.H. Nobriga, with a five-year term and potential reappointment for an additional five years.

64. Holly K. Cano


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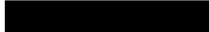
Olin K. Lagon is the only trusted finalist that is for the Hawaiians.

65. Francis Cano


12/11/2025 12:26:35 PM

Olin Lagon is the only smart choice for Us Hawaiians .

66. Trinh Lancaster


12/11/2025 12:40:43 PM

He's the best choice for Hawai'i and for our 'āina.

67. Keahi Noa


12/11/2025 1:15:38 PM

Olin Lagon is the best choice for future trustee of Kamehameha schools! This man has lived his life upholding the values Kamehameha schools is required to promote to the people of Hawai'i. Olin has spent numerous hours in the lo'i alongside child volunteers, stewarding education at the beginning of our Hawaiian culture. He grew up poor, taught himself and learned many skills such as other Hawaiians here do to survive from the nitty gritty down to repairing his own roof. Growing up behind, he still chose to serve in the Peace Corps. to serve the greater community. What Kamehameha schools needs is someone who cares, who upholds Hawaiian values and prioritizes education. Olin has recently just completed co-writing a book that lists ALL inventions that began or has its roots in Hawai'i, to show the true ingenuity of our people. That is a source of pride. I want to be proud of Kamehameha schools, and I want to place my trust quite literally, in its trust. Any other option than Olin Lagon is a disservice to the people of Hawai'i and the very people Kamehameha schools is supposed to uplift. Please make the right decision.

68. Andrea Jonna Charuk



12/11/2025 1:41:48 PM

Olins career track record demonstrates a commitment to engaging with emerging technologies and pursuing economic competitiveness for Hawaii while staying true to and rooted in 'āina.

69. Michele Hanapi-Auna

[REDACTED]

12/11/2025 2:54:07 PM

Olin Lagon is Pono for Hawaii

70. David Shizuma

12/11/2025 3:20:11 PM

The trust for a prominent Native Hawaiian alii should be managed by a Native Hawaiian. Being that the will of Pauahi was to focus on education for the people of Hawaii, Olin Lagon is the best candidate for the next trustee position. His proven history and experience working with nonprofits, as well as being focused on 'āina, energy, and equity is exactly the type of leader needed to guide Kamehameha Schools in a positive direction, which will benefit the entire state of Hawaii.

He has experience being part of the solution for many of the key issues that Native Hawaiians face (energy, education, housing, oiwī youth, self-determination, and more), and with his leadership can use his experience to help guide the trusts' activities to better Hawaii and Native Hawaiians. His experience and knowledge base far exceeds a long-time hotel and tourism executive, or a major real estate board chairman. Olin's actually been part of the solution for Native Hawaiian issues today, while the others seem to be separate from the issues today, as both the real estate and tourism industries are very well established and fundamentally at-odds against the Native Hawaiian community. Olin will have the capability to connect with, understand and build relationships with the beneficiaries of Pauahi's trust, which the other two candidates will not be able to do to the same extent.

Out of the three finalists for this position, it is a clear choice that Olin Lagon is by far the best candidate for trustee of Kamehameha Schools.

71. Juanita Mahienaena Brown Kawamoto


12/11/2025 4:22:02 PM

I believe Olin represents the hard work and perseverance needed to help KS stay rooted to Pauahi's mission in keeping our Hawaiian values, higher education for all Hawaiian children as well as future Hawaiian Leaders, practitioners and NH cultural innovators. I believe he will stand strong and steadfast for KS during these challenging times and focus on how to identify to the world the importance of NH cultural independence for our future generations.

72. Madison Masek


12/11/2025 4:33:03 PM

Olin is a great choice for Trustee! He is well respected throughout the community and puts people first. He works with a wide variety of community members, giving him access to differing view points and solutions.

73. Sarah Holt



12/11/2025 5:09:26 PM

No to Yeaman

74. Pua'ena Ahn


12/11/2025 5:12:28 PM

Olin Lagon is the only acceptable choice for trustee. Olin's background and experience are far more appropriate for the role of KS trustee, especially considering the great strides that have been taken by the institution since the late 1990s. Olin would be an excellent addition to the board and would ensure that the current trajectory and future direction of the schools would be both in line with Pauahi's legacy and the growth that has taken place to date. Mahalo

75. Faith Blalock

[REDACTED]
12/11/2025 5:17:11 PM

Based off of his industry and career experience, Olin brings much more desired and needed development for the schools and the people they serve. We have had many people in the world of investment and tourism corporate worlds step into executive roles and they are not able to deliver on the scale compared to those based in 'Āina and community. Olin has made a more of a meaningful impact on 'Āina and community through Purple Mai'a than the other two candidates will ever have through their work and trustee work. Furthermore, the experience and mindfulness Olin carries in tech brings development and growth in areas other Hawaiian serving individuals and organizations are not adept to, allowing for a unique and needed application of his skills and knowledge to uplift KS and their beneficiaries. Brining in people more directly tied and engaged with community and 'Āina organizations is needed to achieve abundance and help our communities thrive.

76. Malia Chun

[REDACTED]
12/11/2025 6:33:48 PM

Based on each bio, the ONLY candidate who is fit to assume the kuleana of a KS Trustee is Olin Lagon. Olin is the only candidate that has extensive prior experience and investment in lahui, kaiaulu and aloha aina initiatives. This important kahua is lacking in both Vieira and Yeaman's bio and swings strongly towards corporate and foreign motives and interests that do not reflect the best interests of Pauahi's beneficiaries.

77. Kuihealani Batalona


12/11/2025 7:41:22 PM

In favor of Olin very respectful

78. Albert Hee

[REDACTED]
12/12/2025 11:57:56 AM

I support Olin Lagon for trustee. I personally know each of the candidates and each are highly qualified to lead Kamehameha Schools as a trustee. My support of Olin comes because he is the least controversial of the three and has the least ties to other industries/businesses in Hawaii. This is extremely important because KS is now one of the largest, if not the largest entity in Hawaii and there are many other interests that want to benefit financially from KS. Every Board of Trustee decision will have an effect on Pauahi's legacy-the betterment of Hawaiians. The Board must be free to make those decisions without influence from past or present affiliations. Olin's whole professional life has been about helping Hawaiians.

79. Bianca Isaki


12/12/2025 11:58:53 AM

I write in strong support of Olin Lagon's candidacy. Lagon has innovated multiple businesses around public needs of Hawai'i. For instance, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Lagon led a team called Kahanu, which developed much-needed ventilators for Hawai'i hospitals. His leadership and dedication to Hawaiian values of caring for Hawai'i's people will be an asset to Kamehameha Schools.

80. Ronnie Eloise Nalani Pahukoa Inagaki

[REDACTED]
12/12/2025 2:21:31 PM

Subject: Public Comment on Trustee Finalists for Kamehameha Schools

Aloha kākou,

As a member of the community and a KS makua, deeply invested in the perpetuation of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop's vision and legacy, I submit the following comments regarding the three finalists for the open trustee position: Olin K. Lagon, Keith Vieira, and Eric K. Yeaman. Each of the candidates brings valuable expertise and experience to the table. However, I strongly believe that Olin K. Lagon is the optimal choice to fill this critical role. His lifelong dedication to advancing Native Hawaiian education, cultural preservation, and community well-being perfectly aligns with the mission of Kamehameha Schools. Through his work co-founding Purple Mai'a, stewarding lo'i kalo, and leading initiatives that address systemic challenges in underserved communities, Lagon has consistently demonstrated the values of mālama, laulima, and pono that Princess Pauahi envisioned for her people.

Lagon's innovative approach to integrating Hawaiian knowledge with modern technology and his proven success in leading impactful initiatives make him uniquely qualified to guide Kamehameha Schools into the future. His extensive experience in finance, engineering, and nonprofit leadership complements his unwavering commitment to the lāhui, ensuring that the trust's resources will be utilized effectively and in alignment with Pauahi's will.

While Keith Vieira and Eric Yeaman possess impressive credentials in business and governance, their backgrounds do not exhibit the same depth of cultural connection or focus on Hawaiian education and community engagement. Lagon's holistic approach to leadership, rooted in 'ike kūpuna and a passion for uplifting Native Hawaiians, makes him the ideal candidate to carry forward Pauahi's enduring legacy.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide input on this important decision.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Ronnie ENP Inagaki
[REDACTED]

81. Earl and Aloha Dayton

12/12/2025 2:39:45 PM

Olin Kealoha Lagon is the essential choice for Kamehameha Schools Trustee, uniquely combining profound technical expertise with the lived experience of marginalized beneficiaries, ensuring Princess Pauahi Bishop's legacy achieves 21st-century equity and impact. His application demonstrates unparalleled alignment between skill and na'au pono (a deep sense of justice) forged through personal hardship.

Lagon's personal journey—growing up in poverty and instability, including Kūhiō Park Terrace public housing, and experiencing severe trauma—provides a perspective critically absent in high-level corporate environments. He understands precisely why the Trust's "net" missed him during his struggle. When he finally received KS aid in college, he used it to pay his mother's rent, underscoring the foundational needs of low-income Hawaiians. This informs his mission to lift kānaka from marginalized communities into tech leadership, making him the only trustee with the foundational experience to fiercely defend and expand the Trust's impact.

Lagon meets and exceeds the Probate Court's requirements. A Native Hawaiian serial social entrepreneur, technologist, and inventor with over a dozen patents, he invented the Internet's first crowdfunding platform, ChipIn, which scaled to \$100 million in transactions before acquisition, demonstrating sophisticated financial and business capacity. He also navigated complex policy, serving on the governing body that charted the U.S.'s first statewide 100% clean-energy mandate. Lagon's commitment to mālama and operational discipline is evidenced by his volunteer work as an architect on the Honolulu Rent Relief program, which distributed over \$200 million quickly and with zero fraud.

Lagon's professional life aligns technology and wealth generation with aloha 'āina and advances the Trust's Strategic Plan (SP2030). He structures his companies as social ventures rooted in laulima and lokomaika'i. His company, Shifted Energy, addresses energy injustice in underserved communities. As co-founder of the Purple Mai'a Foundation, he explicitly focuses on empowering Native Hawaiian youth in culturally grounded, community-serving technology. He connects innovation to ea Hawai'i, economic sovereignty, and self-determination, physically practicing traditional farming to link his technical work to 'āina-based lifestyles.

Lagon's trajectory from public housing to inventor, philanthropist, and high-level strategist proves his capacity to fulfill fiduciary duties while maintaining an unwavering commitment to Pauahi's people. His background offers the essential compass to guide the Trust's vast resources toward maximum equitable impact.

As members of the Kamehameha Schools class of '82, we strongly support Olin Lagon's appointment to secure the Bishop Estate's future.

82. Shannon Reyes

[REDACTED]
12/12/2025 8:37:08 PM

Olin is grounded in 'ike Hawaii and I trust that he keeps whats best for Kamehameha and k naka in mind in all his decision making.

83. Gavon Wong

[REDACTED]
12/13/2025 1:39:53 AM

Olin Lagon and I have been friends and professional collaborators for about 3 years now. We belong to a hui of Native Hawaiian that are in the field of technology. And since we both lived in Kalihi for part of our lives we connected right away. Olin is one of the rare breed of individuals who has both people skills and technical skills, important attributes for a leader nowadays with so much technology integrated and influencing our lives. Olin genuinely cares about our Native Hawaiians and the proof can be seen in all of the work he had done voluntarily and professionally. He is indeed a serial entrepreneur. With AI and technology influencing our lives, Kamehameha Schools and our Native Hawaiian people need someone like Olin leading the way and help your people to thrive and move ahead. Holo I Mua. I vote for Olin Lagon as Bishop Estate Trustee

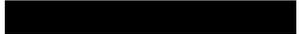
84. Jennifer Pauahi Smith

[REDACTED]

12/13/2025 1:44:15 AM

Excellent choice for this position

85. Charles E. Arnold, class of 1961


12/13/2025 8:14:13 AM

With his computer background, which is enormous, Kamehameha could expand it's enrollment exponentially with "on-line learning".

Students could report to campus once or twice a week or when they need extra help. This would reach many more HAWAIIAN(S) than you do at the present time. What joy it would be to have most HAWAIIAN(S) educated by Pauahi's will.

86. Keri Shepherd


12/13/2025 6:13:27 PM

Olin is the best choice

87. Malia Marquez

12/13/2025 8:17:52 PM

Your Honor,

I'm writing this because what's at stake here isn't theoretical – it's happening right now, in real time, to real people.

Too many families in Hawai'i can no longer afford to live in the place they were born. Too many are moving away with no realistic path home. This isn't abstract policy failure – it's daily reality. And it's the result of decades of decisions that put money, growth, and outside interests ahead of 'āina and people.

Kamehameha Schools was never meant to be part of that problem. Pauahi created this trust to protect future generations, not to price them out.

That's why this trustee selection matters so much.

I've heard the arguments about experience, about money, about "what it takes to run big institutions." We've heard those arguments before – and Hawai'i has paid the price for them.

Profit-first thinking, even when well-intentioned, has consistently failed our people.

Olin Kealoha Lagon is different – not in words, but in work.

He has spent years doing what so many talk about but never actually do: educating our youth in ways that honor culture, land, and identity while still preparing them for the modern world.

Purple Mai'a didn't appear overnight. It wasn't built for optics or headlines. It was built patiently, with humility, and with real accountability to community.

That matters.

This isn't about rejecting business or progress. It's about rejecting the false idea that Hawai'i's future requires sacrificing 'āina or community to survive economically. We've been told that story since 1893, and it has never ended well for Hawaiians.

Olin understands that land is not inventory, education is not a commodity, and leadership is not about extraction. He understands that trusteeship is about restraint as much as ambition – about knowing when not to monetize, not to sell, not to chase returns that come at a human cost.

That kind of judgment cannot be taught quickly. It's lived.

This decision will signal whether Kamehameha Schools remains a protector of future generations, or slowly becomes another institution that speaks the language of values while operating on the logic that displaced our people in the first place.

For those of us raising children here, working here, and trying to hold onto home, this is not a symbolic choice. It's a practical one.

Olin Lagon is the trustee who understands that not everything that is profitable is acceptable – and not everything that matters can be measured in dollars.

That is the kind of steward Pauahi entrusted this Court to appoint.

Mahalo for your time on this critical matter.

Malia Marquez

88. Jaime Tolentino

[REDACTED]
12/13/2025 10:51:37 PM

NO TO YEAMAN AND VIEIRA. NO TO EXEC FROM A&B.

89. Alison Lagon

12/14/2025 12:10:29 AM

I have known Olin for 35 years now, and been married to him for 27. It'd be no surprise if my comments were considered biased. However, I'd argue that mine would be the least, as I've been living life intimately with him for the greater part of both our lives. I'd venture to say that my mana'o is highly trustworthy, as I've walked through years of real, lived experiences with him, affording me a privileged and very real view of him. Is he perfect? Absolutely not. He's human.

Is he the man to fill your vacancy? Absolutely.

I know that he has illustrated for you, his heart, regarding issues impacting the well-being of the Hawaiian people, and his willingness and sincerity to uphold the mission of Kamehameha Schools as stated in Ke Ali'i Pauahi's will. I have no doubt that you will receive countless comments about how wicked smart he is across a wide range of fields and topics, as well as countless comments about his extensive business and finance experience. I know you will receive countless comments showing respect for him from the community that in turn, validate his respect for the community. I am confident that you will receive countless comments regarding his admirable reputation of integrity, good character, and genuine likability. So, what can I add to this?

I'm sure you already know he is a grateful recipient of financial aid and professional opportunity, as well as the father of two graduates, of Kamehameha Schools. While we truly appreciate the blessing that this opportunity provided for our sons, it was not without some heart wrenching challenges. Challenges that most definitely pulled on some of his own heart's wounds. The experience of our sons, along with his own childhood experiences have definitely been a part of the forging of his commitment to the lāhui, and with such "skin in the game" he would definitely serve as trustee of Kamehameha Schools with an invested heart.

An invested heart, combined with business and finance expertise, is a powerful thing. But perhaps, the spark that makes me believe he is your candidate is his deep sense of curiosity and optimism. For as long as I've known him he's embodied these two qualities. While many people who talk about him will gush about how smart he is, I think curiosity and optimism are his essence. The combination of his heart and expertise, infused with his curiosity and optimism, would bring great value to the team of trustees. I think in today's world these qualities are critical to finding viable solutions to challenges that seem both daunting and impossible. Furthermore, in spite of the incredible praise he constantly seems to receive, he has remained humble and very much rooted in the everyday man. It's where he thrives. He is grassroots at heart. Everyday people- isn't that who the Princess's wish was to serve? Her people. Everyday people.

Olin is everyday people, but he is not your everyday candidate. Risk? Sure. He's not the status quo as far as candidates are concerned. But the world's rapidly changing. Perhaps it's time to take a chance on someone who may not be the "guaranteed norm", but who nonetheless, comes with great intelligence, experience, heart, and the expansive essence of curiosity and optimism?

90. Jussi Sipola

12/14/2025 4:11:42 PM

Honorable Trustee Screening Committee Members,
This message is in support of Olin Lagon for the Trusteeship of Kamehameha Schools

I've known Olin for the past 28 years. I first got to know him when I joined a Hawai'i start-up WorldPoint Interactive in 1997. We then worked together during the intense period of the dot-net boom for several years - brainstorming on ideas together, bringing those ideas into products, and always remembering to have a positive energetic atmosphere through it all. For me and for many others, Olin was our pathway to understanding Hawaiian culture and values - while working the long hours in the intensity of a technology startup.

From the beginning of my time at WorldPoint, it was clear that Olin was the innovative force behind WorldPoint's many product inventions for the software localization industry. Olin would develop ideas and concepts into working prototypes so rapidly that I was often amazed that such clarity of vision was possible.

While the various solutions matured into products at WorldPoint, I got to witness Olin presenting them to various audiences. Whether it was international conferences on language translation and software localization, two-day sales and partnership trips to Silicon Valley, or presenting our offerings to potential investors, Olin communicated the value of our vision and our products - always in the language of the audience.

During those years working together - and the years of friendship ever since - I have been impressed by Olin's energetic and compassionate perseverance in the way he has taken on - and delivered solutions for - meaningful causes for the benefit of both native Hawaiians and the world at large. It is through our friendship that I have gained a deeper understanding of the plight of the many native Hawaiians - and that there are practical and doable solutions to lift the lives of all Hawaiians.

As I continue my career as a part-time diplomat as the Honorary Consul of Finland for Hawai'i, I am reflecting on how Olin in his private and professional life serves as an example of diplomacy on behalf of Hawaiians and the Hawaiian culture. Diplomat's job is to advocate for one's people while concentrating on being effectively understood by the culture around one. It is through this diplomatic heart and mind - as well as his many other brilliant capabilities - that I believe Olin is an excellent choice to help Kamehameha Schools to fulfill its mission with its constituency, while at the same time making the world around Kamehameha Schools understand why this mission is so important.

Sincerely,

Jussi Sipola

Enterprise Architect, State of Hawai'i | Honorary Consul of Finland - Hawai'i

91. Pomai Malama


12/14/2025 10:57:26 PM

Only one to see fit as it seems, Olin - a leader who fosters resilience and applies modern solutions with Native Hawaiian values.

92. Debbie Tamura


12/16/2025 2:25:32 PM

Voting for Olin

93. Kalani Perry


12/16/2025 4:34:23 PM

I've had the pleasure of talking to Olin a few times. Scary, otherworldly intelligent. So much 'ike in so many areas. And friendly and erudite. I wont disparage the other candidates because i dont know them at all. I read Olin's thoughts pretty often and i can't think of another that will honor Ali'i Pauahi like he can

94. Forest Frizzell

12/17/2025 10:29:42 AM

I have been friends and partners with Olin for over 20 years. We met when my hanai mom introduced us as two guys who loved tech, but more importantly, loved our communities and wanted to be purposeful in giving back. While we both came from challenging beginnings, we understood kuleana and how blessed we were to live in such a special place.

Olin's accolades speak for themselves. The innovations, the patents, the platforms, his impact across all islands and the world. You would be hard-pressed to find another resume of accomplishments. He has studied here in Hawaii and around the world. He holds multiple degrees. His technical and business acumen has been refined over and over again as he invents and builds, a practice he has honed since his earliest days in KPT.

When we started Shifted Energy together, I was a first-time CEO. Starting a software company anywhere is hard; in Hawaii, it's compounded doing so in Hawaii by perceived bias, access to capital, and talent. Olin brought a level of experience and expertise that allowed us to navigate these tough roads. But he did so in the most human and compassionate way possible. When you are trying to do hard things, conflict is inevitable. Olin's approach to working with our team was to bring decades of experience in ho'oponopono and conflict resolution. This meant speaking truth, but doing so in a way that allows for aloha to flourish, voices to be heard, people to be seen, and resolutions met.

As we look into the future and the mounting challenges we are facing as a state, we need kanaka in leadership positions that have brilliant minds, but also one foot in lo'i. One of our largest looming threats is AI. Olin has been working to tackle this head on, spending hours of his time meeting with community groups and working to build a format for business, academia, and the general public to understand what is coming. We need leaders willing to get their fingers dirty, sit in space with community members and community groups. When we look to solving challenges we need leaders who have a genealogy of public service and are rooted in Hawaiian value systems. Olin does this seamlessly, with one literal foot in lo'i on most weekends. I can think of no better candidate for trustee than Olin.

Mahalo,
Forest Frizzell

95. Gabriel Yanagihara

[REDACTED]
12/17/2025 1:41:38 PM

I am writing to offer my strongest support for Olin Kealoha Lagon as a Trustee for Kamehameha Schools. Having worked adjacent to Olin and witnessed the tangible impact of his leadership at Purple Mai'a, I believe he possesses the rare combination of visionary thinking and practical grit required to guide the trust through the complexities of our changing world.

We are entering an era where Hawai'i must not only adapt but thrive in the middle of the storm as we handle a multitude of competing economic, technological and cultural storms. To do this, we need leadership that can bridge the gap between our cultural roots and a globally competitive future. Olin does not just talk about this bridge; he has spent his career building it. Through his work with Purple Mai'a and Shifted Energy, I have seen him design systems that create genuine impact, taking abstract concepts of innovation and equity and turning them into reality for our communities.

What truly sets Olin apart is his character. In a landscape often filled with influencers who appear only for the photo opportunities, Olin is the one who shows up week after week. I have personally watched him work a grueling Kalo processing line for seven hours straight, doing the hard, unglamorous work alongside everyone else. He is a leader who lives within the systems he designs. He understands the friction and the reality of the work because he does not place himself above it.

Olin's approach combines extreme flexibility and adaptability with an unwavering commitment to his vision. He understands that to put Hawai'i on the map, we cannot be rigid; we must be innovative and resilient. Yet, he never compromises on the core values of aloha 'āina and community empowerment.

Kamehameha Schools needs a trustee who understands the view from the ground as well as the view from the boardroom. Olin Kealoha Lagon is that leader. He has the technical expertise to modernize our approach and the servant's heart to ensure we never lose our way.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

96. Makena Podlewski

[REDACTED]
12/17/2025 2:10:25 PM

Olin Kealoha Lagon is a finalist for a Kamehameha Schools (KS) trustee position, considered a strong candidate due to his alignment with the trust's mission and strict selection criteria. His qualifications include expertise in technological innovation and AI, business and finance (co-founder of Shifted Energy and Chipin), education advocacy (co-founder of Purple Mai'a), and sustainability and stewardship (Hawai'i Land Trust board member). He also aligns with KS values through his personal background growing up in public housing, his history of servant leadership (veteran of the U.S. Navy and the Peace Corps), and his empathetic focus on helping lower-income individuals.

97. Rani Naidu


12/17/2025 9:36:05 PM

I highly recommend Olin Lagon for this role based on the meaningful work he has led with the Purple Maia Foundation and his unwavering commitment to advancing wāhine in technology. Olin is an exceptional teacher and communicator—I continually learn from his daily LinkedIn posts and have been inspired by his powerful speaking engagements. Beyond his expertise, Olin is a true people-first leader. He doesn't just talk about impact—he lives it every day through relentless service to the community, generous knowledge-sharing, and genuine engagement. His ability to lead with authenticity, purpose, and care makes him an invaluable asset to any organization and community he serves.

98. Sonia Romero

[REDACTED]
12/18/2025 7:56:28 AM

Olin is a thoughtful, dedicated, servant leader who has spent decades giving back to Hawaii, and uplifting Native Hawaiian stories, knowledge, and history. I couldn't think of someone more well-suited for this role.

99. Colby Yoshimura


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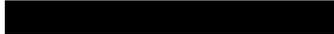
I strongly endorse Olin K. Lagon as a Trustee. Olin brings a thoughtful balance of cultural grounding, strategic leadership, and practical implementation, always guided by a deep respect for the lāhui and future generations. Whether it's volunteering at a lo'i kalo or leading a business as an executive, he has and continues to embody Pauahi's legacy in many capacities. I have no doubt that he will serve with care and diligence. I wholeheartedly recommend Olin.

100. Olga Nikolaeva

[REDACTED]
12/19/2025 2:08:08 AM

Would be impossible for me to share all of the reasons I believe Olin is the best fit for this role as my life (agreed, sounds dramatic) wouldn't be the same. I was 15 when I met him and his wife in Cheboksary at a weekly English speaking class. I was one of the youngest and my dream was to study in America one day. This was 25 years ago. Not only I've gotten my degrees, established my career in NYC, became American citizen, I've also always knew who made it possible. Grateful for those 2 years full of hope during unstable times in broken Russia, grateful to have amazing people in my life.

101. Alfred Willing


12/19/2025 10:49:37 AM

After listening to the open forum hosted with moderator Neil Hannah's I especially liked comments from Olin Lagon. He is a forward thinker with very pono ideas to lead Kamehameha Schools to the future. Technology intertwined with our Hawaiian culture for our students will lead our haumana in this world we live in.

102. Shaun Robinson

[REDACTED]
12/19/2025 12:54:29 PM

After listening to all the testimony, Olin is the only candidate of the three that is fit for this role. The other two in my opinion don't have the same vision and forward thinking with Hawaiians in mind as Olin. Please do not consider Keith Viera or Eric Yeaman for the trustee position. Please choose Olin Lagon as the next trustee.

103. Chi Huynh

[REDACTED]
12/19/2025 1:01:33 PM

I've seen the impact Olin made first hand at Purple Maia. So many young locals and Kanaka came together to build things that help the island by using their design and tech skills. Olin makes impact from ground up. Truly a grassroots movements.

104. Anita Mae Kuulei Naone

[REDACTED]
12/19/2025 1:32:53 PM

It is an honor to wholeheartedly support Olim Lagon for the position of Kamehameha Schools Trustee. I deeply respect his remarkable accomplishments and unwavering dedication to uplifting our Lahui. Olim's diverse experience in media and audio communications is evident in the creation of patented new technology and his philanthropic work aimed at improving the standard of living for our community. For example, he initiated Purple Mai'a, a well-respected IT Company in Hawai'i, which has provided vital resources and opportunities for many. Furthermore, Olim is steadfast in his commitment to mālama the land—caring for our resources to ensure food security and nurturing the land that sustains us all. His journey from humble beginnings to becoming someone who now gives back generously to those in need is truly inspiring. Olim's impact extends to the field of innovation, having developed large-scale software programs used by prominent organizations such as Nike, Disney, the Olympics, MIT, and FedEx. In addition, his leadership in the energy sector stands out. By employing machine-learning technology to enhance energy efficiency in household appliances, Olim has helped reduce overall strain on the power grid, directly benefiting our community's sustainability. Notably, his commitment to continuous learning includes independently mastering the process of filing provisional patent applications through the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and then teaching these valuable skills to colleagues, thereby multiplying his positive influence. Most importantly, Olim's skills demonstrate dedication to stewardship, education, and innovation which can only strengthened our community. His ability to embrace fiduciary trust responsibilities, champion Native Hawaiian language, and support the educational needs of faculty and students demonstrates the depth and relevance of his leadership. I am genuinely excited to see how Olim's vision and leadership will further shape Kamehameha Schools and inspire the next generation of leaders for Hawai'i and its people if selected. I wholeheartedly endorse his candidacy and look forward to the positive impact he will continue to make. Mahalo for this opportunity to comment on Olim. E malama pono Anita Naone, Immediate Past President, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu - Founded on December 6, 1918 by our Beloved Prince Jonah Kalaniana'ole.

105. Cheryl Ho

[REDACTED]
12/19/2025 2:56:23 PM

Based on his past performance & track record. As well as his answers during the trustee forum. I believe Olin Lagon is the best candidate to move the will of our beloved Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop forward.

106. Rev. Noelani Jai


12/19/2025 3:14:48 PM

Having reviewed the background materials and watched the candidate forum, I found Mr. Lagon's candidacy to be one that would uplift Native Hawaiians and beneficiaries of Princess Pauahi in this season of Kamehameha Schools. His founding and leadership at Purple Mai'a, compelling personal story and humility were refreshing among the current candidates. His articulated vision in being able to contribute 'ike surrounding AI to help our students and the lahui move forward is much-needed. I believe he is the only candidate of the 3 who would be inspiring as a leader to help us holomua and i mua. Please consider him strongly as someone we can deeply respect as a trustee. Mahalo nui.

107. Pi'ilani Schneider

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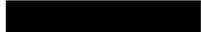
Olin's life long commitments for Aloha Aina and Ea were well articulated. Every single life long action spoke loud for his intentions and commitment to the lāhui. Impressive.

108. Amy Hennessey

[REDACTED]
12/19/2025 4:10:03 PM

I am writing in strong support of Olin K. Lagon for the role of trustee. I have had the pleasure of knowing Olin for the past 25+ years through serving on boards and working together in the community. He is a passionate advocate for Hawai'i and the Hawaiian people. He is also a brilliant entrepreneur who brings creative solutions to complex problems. I believe his entrepreneurial mindset and diverse experience will be invaluable for the challenges ahead. While I respect the other candidates and their abilities, I think Olin is the right choice for what Kamehameha Schools needs now. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to share my support. I wish you the very best as you determine the right path forward.

109. Lisa Lehuanani Chang


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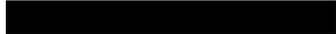
He was the best. He's intelligent, self- made yet able to envision a future that is based on his skillset and passion and plan to uplift our Lahui. He was the one most connected to leadership and aina and Lahui.

110. Michelle Ma


12/19/2025 9:33:52 PM

Hawaii needs this

111. Michelle Winner


12/20/2025 1:34:05 PM

Olin Lagon is a truthful, brilliant Hawaiian and successful businessman who has lived his life for others while building strong Hawaiian cultural ties. He is a Hawaiian who is not afraid "to get into the mud in the lo'i!" I strongly support him.

112. Eric Thomas Barlahan Jr


12/20/2025 5:07:58 PM

It is an honor to watch, an honorable, steward of our community, an innovative individual with intentions to help kokua and make things better and efficient. Someone who has seen the world, and can share their knowledge from experience with us. I humbly would like to recommend Olin Lagon to be highly considered for this honorable role. Mahalo for your time.

113. Anuhea Young

12/20/2025 7:28:02 PM

I am writing to strongly support the nomination of Olin K. Lagon for Bishop Estate Trustee and to express serious concerns about the nominations of Keith Vieira and Eric K. Yeaman.

Support for OLIN K. LAGON

Olin K. Lagon's record demonstrates an unwavering commitment to Native Hawaiian advancement and community empowerment that directly aligns with Kamehameha Schools' Strategic Plan 2030 and Ke Ali'i Pauahi's vision.

Evidence of Community Leadership:

- Co-founder of Purple Mai'a Foundation - Hawaii's largest Hawaiian-values STEM nonprofit, serving thousands of Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and local students (Source: City & County of Honolulu testimony, 2022)

- Co-founder and CTO of Shifted Energy - Clean energy company with 96% of installations in disadvantaged communities, serving primarily Native Hawaiian families living under the ALICE poverty threshold (Source: Ka Wai Ola, November 2025)

- Demonstrated commitment to Native Hawaiian self-determination - Creates high-paying technology jobs rooted in Honolulu and empowers Native Hawaiian youth to pursue careers in innovation rather than low-wage employment (Source: USPTO Journeys of Innovation)

- Cultural practitioner - Actively practices traditional Native Hawaiian farming and taro cultivation, maintaining ancestral connections to 'āina (Source: Shifted Energy profile, USPTO feature)

- Previous public service - Served on City & County of Honolulu's Economic Revitalization Commission with strong community endorsements from Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement CEO J. Kūhiō Lewis and others (Source: RES22-244 Testimony)

Alignment with KS Strategic Plan 2030:

Kamehameha Schools' 2030 vision focuses on cultivating 'ōiwi leaders, nurturing 'āina momona (environmental sustainability), and uplifting the lāhui. Lagon's work directly embodies these principles through technology education, clean energy equity, cultural preservation, and creating economic opportunities for Native Hawaiians.

Concerns about KEITH VIEIRA

Keith Vieira's extensive background is primarily in tourism and hospitality industry promotion, having served as Senior Vice President at Starwood Hotels & Resorts for 33 years and currently running KV & Associates Hospitality Consulting.

Concerns:

- Tourism industry focus - His career centers on promoting Hawaii's visitor industry and hotel operations, which has historically created tensions with Native Hawaiian community priorities (Source: Hawaii Public Radio, July 2025; Honolulu Magazine, 2021)

- Industry advocacy - Served two terms on Hawaii Tourism Authority and advocates for increased tourism marketing spending (Source: UH Manoa news, 2014; Hawaii Tribune-Herald, January 2025)

While Mr. Vieira has made philanthropic contributions through educational scholarships, his professional focus on tourism expansion may not align with Kamehameha Schools' priority of Native Hawaiian self-determination and cultural preservation.

Concerns about ERIC K. YEAMAN

Eric K. Yeaman is currently Chairman of Alexander & Baldwin, a position he has held since 2020.

Significant concerns:

- Alexander & Baldwin's troubled history with Native Hawaiian water rights - A&B diverted millions of gallons daily from East Maui streams for over a century, devastating native ecosystems and harming Native Hawaiian taro farmers. Native Hawaiians fought a 17-year legal battle (2001-2018) to restore stream flows (Source: Maui News, June 2018; Sierra Club Maui)
- Resource diversion from Native Hawaiians - A&B's irrigation practices dried up lo'i kalo (taro patches), forcing Hawaiian farmers from their lands and reducing kalo production from hundreds of acres to just 20 acres in Central Maui (Source: Hawaii Sea Grant "Ola I Ka Wai")
- Recent corporate sale - Under Yeaman's chairmanship, A&B recently entered a \$2.3 billion merger to become a private company owned by mainland investors (Blackstone Real Estate, DivcoWest, MW Group), raising questions about long-term Hawaii community commitment.

114. Robin Mahealani La'a

[REDACTED]

12/20/2025 11:17:58 PM

He lives Kanaka Values. Exactly what our Communities need and the future of our youth!

115. Ellie Tsuchiya



12/21/2025 10:39:55 AM

As a staff member at 'Ōlelo Community Media, I have witnessed Olin's leadership as President of our Board and believe that he will hold this position with utmost respect and care for the people of Hawai'i. He is not only accomplished professionally, but is also active and holds leadership positions in many community organizations showing his personal commitment to our community.

116. Nathan Nahina

12/21/2025 4:29:36 PM

I am in support of Olin Lagon as the next trustee. I am one of the few kanaka Software Developers out there and being that I was able to personally work with him at Purple Maia, bringing tech education and jobs to Native Hawaiian youth and Hawaii in general. The work there helped to elevate the foundation of local talent and for Hawaii to move forward in the tech industry while still using our values and culture to steer the intention. When you have complex problems you need a complex solution and Olin has implemented much more than I have known. A brilliant mind coupled with empathy and intention is what we need and I truly believe Olin Lagon is that. Feel free to look me up as my career path has grown in direct benefit by working with Purple Maia Foundation, and being able to have relationships with people like Olin. I am a recipient of Pauahi scholarships as well which helped me earn my Bachelors of Science in Computer Science so I know what kind of support actually makes a difference in our lives and our communities and I am truly grateful for what programs are put in place for the betterment and education of our people. Please do the right thing and listen to these true testimonies. This is just my mana'o that I feel like I needed to share on my own, no ask, no campaign. Mahalo nui. Nathan Nahina

117. Lucia Laidlaw


12/22/2025 9:11:47 AM

I believe like Olin Lagon, the Trustees need to expand its services to the Hawaiian community. Of the three candidates, he has a vision that deals with promoting people, engaging their intellect and life long support for the land that the Trust draws its resources from.

I would like to see the vision of Pauahi Bishop expanded to include special needs children in all schools, working with charter schools as well as Public Schools to support Hawaiian language and culture. I would like to see Kamehameha Schools promote interaction with more community groups working to restore the land in conservation, to honour the ocean sciences that serves the community and to continue to support the knowledge in the skies above up, so much to learn from Mauna Kea, a land that is sacred and should still be available to all.

Of the three men hoping to be a Trustee, Olin Lagon offers a human-kind vision, I like that.

118. Bobby Camara

12/22/2025 12:35:35 PM

Mr Lagon has demonstrated entrepreneurial skills, and has been successful. We desperately need young blood with innovative ideas. Anyone can quote plans, and provide numbers, but Lagon certainly appears to have his priorities in order. Everyone must be afforded an opportunity to excel, no matter household finances.

From The Will:

"Thirteenth. I give, devise and bequeath all of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate real and personal, wherever situated unto the trustees below named, their heirs and assigns forever, to hold upon the following trusts, namely: to erect and maintain in the Hawaiian Islands two schools, each for boarding and day scholars, one for boys and one for girls, to be known as, and called the Kamehameha Schools.

"I direct my trustees to expend such amount as they may deem best, not to exceed however one-half of the fund which may come into their hands, in the purchase of suitable premises, the erection of school buildings, and in furnishing the same with the necessary and appropriate fixtures furniture and apparatus.

"I direct my trustees to invest the remainder of my estate in such manner as they may think best, and to expend the annual income in the maintenance of said schools; meaning thereby the salaries of teachers, the repairing buildings and other incidental expenses; and to devote a portion of each years income to the support and education of orphans, and others in indigent circumstances, giving the preference to Hawaiians of pure or part aboriginal blood; the proportion in which said annual income is to be divided among the various objects above mentioned to be determined solely by my said trustees they to have full discretion.

"I desire my trustees to provide first and chiefly a good education in the common English branches, and also instruction in morals and in such useful knowledge as may tend to make good and industrious men and women; and I desire instruction in the higher branches to be subsidiary to the foregoing objects."

Read with care. "...the support and education of orphans, and others in indigent circumstances," to me, means, as it seemingly does to Mr Lagon, orphans and the indigent. Very likely those with poor opportunity, and NOT legacy children of successful graduates. Seeking out the homeless, to give them the chance to be "good and industrious men and women".

I must note that Kamehameha Schools seems to have become an elite school, with resources to fly all sorts of its students and teachers to far-flung places to greet canoes. Seems that hosts should be greeters. No need to marshall and spend absurd amounts of money to "Ack"... Mr Lagon seems to understand this.

Why aren't students encouraged in crafts, in hands-on professions like forestry, farming, building? Kea'au campus had hundreds of acres, many in lawn. Where are the groves of 'ulu, and kalo and 'uala? Where? Get nuff ta-ran-ta-ran. Time to get back to basics before all that 'ike held by kūpuna is lost. Forever. Please. For the Land! And for the Keiki. Mahalo.

119. Georgette Nohea Stevens

[REDACTED]
12/22/2025 1:51:23 PM

Olin brings a wealth of mana'o essential to propelling KS forward. His experiences—from childhood to the present—provide the depth and perspective KS needs to chart an inclusive, forward-looking path.

120. Jonnylyn Willing

[REDACTED]
12/23/2025 7:23:22 AM

I appreciate his concern for Hawaiians who don't make it into one of the Kamehameha schools.

121. Trisha Kajimura

[REDACTED]
12/23/2025 3:48:22 PM

Aloha, thank you for the opportunity to comment in strong support of the nomination of Olin K. Lagon for the position of Kamehameha Schools Trustee. I am honored to know Olin through my work at the non-profit social services organization, Parents And Children Together, also known as PACT, where Olin has served as one of our most trusted and treasured board members and volunteers.

Founded in 1968, PACT is a statewide community-based organization providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 15,000 people across the state annually, we help identify, address, and successfully resolve challenges through our 20 programs. Among our services are early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

The important connection between PACT and Olin is that PACT was founded in Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT), Hawaii's largest public housing development and the place in Kalihi where Olin spent his childhood. In a sense, PACT and Olin share the same roots of community and culture in this important, unique and complicated place. Olin articulates a deep connection to the KPT neighborhood, its strengths, challenges, and how it shaped his values and interests. I have heard Olin speak with great love for the strength of his mother and her hard work to provide for him and his sister throughout their challenges. He also consistently honors the mentors and leaders who contributed to his life, a testament to the value of community-based service.

What has struck me about Olin, in addition to his tremendous body of work and unwavering belief in Hawaiian cultural practices and values, has been his generosity with PACT and commitment to giving back. In addition to his exemplary board service at PACT, Olin has returned again and again to speak with employees, clients, and youth about his journey, why our mission makes a difference and how we can better touch the lives of our community members. Olin is a community leader that we have been able to rely on to bring not only hope but also insight and energy to our organization.

Lastly, what I want to convey is Olin's impeccable integrity. He lives his life in alignment with his values and I find this to be the most compelling reason for confirming Olin's appointment as a Kamehameha Schools Trustee.

122. James Pierce

[REDACTED]
12/23/2025 5:04:14 PM

Letter of Recommendation for Olin Kealoha Lagon
Trustee Position, Kamehameha Schools Board of Trustees
James Pierce

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Trustee Screening Committee
c/o Inkinen Executive Search
1003 Bishop Street, Suite 1477
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Members of the Trustee Screening Committee:

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Olin Kealoha Lagon for the open Trustee position on the Kamehameha Schools Board of Trustees. As a Native Hawaiian serial social entrepreneur, technologist, inventor, and community leader, Olin embodies the deepest values of aloha 'āina, kuleana, pono, and ea that are essential to fulfilling Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop's vision for educating and empowering Native Hawaiian learners and communities. Olin's life and work are profoundly rooted in his own experiences growing up in public housing in Hawai'i, where he overcame significant challenges—including poverty, violence, and low societal expectations for Hawaiian youth—to become a transformative force for equity and innovation. His journey from those humble beginnings to holding more than a dozen patents and co-founding groundbreaking organizations demonstrates an unwavering commitment to lifting kānaka from marginalized communities into positions of leadership and self-determination.

Through Purple Mai'a Foundation, which Olin co-founded in 2013, he has built Hawai'i's largest culturally grounded technology and innovation education nonprofit, serving primarily Native Hawaiian keiki—many of whom are girls and women—with programs that integrate S.T.R.Ē.Ā.M (adding Research, Entrepreneurship, Art, 'Āina, and Math) to foster community-serving problem solvers. Purple Mai'a's initiatives, such as wahine-focused coding classes, workforce certifications, and the Hawai'i FoundHer accelerator for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander women entrepreneurs, directly align with Kamehameha Schools' mission to empower the next generation of 'Ōiwi leaders through education that honors Hawaiian culture and identity. Similarly, as co-founder and Chief Technology Officer of Shifted Energy, Olin is pioneering equitable access to clean energy solutions for renters, low-income households, and underserved communities—framing the renewable energy transition not merely as a technological issue, but as one of justice and community well-being. His work stabilizing grids while reducing energy burdens for families (including many Native Hawaiian households living below the ALICE threshold) reflects a triple-bottom-line approach that prioritizes people, 'āina,

and sustainability. Olin and his team actively practice traditional Native Hawaiian farming, grounding their innovative efforts in mālama 'āina and cultural continuity.

Olin's broader contributions—co-founding early platforms like ChipIn (pioneering crowdfunding) and Kanu Hawai'i (civic engagement for sustainability), as well as speaking on topics like "Hawaiian Innovation & Ea: The Future of a Sovereign Hawaiian Economy"—consistently link technology, entrepreneurship, and innovation to Hawaiian self-determination, economic sovereignty, and structural change for the lāhui.

In an era where Kamehameha Schools advances its Strategic Plan 2030 with a focus on ea and holistic well-being for Native Hawaiians, Olin Lagon brings the visionary leadership, lived experience, and proven impact needed to guide the institution forward. He is a grounded, collaborative, and forward-thinking leader who will ensure that Kamehameha Schools remains a beacon of educational excellence, cultural preservation, and equitable opportunity for generations to come.

I recommend Olin Kealoha Lagon without reservation. Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] if you require any additional information.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Pierce

Senior State Executive, IBM

President and Founder, Fund a Future, Inc.

123. Nāpualokelani Kamakele

[REDACTED]
12/24/2025 2:28:02 AM

Olin is what is needed on the Board of Trustees. He is grounded in 'ike kūpuna and would do well representing the will and testament of Ke Ali'i Pauahi.

124. Lauren Tonokawa

[REDACTED]
12/24/2025 1:41:46 PM

I first met Olin about 10 years ago. He was just starting Shifted Energy (which got acquired this year!) and got accepted to Elemental Impact. I lead the creative and brand team there, so I got to work closely with him as a part of his participation in our program. He never stops thinking about how to make the world, and especially Hawaii, a better place for the people that call it home. His values are rooted in his community and he sees the opportunity for innovation to work hand-in-hand with indigenous knowledge. To him, being a serial entrepreneur is a lifestyle centered around problem solving. I've seen it play out at Shifted Energy, at the loi in Kaneohe, and in the stories he tells me about fixing his home and raising his kids. Who experiments with preserving kalo without refrigeration and builds hardware to treat COVID patients and keynotes a Microsoft conference and invents a way to leverage electric water heaters as energy storage? Olin does.

125. Kahua Maa


12/25/2025 11:07:52 PM

Olin Lagon offers a unique and vital perspective to the Kamehameha Schools Board of Trustees, rooted in a career defined by technology and innovation. Among the finalists, Mr. Lagon stands out for his enduring commitment to Native Hawaiians and those in need, the very populations Ke Ali'i Pauahi intended her legacy to uplift. His proven ability to bridge Western enterprise with Hawaiian values reflects the precise balance required of a Trustee. Therefore, I humbly request that the court select Olin K. Lagon to serve in this essential role.

126. Punohu Keahi


12/25/2025 11:21:05 PM

Olin K. Lagon's experience in technology and innovation would bring a valuable and much-needed perspective to the Kamehameha Schools Board of Trustees. He is the sole finalist with a sustained and demonstrated commitment to Native Hawaiians and economically disadvantaged communities the very beneficiaries ke Ali'i Pauahi intended to serve through her trust. In his entrepreneurial endeavors, Lagon has shown the ability to thoughtfully integrate Western business practices with Hawaiian culture and values. This balance is essential to effective trusteeship at Kamehameha Schools. Accordingly, I respectfully urge the court to appoint Olin K. Lagon as the next Kamehameha Schools Trustee.

127. Kāhealani Keahi


12/25/2025 11:23:11 PM

Olin Lagon's background in technology and innovation would provide a new perspective to the Kamehameha Schools Board of Trustees. Lagon is the only finalist with a longstanding commitment to Native Hawaiians and the impoverished. These are the two groups that ke Ali'i Pauahi sought to serve in the creation of her trust. In his entrepreneurial work, Lagon has also demonstrated his ability to integrate western enterprise and Hawaiian culture and values. This balance is exactly what Kamehameha Schools Trustees must find. I humbly ask the court TO SELECT Olin K Lagon as the next Kamehameha Schools Trustee.

128. Piimoku keahi


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129. McKenna Kala'i Hewitt


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Olin Lagon's background in technology and innovation would provide a fresh perspective to the Kamehameha Schools Board of Trustees. Lagon is the only finalist with a longstanding commitment to Native Hawaiians and the impoverished. These are the two groups that Ke Ali'i Pauahi sought to serve in the creation of her trust. In his entrepreneurial work, Lagon has also demonstrated his ability to integrate western enterprise and Hawaiian culture and values. This balance is exactly what Kamehameha Schools Trustees must find. I humbly ask the court TO SELECT Olin K Lagon as the next Kamehameha Schools Trustee.

130. Lana L. Luke


12/26/2025 9:41:08 AM

Olin K Lavon is committed to Native Hawaiian people and has been for a long time. Kamehameha Schools needs someone with technical skills as well as strong values. Please select Olin K Lavon as the next Kamehameha School Trustee.

131. Donny John Maa


12/26/2025 10:50:46 AM

I like everything that Olin stands for. Especially for the Hawaiian people and culture

132. Clarence Harvey Luke

[REDACTED]
12/26/2025 11:16:24 AM

Please SELECT Mr. Lagon as the next Kamehameha Schools trustee as I believe he would represent the financial and educational needs of the trust well.

133. Maile Tiwanak

[REDACTED]
12/26/2025 12:20:04 PM

I choose Olin K Lagon for Kamehameha Schools Board of Trustees based on credentials, knowledge and expertise that will best suite carrying on the values and goals originally intended for the proliferation of Native Hawaiians.

134. Kevin Yasutake

12/26/2025 1:17:01 PM

I have known Olin since his son joined the Boy Scouts approximately 7 years ago. I believe that Olin would make an excellent trustee for Princess' Pauahi trust. He has humble beginnings and from those humble beginning he has built an incredible belief in his fellow human being. This I believe will guide him if selected as trustee to do what is best for the keiki that are the direct beneficiaries of the trust.

Ever since then, I have been impressed with his knowledge and character. Our initial conversations were on how he builds solar battery packs for the Waianae homeless camp. He would build this battery packs and give them away so that they could power their little refrigerators. Later I learned that he grew up in KPT. His mother raised him and his sisters as a single parent with very help. Though it was not easy and the road wasn't always clear and straight for Olin, he persevered. He joined the Navy, was a Peace Corp volunteer in Russia, got a college degree, and started a number of successful companies. Along the way, through all of his life's adventures, he always gives back. During Covid, he and his partners built mechanical respirators for free. He did this, not because he was asked to, but because there was a need. Another thing that impresses me about Olin is his tenacity when it comes to improving himself through his thirst for knowledge of his Hawaiian culture. A few years ago he and his family started a family loi out in He'eia. Olin learned as much as he could about raising kalo and maintaining a loi. Now he shares that knowledge with anyone by inviting them to the loi to get "dirty". Another that really impresses me about Olin is that a couple of years ago he decided he wanted to speak Hawaiian. Once he decided that he was going to learn Hawaiian, he spent a few minutes every single day, going online and teaching himself Hawaiian. There is not much people that I know that will actually put in the effort and follow all the way through once they set a goal. Another way gives back to the Hawaiian community and those that may not have access to today's technology is Purple Mai'a. He was one of the founders and plays an active role in making sure Purple Mai'a is successful in serving our local community.

One thing not to overlook about Olin is that though he aspires to learn and spread the knowledge of his cultural background he always pushes the boundaries of today's technology. Whether you believe or are afraid of new technologies like alternate energy or AI, Olin will do the research and share that research to all of us to ensure that we best can benefit from emerging technologies.

One of the things that some may say is that Olin lacks the financial background to participate in maintaining and expanding the financial health. Olin has been part of a number of financially successful companies as a founder and owner. In fact, recently he and his partner sold their globally successful company Shifted Energy. Olin also spends the time to research the financial data on huge financial entities such as governments and even Kamehameha schools. He looks at publicly available data, breaks it down and tries to explain that data to everyday people. In conclusion, I wholeheartedly believe that Olin is well qualified in his knowledge, passion, compassion, and vision that will continue to push forward the Princess' intent of her will to benefit the Hawaiian keiki. Thank you.

135. Caleb Takiguchi


12/26/2025 4:29:18 PM

Mr. Lagon has been a great influence on my life, especially as a recent graduate from Kamehameha Schools. His positive nature allows him to communicate easily and really make those he interact with feel better. I also appreciate his generosity and constant support, especially with helping me find and apply for scholarships that I would have otherwise not been able to take advantage of. I truly believe that he will make a great trustee and has the best interests of the school and the Hawaiian people at heart.

136. Leiohu Richmond


12/26/2025 10:46:44 PM

Olin K Lagon

Olin Lagon background in technology and innovation would provide a new perspective to the Kamehameha Schools Board of Trustees. Lagon is the only finalist with a longstanding commitment to Native Hawaiians and the impoverished. These are the two groups that ke Ali'i Pauahi sought to serve in the creation of her trust. In his entrepreneurial work, Lagon has also demonstrated his ability to integrate western enterprise and Hawaiian culture and values. This balance is exactly what Kamehameha Schools Trustees must find. I humbly ask the court TO SELECT Olin K Lagon as the next Kamehameha Schools Trustee.

137. Lily Cabinatan


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He's progressive, in tune with the future, not old school, gots lots of great connections, will make new things happen like a Kamehameha school in Maili, create great relationships, not high maka muck, for the people or children of Hawaiian ancestry.

138. Emily Sharen Leialoha Santos


12/27/2025 8:01:16 AM

Because he cares for the Hawaiian people especially those on the west side

139. Emily Sharen Leialoha Santos


12/27/2025 8:09:56 AM

He cares for the Hawaiian people on the West side

140. Georgia Campbell


12/27/2025 8:10:34 AM

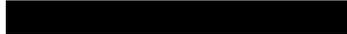
Will help the "West side"!!

141. Dion Dizon


12/27/2025 8:31:41 AM

Mr. Lagon's background provides the perspective needed to support student success after graduation. His strong defense of the Hawaiian-preference admissions policy; push for KS to expand/support special education/learning-differences programming; and emphasis of the strategic importance of technology/AI capability at the trustee level make Mr. Lagon the unique and needed choice for the future.

142. Madonna Dizon


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He is the most people and community centered. He aligns with cultural values the best.

143. Shann Peterson


12/27/2025 5:14:14 PM

He is the most aligned with cultural values. His focus is the people and the community 👍 😊

144. Glenn Teves

[REDACTED]
12/29/2025 6:10:19 AM

He's grounded in the Hawaiian culture, super intelligent, graduated from KS, and practices his culture by growing taro, and is involved in teaching Hawaiian youth. His innovative mindset and worldview is important in moving KS forward.

145. Todd Robertson

[REDACTED]
12/29/2025 9:56:14 AM

I write in strong support of Olin Kealoha Lagon as a candidate for the Kamehameha Schools Board of Trustees. I have known Olin for more than a decade, and he also has longstanding personal ties to my partner dating back to his college years. Over that time, I have consistently seen Olin exemplify integrity and good character, earning deep respect through the way he shows up for people and for Hawai'i.

Olin is a community leader who doesn't simply talk about outcomes, he builds them. I have watched him help launch and lead organizations with profound positive effects in Hawai'i, particularly for the Native Hawaiian community. In every significant decision I've observed, he practices 'imi 'ike: doing deep research, weighing data carefully, and inviting thoughtful dialogue about what our communities will need in the future. That same disciplined judgment, paired with a calm, principled temperament, is exactly what I believe strong trusteeship requires.

He also embodies Hawaiian values in daily practice: pono in his ethics and consistency; laulima in his collaborative approach; lokomaika'i and aloha in how he gives of himself without condition; mālama in the way he cares for people and place; and ha'aha'a in his humility, even while leading.

With his demonstrated business leadership and his clear commitment to uplifting the lāhui, I believe Olin would approach fiduciary responsibility with the seriousness, prudence, and accountability this trust deserves.

146. Albert Fung

[REDACTED]

12/29/2025 12:37:54 PM

Having met with Olin a few times, I am impressed with his level of effectiveness and connections. I think Olin K Lagon would be a great choice.

147. Cristina Moon


12/29/2025 1:22:22 PM

I have followed Olin Lagon's work in the community for years, and have been deeply impressed by not only his success as an innovator and entrepreneur, but also his connection to 'aina, his unflagging commitment to the lāhui, and his humility. I know that the other finalists would bring significant intellect and skills to the role of trustee, but Olin carries a level of trustworthiness and influence in the community that is hard to match. Olin Lagon would be an excellent choice for Trustee of Kamehameha Schools. Mahalo.

148. Jamie Siangco

[REDACTED]
12/29/2025 1:56:38 PM

Lagon is the only candidate who appears to be aware of the kuleana to grow not just the trust but also future leaders of the lahui. He is the only candidate I support.

149. Nonna Leinani Whitford


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Olin is the most qualified perdon for this position.

150. Robert Kingsley Kalani Whitford


12/29/2025 2:14:42 PM

Olin is the most qualified person for this position.

151. Cynthia L Enriquez

[REDACTED]
12/29/2025 2:41:17 PM

I was told he was the only candidate who came to meet and greet people before the interview. I had 2 of my friends who attended.

152. Malia Haumschild

[REDACTED]
12/29/2025 3:26:41 PM

Olin Lagon is a strategic thinker and a respected leader who understands the weight of this kuleana. He approaches decisions with wisdom, balance, and long-term vision. I believe he would serve Bishop Estate with integrity and aloha. Aloha, Malia Haumschild, MBA, Kumu Hula 'Ūniki 'Ailolo

153. Karen Sabog


12/29/2025 11:08:17 PM

I was very fortunate to meet Olin Kealoha Lagon when I worked at the Purple Mai'a Foundation which he co-founded. He is someone I greatly respect for all his contributions and inventions that have positively impacted our 'ohana both locally and globally. Olin's technical genius and prowess will directly provide the needed expertise on making ethical technology decisions. His mindfulness in social responsibility especially when it comes to the people of Hawai'i is unsurpassed and his fiduciary experience will serve the vision of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop for generations to come. From his humble roots growing up as a youth at Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) to his never-ending thirst for knowledge, solutions and being pono, he is the epitome of all the qualities you need in a Kamehameha Schools Trustee.

154. Tiyana Fernandez

[REDACTED]
12/30/2025 10:51:05 AM

Olin K. Lagon has real world experience and would be a tremendous asset to Kamehameha Schools. He isn't flashy, he's real unlike Keith Vieira who I absolutely do not support.

155. Holly Takahashi Miskella

[REDACTED]
12/30/2025 1:11:18 PM

Aloha e Selection Committee,

I am a KS alumna, KS makua, and current KS employee. Our 'ohana, both immediate and extended, care deeply for the institution and are grateful for Ke Ali'i Pauahi. We know the impact she has made to our lives. In addition, I have known Olin Lagon since our children attended Nu'uaniu Elementary starting in 2011 until their graduation from KS in 2025. During that time I have gotten to know Olin, as well as his wife and sons, within varying school, family, and scouting interactions.

Olin is brilliantly intelligent and gifted; that can easily be seen by his achievements and accomplishments. I will not bore the committee with facts they surely are aware of. I submit this comment to share with you the side of Olin that is not seen by the public, and not surprisingly...he is that same guy. He doesn't have two sides; he is real and genuine. In all that he does he brings a perspective, experience, knowledge, intelligence, humor, honesty, and aloha that is uniquely him. Some of what he brings is natural talent; other things he learns and then applies. He's always growing and he's always thinking; never afraid to question or try...and he's not afraid of a challenge either. I would even say challenges excite him as an opportunity to question, learn, grow, and solve.

All candidates are intelligent, accomplished, and certainly qualified. However, of the three, Olin brings a variety of skills and experiences in business, technology, culture, and environment that are needed at this time. Since the departure of Trustee Thompson, I do not believe we have had a trustee with that same representation and experience; more grass-roots and less "middle-income". We have had business people, bankers, tourism advocates, lawyers, educational administrators and the like. I ask you to select Olin; he'll have new ideas, ask questions that others won't even think of, he'll help us keep up with technology, he'll see opportunities and pursue with passion. Our lāhui is made up of kanaka who have varied experiences and opportunities; let our Board reflect our lāhui. He will be someone anyone can approach and he'll approach anyone.

KS is entering a challenging period; Olin can help KS to survive and emerge better. All of Pauahi's keiki will benefit from Olin Lagon as trustee. I know from experience what he is capable of and how much aloha he has for our home and for our people. He is not in it for personal recognition; He see's an opportunity to positively affect the future of Hawai'i. Let him do it!

Mahalo for your consideration. Please contact me with questions.

156. Wendy Hee


12/30/2025 2:22:31 PM

At this important point in the history of KS, a leader needs to be selected who is not only capable in the fields of finance, investment, strategic planning and policy setting, but more importantly that person needs to be a strong advocate for Hawaiian cultural values. Olin Lagon is the best qualified in that respect. Furthermore he appears to have fewer conflicts of interest than the other two candidates who may not prioritize the trust responsibility over other competing pressures.

157. Molly Mamaril


12/30/2025 2:53:41 PM

Aloha, I am writing in support of Olin K. Lagon to be selected as the 2025-2026 Kamehameha Schools Trustee. Mahalo for your consideration. - Molly Mamaril

158. Gloria Cecilia Borland

[REDACTED]
12/30/2025 5:20:53 PM

When I heard Olin Lagon was not selected as a Trustee in 2023, I was disappointed but not surprised because decision-makers are not as familiar with serial social entrepreneurs. They are more comfortable with candidates who have climbed the corporate ladder. The two crises Kamehameha Schools currently faces, externally from the federal courts and internally with AI transforming classrooms, will require a trustee who can see different solutions. You don't need groupthink in a crisis; you need someone with fresh ideas who can predict future trends. It is Olin's powerful mind and creative thinking that are the most valuable assets he will bring to the board of trustees. Minds like his are extremely rare but are most needed to solve society's problems.

How do you describe someone with this type of talent? During a long conversation with an investment banker in Washington DC, he described an individual with patents in several different industries as a "polymath" -- oh, that's like my brother, who has patents in the semiconductor industry and now solar energy. A polymath also describes Olin Lagon, who has inventions in multiple industries. Historical examples are Leonardo da Vinci (painter, engineer, architect, and scientific inventor) and Benjamin Franklin (writer, publisher, diplomat, and inventor of the lightning rod, bifocal glasses, and the Franklin stove). King David Kalakaua was a polymath (diplomat, lawyer, musician, and scientific inventor with two US patents). They were known as Renaissance men. During the Industrial Age, humans were reduced to cogs in a big machine, and specialization became the norm. Choosing one career, in one industry, and spending the next 40 years doing the same thing is a successful life for most people. Seeing problems that need fixing and being the person who comes up with the Big Ideas for solutions is a "road less traveled." We're frequently misunderstood by people who take a conservative, smaller approach to problem-solving. I know, because I'm a polymath too. Success for us is not a promotion in a particular industry. Instead, we dream up new projects that have never been attempted before. We build from scratch and then see it become a reality. Creating something that benefits others is where we find fulfillment. Look what Olin created with the Purple Mai'a Foundation.

I heard about Olin for years and finally got the chance to work with him last September when I produced a "Patent Your Invention" panel discussion during Honolulu Tech Week. In the audience were students from a Hawaiian charter school who were inspired by Olin.

Are Big Thinking visionaries able to work well as board members? Yes. The polymath mindset can synthesize knowledge from diverse fields. They thrive in complexity and use a wide lens to problem-solving rather than a narrow view. Olin will be the Trustee who can connect the dots.

159. Jenn Eng

[REDACTED]
12/31/2025 3:42:03 AM

Olin K. Lagon embodies the values I respect and hope to see perpetuated at the Bishop Estate and Kamehameha Schools. His life and career reflect a deep commitment to innovation, curiosity, compassion, and sustainability—offering a hopeful and necessary vision for how our lāhui can continue to grow and contribute to the world.

He is an exceptional steward and leader who truly walks the walk. Olin puts his mana where his mouth is, living a life of service, excellence, humility, and generosity. His technical expertise, paired with diligence and a commitment to living simply, reflects the integrity and backbone required to honor and uphold Ke Ali'i Bernice Pauahi Bishop's intention and will.

The other candidates represent business as usual—uninspired, status-quo leadership rooted in consumerism and colonial "if you can't beat them, join them" thinking. That vision does not serve the future of our keiki.

Olin K. Lagon is the only choice for Trustee.

160. Gary Hashimoto

12/31/2025 11:44:09 AM

(Please excuse the improper punctuation and such on the Hawaiian words)

There is no better choice than Olin for the next trustee. KSBE needs someone with vision, who embraces future tech and evolution while still remaining grounded to his roots...literally and figuratively. Olin is working taro patches or fishponds on Sunday, and meeting with tech people Monday. Tuesday he might be pounding the poi or helping with a Boy Scouts Eagle project (he's helped with MANY if not all of the troop projects since his son joined the troop years ago) then Wednesday he's building battery pack power supplies and delivering everything to the homeless in Waianae. He's helped collect parts and supplies for a foundation that refurbishes computers that are distributed for free to students regardless of financial need, he's spearheaded an effort to design and build ventilators for the state when COVID was at its peak (his team was ready to go to manufacture as many as needed to help the hospitals).

<https://www.adinstruments.com/blog/kahanu-open-source-ventilator>

I know he's with Purple Maia Foundation, is a veteran of both the U.S. military and the Peace Corps. He comes from humble beginnings, yet is a shining star in our universe: "He is already an effective leader in the Native Hawaiian community and he clearly has tremendous promise to do great things in the future." That's how Olin Kealoha Lagon was first introduced to the Petra Foundation. It was an understatement."

Some have said he lacks CEO-level experience. I beg to differ:

"A high-school dropout who remembers not doing a single piece of homework, Olin Lagon grew up poor in communities plagued by gang violence, domestic abuse and drugs. Now in his early thirties, Lagon is CEO of a community-owned high-tech start-up, Hawaiian Homestead Technologies (HHT), whose mission is to create jobs in those same communities. As one recent hire put it, "A lot of people don't think that Hawaiians can work with computers. I guess we're proving them wrong.""

More: " In his early twenties, as chief architect, Lagon helped to start and head a new Hawaiian information management company. In short order, WorldPoint's award-winning software was adopted by Nike, Kodak, FedEx, Disney and MIT and, within six years, the firm had opened offices in five countries with over a hundred employees. Intrigued by his travels and eager to learn more about other cultures, Lagon left his business career in 2000 and, with his wife, Alison Awa, joined the Peace Corps and taught at a college in rural Russia. Challenged by the need to master a difficult language and to nurture entrepreneurship in an inhospitable climate, he worked with his most motivated students to found Verbioso.com, which now sells online Russian language tools to satisfied customers in dozens of countries.

Lagon came home to Hawaii to launch Hawaiian Homestead Technologies (HHT). Wholly owned by the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, HHT provides computer training and jobs for Native Hawaiians living on or near Hawaiian Homesteads. One of his colleagues at HHT asks, "What could be more important than creating good-paying jobs, training Native Hawaiian people to get and keep these jobs and all that flows from this kind of empowerment to people who otherwise probably would not have had the opportunity?"

The almost instant success of HHT led Lagon to another start-up: the Intertribal Information Technology Company. A strategic alliance among Native Hawaiian, Alaskan Native and American Indian IT companies, IITC has already won over \$65 million in contract work, which translates to nearly 300 new technology jobs in some of the most economically challenged communities in the United States.”

Omidyar Fellow:

<https://omidyarfellows.org/fellows/?fellow=olin-lagon>

Long Story Short, PBS:

<https://youtu.be/COwxrgO10Uw?si=9CGq>

I could go on but I'm running out of room. You get the idea: Olin is the ONLY choice for Kamehameha Schools.

161. Christiane Kaulana Lucas

12/31/2025 12:44:45 PM

Dear Probate Court and Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate Trustee Selection Committee
In 2022 I wrote in support of Olin as KSBE Trustee, and perhaps noted that the committee had a difficult decision (Dr. Goodyear- Ka'ōpua was also a finalist.)

Lagon's firm grounding in Hawaiian Culture, (to which he has added 'ōlelo Hawai'i in recent years) combined with his formidable understanding of technology, particularly AI, is now ESSENTIAL to have at the helm of the single most important Native Hawaiian serving entity. A kanaka 'ōiwi myself, who for the last 9 years has worked at the state legislature, I see the challenges mounting there, and nationally for Native Hawaiians. KSBE needs thoughtful, clear, decisive leadership, undiminished by desire for personal accumulation of wealth and acclaim. If those were his goals, Lagon would not work as hard as he does to lift up and educate Hawaiians with practical knowledge. His efforts with Purple Mai'a are a testament to what can be achieved when creativity and compassion align with mission. His humble character and ability to collaborate will excellerate the Trustees' cohesive functioning at this critical moment.

From our first interaction in 2009 with Kanu Hawai'i, to more recent discussions on creating funding infrastructure for higher education, Lagon has been steadfastly excellent in process and follow through.

Please enable his intellect and ethical approach to inform, collaborate, and serve as a KSBE Trustee.

me ka pono,
Kauai Lucas

162. Adrienne Hee


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Olin Lagon background in technology and innovation would provide a new perspective to the Kamehameha Schools Board of Trustees. Lagon is the only finalist with a longstanding commitment to Native Hawaiians and the impoverished. These are the two groups that ke Ali'i Pauahi sought to serve in the creation of her trust. In his entrepreneurial work, Lagon has also demonstrated his ability to integrate western enterprise and Hawaiian culture and values. This balance is exactly what Kamehameha Schools Trustees must find. As a KS Alum, I humbly ask the court TO SELECT Olin K Lagon as the next Kamehameha Schools Trustee.

163. Cleota G. Brown

12/31/2025 1:57:04 PM

December 30, 2025

To: The First Circuit Probate Court, The Honorable Judge Jeannette Castagnetti,

Re: Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop, Trustee Finalists, Kamehameha Schools

Olin K. Lagon

I've known Olin K. Lagon for 17 years as a friend, community advocate and nonprofit board director at Ceeds of Peace and other nonprofit organizations. To know Olin is to be amazed at his humble brilliance, passion for community, education and Native Hawaiian history. No matter the capacity of our discussion or meeting, I always leave inspired after a conversation with Olin. He's positive, compassionate, and so willing to share his mana'o. He always is the first to volunteer his assistance with ideas and tangible support.

I won't restate his credentials or CV, it's covered in detail, but one only has to look at all that Olin Kealoha Lagon has accomplished in his life from humble beginnings till today and recognize this man is of esteem value to any organization he commits to. The time is right for Kamehameha Schools to have Olin Kealoha Lagon at the table during these challenging times protecting Pauahi's Legacy.

Olin's problem solving and technical skills are of a master class. Olin's perspective on youth and education both cultural and western are steeped in his desire to build a better world for the poorest communities. To create opportunities no matter what gender you identify with. He's a pioneer in Hawaii's technology sector and while he was developing these skills, start-ups, he took every possible step to ensure women were included at the table along with youth from areas of Hawai'i where they didn't have access to private schools and people who invested time and talent to foster youth success.

I encourage you to take a tour of Olin K Lagon's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/olagon>. You'll witness a community leader leading from the aina to the board table, from growing taro to harvesting and processing kalo for poi to be delivered to Waianae schools to discovering his insight into recent lessons on the State of Hawai'i budget transcribed into easy to understand color coded charts.

I can't wait to witness the positive impact Olin K. Lagon will have as a "Pauahi" Trustee. I hope the members of this Court will make the right selection choice and appoint Olin Kealoha Lagon to the Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop's Board of Trust.

Sincerely yours,

Cleota G. Brown

Community Advocate

Parent of a 13 Year Graduate Class of 1986

164. James T. Koshiba

12/31/2025 2:44:23 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Olin Lagon for more than 20 years, and have had the privilege to work closely with him across multiple companies, nonprofit organizations, social enterprises, and community efforts. Notably, we launched the nonprofit organization Kanu Hawaii together, where I served as Executive Director and where Olin led technology and social ventures work.

No doubt, Olin's CV, interviews, and support letters speak to the ways in which he meets and exceeds the criteria for the Trustee role: his integrity and character; his fiduciary capabilities; his reputation in community; his core values; and, his many accomplishments.

Rather than repeat what others have said, I would instead highlight two things that I believe set Olin apart -- things that distinguish him and make him the best candidate for Kamehameha Schools Trustee.

The first is Olin's, "Consistent and active leadership in the community at large with specific emphasis on issues that impact the well-being of the Hawaiian people." While his track record speaks for itself, I would add the following context.

By the early 2000s, Olin had launched his first multi-national company, had established himself in the world of venture-backed dotcom startups, and had built a network that included the likes of Marc Andreessen. From there, he could have gone anywhere in the world and done (quite literally) anything. Presented with "sky's-the-limit" opportunities promising wealth and recognition, Olin instead chose a path of service, first in the Peace Corps, and then (upon his return to Hawaii) diving into the world of local nonprofit organizations and social entrepreneurship.

From the early 2000s to present day, Olin has continued on this selfless path, working on issues ranging from small business development and environmental sustainability, to job creation for Hawaiian Homesteaders, climate change, and entrepreneurship for Native Hawaiian youth.

Olin's life and career demonstrate a depth and durability of commitment to community -- and to Native Hawaiians in particular -- that few other people can lay claim to.

Furthermore, Olin's values-aligned career choices ensure that he is free of vested financial and corporate interests that might compete or conflict with his obligation to Kamehameha Schools and its beneficiaries. His lifelong devotion to social justice and the common good ensures that Olin can hold the mission of Kamehameha Schools as his highest priority, with nothing standing in the way.

A second aspect I would highlight is Olin's creativity, adaptability, and entrepreneurship. We have entered a period of political and economic disruption that is unprecedented in modern history. Political instability and the rapid development of Artificial Intelligence mean that the future is highly uncertain. Government and economic institutions will be strained. Some are likely to crumble. Familiar ways of working through problems will no longer apply. Even the rule of law is now in question.

In this environment, we will need leadership that is, at once, exceptionally creative and adaptable, and also deeply rooted in timeless values. Olin embodies this combination.

Consider Purple Maia, which Olin co-founded. It blends the cutting edge of technology with the

perpetual, cultural wisdom of indigenous ancestry. Or, Olin's weekly practice of tending to loi kalo at Kakoo Oihi -- both a continuation of ancestral ways, and a weekly practice in innovation, for Olin continuously experiments to make his loi more efficient and productive.

All of this is to say, that I believe Olin Lagon is clearly the best candidate for Kamehameha Schools Trustee. His experience, talents, and track record make him the right choice for the future of the trust, its school, its students and families. His unique gifts are what Kamehameha Schools needs now, more than ever.

Mahalo for your consideration.

James Koshiha

165. Matthew Kawika Ortiz

[REDACTED]
12/31/2025 3:14:56 PM

I am writing to express my ardent support of Olin K. Lagon for Trustee. I'm the fourth generation in my ohana to have graduated from Kamehameha Schools and the gratitude that I have for Princess Pauahi's kindness and vision runs deep. Olin is an amazing fit for this position because of his integrity as a leader, his keen understanding of the rapidly evolving technological landscape, and most importantly his dedication to our Lāhui.

166. Shawn Kahalewai Reilly

12/31/2025 3:21:17 PM

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing as a proud graduate of Kamehameha Schools to share my perspective on the selection of the next trustee. While I recognize that each candidate brings unique strengths, I wish to highlight the importance of including trustees who bring forward-looking perspectives on technology, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), and the potential impact it can have on both the business and educational aspects of the institution.

Having had the privilege of attending Kamehameha Schools, I owe much of my personal and professional development to the foundation it provided. After graduation, I pursued a career in technology, working with organizations such as the DoD and NASA, where innovation and technological expertise have been central to achieving mission-critical goals. My experiences have reinforced for me that understanding emerging technologies, like AI, is not just a technical advantage; it is essential for shaping strategy, fostering innovation, and ensuring long-term success. AI is transforming every sector, from business operations to education, and having insight into these technologies at the trustee level can help Kamehameha Schools in many ways:

Data-informed decisions: AI can analyze large, complex datasets to guide enrollment strategies, resource allocation, and program development.

Financial oversight: Advanced AI tools can support predictive financial modeling, risk management, and strategic planning for long-term sustainability.

Operational efficiency: AI can streamline administrative workflows, allowing staff and leadership to focus on high-impact initiatives that directly benefit students.

Personalized learning: Adaptive learning systems can provide tailored instruction, helping each student reach their full potential.

Teacher support: AI can assist educators with grading, assessment analytics, and resource generation, allowing more focus on mentorship and cultural guidance.

Future-ready skills: Exposure to AI and emerging technologies equips students with critical skills for careers of the future while preserving a strong grounding in Hawaiian values and traditions.

Selecting trustees with diverse experiences and perspectives is essential. All candidates under consideration bring value to the Board. From my perspective, including someone with deep insight into AI resonates strongly with my own technological background and experience, and it highlights the opportunity for the Board to embrace emerging technologies thoughtfully. This perspective can guide Kamehameha Schools in maintaining its leadership role in education while equipping Native Hawaiians with the tools to succeed in an increasingly digital world.

In conclusion, I am confident that the committee will select a trustee who embodies Kamehameha Schools' values while helping the institution navigate future opportunities. AI is a transformative force, and a trustee with knowledge and experience in this field can bring valuable insight to strategic discussions, enhancing both the operational and educational impact of the institution for generations to come. Mahalo nui loa, Shawn Kahalewai Reilly

167. Keoni Kuoha

12/31/2025 3:56:15 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I write today to express my support for Olin Lagon as the next trustee for the Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop. He is the only applicant who aligns with the ethos of our Hawaiian people at this moment in time and who can enhance the educational trajectory of the Kamehameha Schools (KS).

When one reads the OHA newspaper or Imua, the KS Alumni magazine, you see our people expressing a desire to live and thrive in our culture and language while also embracing progressive, interconnected, cosmopolitan society. When one takes note of how the curriculum has changed at KS over the last three decades and the investment that KS has made into 'āina- and culture-based education, it is clear that Olin is the only trustee applicant who can smoothly and genuinely connect with this movement within our schools and communities.

The faculty, staff, students, and alumni of KS deserve more leaders at the trustee level who can bring this perspective to bear on the most consequential decisions that KS makes. That's the kind of leadership that Olin embodies. He has vision for how Kānaka seamlessly integrate technology, innovation, and issues of our contemporary world together with our culture, communities, and the continuity of our Hawaiian Nation.

Thank you for your consideration. May your decision be guided by akua and a deep and abiding aloha for the Hawaiian people.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

Keoni Kuoha, KS c/o 1994

168. Ku`uipo Rossiter

12/31/2025 3:58:35 PM

I write in strong support of Olin K. Lagon's appointment as Trustee for the Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop.

Having worked with Olin in the lo'i and as a board member, I've witnessed his unique mix of kindness, intelligence, and humility, qualities that align his values with action.

What sets Olin apart is how he walks the talk: he's a technologist who farms kalo and an innovator who practices tradition. Despite growing up in public housing, he chose the pono path to success, co-founding Purple Mai'a Foundation for culturally grounded tech education and Shifted Energy to serve renters and low-income households, prioritizing community over wealth.

As CTO of Shifted Energy, he manages complex technology assets while balancing financial sustainability with social mission. His dozen+ patents and ventures demonstrate fiduciary capacity, innovative thinking, and industry-building expertise. His work delivers energy equity, technology pathways for keiki, and explicit connections between innovation and ea Hawai'i.

Kamehameha Schools faces pivotal decisions about technology, energy, housing, education, and ongoing legal challenges. Olin brings strategic foresight on AI and energy systems, entrepreneurial knowledge from building sustainable enterprises, and educational experience preparing keiki for leadership.

His intelligence navigates complexity, his kindness centers community, and his humility ensures collaborative governance.

Additionally, his approach to innovation, grounded in aloha 'āina and aligned with SP2030, ensures technology serves cultural priorities. He demonstrates how innovation and economic development can fulfill Pauahi's legacy and advance our people.

I strongly urge the Probate Court to appoint Olin K. Lagon as Trustee.