



Stephanie Malia Hutch is the Founder and Director of the Kekoa Foundation, a non-profit, Native Hawaiian Organization (NHO) based in Hawaii. The Kekoa Foundation's primary objective is to serve the Native Hawaiian community by leading and supporting initiatives focused on STEAM education, entrepreneurship, and cultural preservation. She is also the President of Makai LLC, an SBA certified 8(a) defense contractor that specializes in providing C5ISR support and network modernization of wired and wireless systems, including tactical, mobile 5G solutions.

Stephanie and the Kekoa Foundation team have partnered with Purple Mai'a, a Hawaii-based nonprofit organization that teaches coding and computer science through after school, elective classes to Native Hawaiian students, low-income youth, and others who are underrepresented in the technology industry. The Purple Mai'a Kaikaina Program reaches students over 10 locations throughout the Hawaiian islands; with class sizes of 10-15 students. Classes are 2 held days/week over a six-month period for 1-2 hours and are free to students.

Kekoa Foundation also supports Loko I'a Pā'aiau, a restoration project of a historic fishpond located in the Kalauao ahupua'a in the 'Ewa moku on the island of O'ahu. The sacred site is currently stewarded and restored by a community-based partnership between the U.S. Navy, the Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club, the 'Aiea Community Association, descendants and residents of Pā'aiau, 'Aiea and Kalauao, and the larger community in Oahu. Loko I'a Pā'aiau partners with local high schools and universities to host hands-on STEM educational programs where students can learn about oceanography, geology, sustainable agriculture, and traditional Native Hawaiian building and construction practices.

Stephanie is currently serving as the President of the University of Pennsylvania's Association of Native Alumni (ANA). ANA's mission is to connect Penn's indigenous alumni community with current and prospective students by fostering networking and mentorship opportunities. ANA also works closely with Penn's Greenfield Intercultural Center (GIC) to raise awareness of Penn's indigenous students' cultures, languages, and traditions.

As an established leader and networking facilitator in the Defense innovation community, Stephanie currently holds numerous leadership roles with DoD-focused professional organizations including:

- Director, Hanscom Representatives Association (HRA)
- Community Engagement Lead, Defense Entrepreneurs Forum (DEF)
- Co-Chair of Women in AFCEA, AFCEA International
- Member of the Native Hawaiian Owned Association (NHOA)

Stephanie holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master's Certificate in Government Procurement from George Washington University.