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LUNALILO HOME NAMES KEOLAMAICALANI DEAN CEO, DANIEL GOYA TRUSTEE

Experienced, Native Hawaiian leaders to complete leadership team, advance King Lunalilo's mission and vision

HONOLULU – Following a comprehensive search, Lunalilo Home announced Keolamaikalani Dean has been appointed Chief Executive Officer for King Lunalilo Trust & Home and Daniel Goya has been selected – following a formal process – to fill the third seat of the King William Charles Lunalilo Trust Estate, pending Probate Court approval.

Effective April 18, Dean will begin his new role, succeeding Dr. Diane Paloma, who served as the organization's first CEO and stepped down after accepting a position as President and CEO of Hawaii Dental Service last year. Upon official approval, Goya will serve as Lunalilo's third Trustee, filling the seat left by previous Trustee Kamani Kualā' au whose term expired last year.



Keolamaikalani Dean



Daniel Goya

“As experienced, Native Hawaiian leaders, Keolamaikalani and Daniel have the core values, dedication and passion necessary to bring King Lunalilo's vision to life,” said **Sunshine Pualani Topping, Board of Trustees, Lunalilo Trust**. “With these two leaders at the helm of our organization, we are confident Lunalilo Home is poised to enter a new and exciting era.”

To ensure a seamless transition, Dr. Poki' i Balaz, who agreed to serve as interim executive director during the CEO search process, will provide Dean with the guidance necessary to step into the new role. Dr. Balaz will continue to serve as interim executive director. Together, Lunalilo Home leadership will continue to deliver high-quality and compassionate services for kūpuna and their families.



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“Serving indigenous peoples is one of my great passions,” said **Dean**. “Lunalilo Home’s values align with my own, and I could not be prouder to continue the organization’s legacy of caring for Hawai‘i’s communities.”

Dean brings valuable experience in health and indigenous communities. Most recently, he served for eight years as an executive in the Washington state Medicaid agency focused on tribal and urban Indian physical and behavioral health care and long-term services and support. Prior to that role, he practiced public accounting and audit for five years and corporate securities law for ten years. A graduate of Kamehameha Schools Kapālama, Dean holds numerous degrees, including his bachelor’s degree from Harvard University, master’s in accountancy from Bentley University, a law degree from Stanford Law School and a master’s in health policy and administration from Washington State University.

Dean was raised by his mother and grandparents, growing up on Hawaiian Homestead land in Nānākuli. Deeply passionate about his Native Hawaiian culture, Dean enjoys singing and weaving lei po‘o.

“I am humbled by this opportunity to advance King Lunalilo’s mission and vision,” said **Goya**. “As an organization dedicated to supporting kūpuna and their families, we take seriously our responsibility to provide resources our communities can rely on for decades to come.”

Goya joins Lunalilo Home with over 15 years of experience in teaching and 13 years of nonprofit community work. He currently serves as the Director of Strategies and Innovation at the Mālama ‘Āina Foundation and a Strategic Analyst II at Kamehameha Schools. Throughout his career, Goya created the first nationally accredited (NAEYC) homeless preschool in the nation and co-created a residential facility that serves as an alternative to youth incarceration. A graduate of Saint Louis High School, Goya holds two degrees from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and numerous national certifications.

Goya views community issues through a two-lens approach – melding science and culture – and currently serves as a board member for Children’s Trust Fund, Compassionate Ko‘olau and Hawai‘i Kids CAN.

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About Lunalilo Home

Founded more than 130 years ago, Lunalilo Home's vision is to be a nurturing and vibrant kauhale for all kūpuna. In fulfillment of the trust of King William Charles Lunalilo, the sixth reigning monarch of Hawai'i, the organization's mission is to perpetuate the legacy of King William Charles Lunalilo to honor, tend to and protect the well-being of elders. Lunalilo Home serves kūpuna through various efforts, including residential care, respite care, adult day care and its meal service program. Lunalilo Home provides residents with the highest quality of care and a vibrant kūpuna community, while respite care allows short-term, temporary care for families who need a reprieve from the daily caregiving routine. Kūpuna receive the health, nutritional, social and daily living support required through the King Lunalilo Adult Day Care Center. In an effort to provide seniors with local-style, nutritional meals, Lunalilo Home's Meals-to-Go offers meal pickup or delivery for seniors. The ali' i trust is located on five expansive, landscaped acres and situated on the western slopes of Koko Head in Hawai' i Kai.

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