



KA`IHILEI FARIAS

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ABOUT

Ka'ihilei began her Hawaiian cultural and hula journey at the age of 4, sparking a deep connection to her heritage. As a Kāko'o at E Ala E Hawaiian Cultural Center, she continues her studies under the guidance of Kumu Hula Kaleo Trinidad. Through hula, oli, cultural performances, workshops, and community service, Ka'ihilei is driven to assist in connecting the community with their Hawaiian roots, inspiring pride and fostering a deeper understanding of their culture.

Her journey not only expands her own knowledge of Native Hawaiian traditions but also strengthens her commitment in honoring her ancestors and embracing her kuleana (responsibility) as a kanaka maoli. Currently a freshman in high school, Ka'ihilei applies the same dedication to her role as a varsity and club volleyball player, skillfully balancing her passion for her culture with her athletic pursuits. In addition to her cultural and athletic interests, Ka'ihilei is an artist, has a passion for science, and is deeply interested in voyaging, further fueling her curiosity and creativity in both the natural world and Hawaiian navigation traditions.