

KSK Po‘o Kula Search Updates

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Aloha mai kākou,

Mahalo nui for the meaningful ways many of you welcomed our po‘o kula finalist candidates to campus last week. From the thoughtful dialogue to the gracious hospitality extended throughout the visits, your time and presence reflected the deep care this community holds for Ke Kula ‘o Kamehameha ma Kapālama.

We are especially grateful to the haumāna, faculty, staff, and leaders who engaged directly with the candidates across the three-day visit, as well as to the many ‘ohana, staff and alumni who joined the community candidate forum. With more than 250 attendees participating in person and online, the strong turnout affirmed the care our Kamehameha community brings to this decision and the importance of creating meaningful opportunities for engagement.

The interactions throughout this phase of the po‘o kula search reflect a process designed by the KSK Review Committee that has been intentional, transparent, inclusive, and rooted in listening. The questions asked, the mana‘o shared, and the respect shown to each candidate strengthened the process and the integrity of the experience for all involved.

Our CEO, Jack Wong, is currently reviewing all feedback gathered during the campus visits, alongside the other assessments conducted earlier in the search process. This collective input will help inform his final decision, which we anticipate he will share with the community in early April.

As we near the conclusion of this search, this will be my final update to you on the process. Mahalo nui again for the care, engagement, and aloha you have brought to this important moment of shaping the leadership and future of Ke Kula ‘o Kamehameha ma Kapālama.

Ke aloha nui,

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