



*Increasing opportunities for Wai'anae Coast residents by developing the community's rich natural, cultural, and human resources.*

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## **WEDC Event Highlight** **96792 Business Hui**



The Pakini Loan Fund, Wai'anae Moku Navigators, & WEDC team hosted and attended the Rotary Business Hui Event on March 27, 2024.

Attendees were given the opportunity to network with like-minded business leaders, seek resources to grow their businesses, and discuss ideas to expand economic opportunities within our community.

Mahalo to all of those who supported and attended the 96792 Business Hui event!

## Significant Figures “Women Who Mean Business”



*Kiran Polk receiving her award at the 26th Annual Pacific Business News Women Who Means Business Awards*

Congratulations to all the honorees who were recognized in the 26th Annual Pacific Business News Women Who Means Business Awards, recognizing women who excel in business and community leadership!

Kiran Polk, Executive Director of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, is one of the women honored in this event. Kiran is a strong advocate for the West Coast's business community.

If you're interested in seeing who else made the list and their insights, check out the latest issue of Pacific Business News using the link below.

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## Wai'anae Business Highlight

### Empowering Youth through Combat Sports



"At Young Boys Inc., we provide more than just a place to train," Nainoa expressed with unwavering conviction. "It's about creating a sanctuary, a refuge from the challenges that often besiege our youth. We instill values of self-discipline, respect, and confidence while nurturing their skills in self-defense." □

Young Boys Inc. serves as a channel for dreams to flourish and aspirations to take flight. With specialized classes catering to children aged 6-14 and adults aged 15 and above, Nainoa and his team are tirelessly working to mold the leaders of tomorrow.

For those seeking guidance or interested in joining the Young Boys Incorporated family, reach out to Nainoa on Instagram @Nainoa\_Dung. Nainoa extends his invitation to aspiring athletes and concerned parents alike! □

VISIT INSTAGRAM

## IN THE NEWS

- **Mink Wisdom Series: Lessons in Leadership:** [Join the Patsy T. Mink Center for Business & Leadership for a fireside chat with experienced Hawai'i women executives on lessons in leadership on April 17 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This event includes heavy pupus and one drink ticket for each attendee.](#)
- **Energy Advantage Program for Businesses:** [The program provides qualifying businesses and nonprofits with lighting upgrades at significantly reduced prices. Energy-efficient lighting is one of the simplest, most effective ways to lower your electricity costs and begin increasing your financial assets – not to mention you can improve the look of your space in no time!](#)
- **Management Development Program:** [The program is for those who seek to strengthen their core competencies and enhance their management effectiveness in a range of areas. It is particularly suited for supervisors who attended HEC's Fundamentals of Supervision Certificate Series, those interested in the topics covered in this program, and those who desire more formal and structured instruction or refresher training in managerial skills.](#)

## UPCOMING BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

- Thursday, April 4 at 9:00 am HST: [Master the Marketing Madness](#)
- Tuesday, April 9 at 10:00 am HST: [Starting a Business in Hawai'i](#)

- **Thursday, April 11 at 11:30 am HST: [Identifying & Managing Employee Protected Leave Webinar](#)**
  - **Thursday, April 18 at 10:00 am HST: [Personal Finances for Business Owners](#)**
  - **Wednesday, April 24 at 10:00 am HST: [Analyzing Financial Statements to Improve Your Business Performance \(Balance Sheet\)](#)**
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## Submissions

The *WEDC Business Bulletin* is published every Monday morning. To contribute activities, events, news items, or articles, email [marketingdept@thewedc.com](mailto:marketingdept@thewedc.com). The deadline to submit items is every Friday. If you are interested in being featured as our business highlight and in the Westside Stories newspaper, click [here](#) to complete the Business Feature form.



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## ABOUT WEDC

We are a premier community economic development agency and a leader in the community development field in our collective approach to community planning, capacity building, financial services, and business development.

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