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KALINO FOUNDATION LOOKS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF HAWAIIANS THROUGH EDUCATION

For the Kalino Foundation, a healthy Lāhui Hawai'i starts with education.

In December 2014, the Hawaiian nonprofit established the Kalino Foundation, LLC Scholarship to support Native Hawaiian students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in the medical, health and wellness field.

"The decision to support undergraduate scholarships was made to help foster Native Hawaiian workers in Hawai'i's health care industry," said Dane Uperesa, director of operations at Kalino LLC. "Partnering with the Pauahi Foundation was a natural fit to ensure that Kalino Foundation's endowment would be fairly administered for generations to come."

Established in 2009 as a certified Native Hawaiian Organization, the Kalino Foundation's mission is to enhance the wellbeing of Native Hawaiians through business opportunities, cultural activities, education, research, environmental preservation, gainful employment and health care. The nonprofit organization is also the majority owner of Kalino LLC a staffing company that provides health care workers, administrative support and technical services to health care organizations.

Over the past three years, the Kalino Foundation has donated over \$145,000 to fund their scholarship. Recipients were awarded for the first time in July 2015 when two \$5,000 scholarships were given to Kala'iokamalino Niheu and Kyle Yoshida, who are attending Hawai'i Pacific University and Harvard University, respectively.

The scholarship also serves as an opportunity for Kalino's leadership to pay-it-forward for the educational opportunities they have received in their past.

"Several of our directors and officers, as well as their family members, have received a scholarship through the Pauahi Foundation. The Kalino Foundation Scholarship is a way of giving back to complete the circle of giving," said Dane.

"The Kalino Foundation has a vision of improving the wellbeing and health of Native Hawaiians," said Pono Ma'a, Pauahi Foundation's interim executive director. "The Kalino Foundation, LLC Scholarship will help fulfill this vision while increasing the pool of Native Hawaiian professionals in the medical and health care industry."