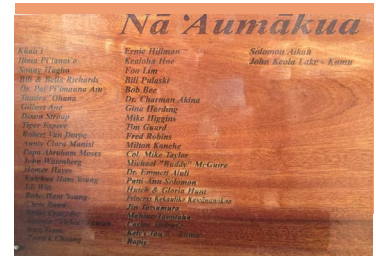


NĀ 'AUMĀKUA O KA WA'A

INTERVIEW GUIDE



Many individuals who came before us have significantly impacted Hōkūle'a, its crew, and the art of wayfinding. Their names are engraved on the wa'a herself. It is our kuleana (responsibility) to honor them by educating ourselves and others about their contributions. To achieve this, we will collect information, memories, and stories from members of our kaiāulu (community) who are relatives or friends of the honorees. By conducting one of these interviews, you play a crucial role in preserving their legacy.



BEFORE THE INTERVIEW...

HO'OLĀĀ



Plan and set aside a **30-60 minute time slot** for the interview that works for both you and the interviewee so that neither of you are rushed.

'IMI NA'AUAO



Research the honoree to find as much as you can about them and their impact on the community. This may help you develop additional questions specific to the individual.

HO'A'Ō



Test your equipment (mic, meeting app, headphones, etc) if meeting virtually or recording the conversation.

DURING THE INTERVIEW...

NĀNĀ PONO



Show that you're listening by nodding and making eye contact.

KŪ I KA MANA'O



Stick to the questions, try not to get off-topic.

MAKA'ALA I KA MANAWA



Keep track of the time and end the interview on time.

NĪNAU



Try to ask follow-up questions to explore an answer further.

HO'OLOHE PONO



Be an active listener. Have a friend record what the interviewee says (either writing down or typing responses), so you can pay close attention while they're talking.

HŌ'ULU'ULU MANA'O



Recap key points by periodically summarizing what's been discussed to ensure understanding.

MAHALO



Thank the interviewee at the end of the interview for their time and participation.

Question Guidelines

Here are some general questions to help guide your interview. Please tailor them as you see fit to make them more relevant to the specific honoree.

1. Introduce yourself and your relationship to _____.

honoree's name

What's your name? How are you related to (or how did you know) the honoree? Where was the honoree born? Where did they spend most of their life?

2. What was _____ like?

honoree's name

Describe their personality. Any nicknames they went by? What are 3 words you'd use to describe them? Any hobbies or passions? What was their job? How did their passion or job relate to Hōkūle'a (if it did)?

3. What was _____'s relationship to Hōkūle'a?

honoree's name

Were they part of the crew? Did they create or do something that helped or inspired the crew? Were they an ambassador for Polynesian voyaging? Did they have an impact on wayfinding?

4. What value(s) do you think _____ exemplified?

honoree's name

Some examples might be (but are certainly not limited to): aloha, malama, ha'aha'a, kuleana, lōkahi, ho'opa'a

5. How did _____'s sense of place shape their character or the work that they did?

honoree's name

Did they try to give back to their community? Did being from a certain place inspire them in any way?

6. Share a cherished (or funny) story or memory about _____. It could be a memory of your own or one relayed to you by someone else.

honoree's name

What year was this memory from? Who was there? Where did it take place?

7. Describe the impact they had on wayfinding/voyaging, Hōkūle'a, or the community.

What was their greatest contribution? What is their legacy and how can we keep it alive?

8. If you had the chance to share with _____ how they influenced your life, or the lives of others, what would you say?

honoree's name

What did they teach you or others? What was so special about that?

Add your own questions that are specific to the honoree you're interviewing about. (Avoid yes/no questions):

9. _____

10. _____

Notes

Use the space below to take notes on each question you ask during the interview. Remember, you can always ask a friend to take notes for you so you can stay focused on asking the questions.
