

2016 PAGEANT

*Miss  
Ka'u Coffee*



# Aloha,

Welcome everyone. Our first pageant was held in 2009. Three brave contestants led the way, and here we are today. As pageant chair the inaugural year, I introduced the idea of Miss Peaberry that night, and Miss Peaberry has her own spotlight. Next year, we will introduce our very first Miss Ka'ū Coffee Flower. It's always good to grow more beauties.

To Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2015, you have been a very dynamic and positive role model for all of our Ka'ū Coffee candidates. You have served not only with beauty and grace but with exemplary community service from speaking for Ka'ū Coffee farmers at the state Legislature to tackling the challenge of providing child care for workers in the coffee fields.

Ka'ū beauties in this evening's parade range from six to twenty-two years of age. Each one brings to the stage beauty, character, talent, and their own style. To these contestants and their 'Ohana, I would like to say that I have not seen a more hardworking group of people. Thank you parents for helping with the opening number. It is heartwarming to see this enlightening value our youngsters long for.

To our Ka'ū Coffee Growers Cooperative, Palehua 'Ohana, Ka'ū Coffee Mill with Mr. Olson, Randy and Lisa, scholarship chair Julia Neal, Nona for allowing us to practice at the Pāhala Community Center - mahalo. Also thank you to everyone who has helped Ka'ū Coffee farmers along this wonderful path that has led us for 20 years to a successful new agricultural industry. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. And to my husband for being persistent about the idea of planting coffee in Moa'ula, good job.

To my parents, the Dancels of Nā'ālehu, thank you for teaching your children that anything is possible if you put your heart and soul into it and by not expecting anything in return. They reminded us that community service is an essential part of belonging. "Believing in yourself starts with someone else believing in you." My parents' encouragement helped us to always think of new ideas while at the same time appreciating all that we have. And to my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, thank you for accepting my visions. Remember, I get my inspiration from you. It's all about you and the younger generations who are the beneficiaries of our deeds. We try to make them good.

Mahalo plenty to our judges, auditors, lights specialist, sound guys, photographer, Kokua Korner, for helping us this evening. In twenty years, a lot has happened. Each day opens up a new page to be written as new hopes unfold. Still, we stand strong and continue despite the hardships we face.

Ka'ū is known for its warriors. IMUA Ka'ū.

Mahalo ke Akua.

Mahalo and enjoy.

Trini Marques

Ka'ū Coffee Pageant Chair

**KOKUA KORNER:**

*Tianna Moses*

*Shy Lopez Castaneda*

*Ruby Javar*

*Yvonne Ke*

*Lama Navarro*

*Brianne Ebanez*

*Makana Kamahele*



# JUDGES



**Ti**are Shibuya served as Miss Ka'u Coffee 2013. She graduated from Hawai'i Community College with her certificate to be a licensed practical nurse with an Associate in Liberal Arts. She is currently attending University of Hawai'i at Hilo with a dual major for a Bachelors in nursing

science and nursing administration. She works part-time at the Punalu'u bakeshop and helps at her family farm, the Masazo pig farm.

**M**<sup>s</sup>HollyK, DJ personality on NativeFM, 95.9 Hilo, 93.9 Kona. Midday good fun action, 10-3. Also Hawaiian studies Kumu at Cheifess Kapiolani school, Hilo. Entertainer, comedian, and tall!



**M**aile Medeiros David was born in Kealahou, Kona in 1952 and is the youngest of two daughters of Edward and the late Christine Medeiros. Maile is Hawaiian, Portuguese, and Filipino descent and an active third-generation coffee farmer. Maile and her husband Russel farm four acres of coffee in Ho'okena, South Kona. She graduated from Konawaena High School in 1970 and enjoyed a 30-year career as a paralegal. For the past ten years to the present, Maile has worked for the Hawai'i County Council, as a legislative assistant, Deputy County Clerk, and currently as Council member representing Council District 6 (portion of N. Kona, S. Kona, Ka'u, and Volcano Village).

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## JUDGES



**W**eston Yap serves our Big Island community as a Business Development Manager for Hawai'i Human Resources and as a provider of crop insurance from AgriLogic. Originally from Kaimuki in Honolulu, Weston came to the Big Island in 2014 to work with our coffee and macadamia growers and ranchers. While his career has focused on business and insurance, he has stayed involved in helping young people develop career and life skills. He worked for the Boy Scouts in Honolulu as a District Executive, and more recently as Lead Program Manager for Kupu's CommunityU program to equip under-resourced young adults ages 16-24 with the experiences, education, training, and support needed to become productive members of society, with a heart to serve and positively impact the community around them.

Weston also served two years in Pohnpei, Micronesia as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer, where he gained skills in community development. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington and an advanced designation in insurance risk management. In his free time, he enjoys ocean sports, and trying to figure out how processing makes coffee or chocolate taste good.

**L**loyd Longakit, a retired inspector with Hawaii Electric Light Co., is an entertainer, singer, guitarist, composer and songwriter with popular songs like *Come, Aama Crab* and *The One They call Hawai'i*. As lead singer with The Minatones, he and his band won the Battle of the Bands three consecutive years in the 60's, with over 65 bands competing. Lloyd and wife Nalani are owners of LNL Morning Star Production, recording studio and fashions. Lloyd, born in Pāhala, recently returned to make it his home. His parents are Franco Longakit and Rita Pestano. Lloyd is the father of seven children, including Pomai, a well known TV and radio personality with KWXX & KHON TV2 morning news. Pomai and her brother Loeka are Na Hoku Hanohano award winners. Lloyd wants to express his congratulations to every contestant, "No matter what the results, everyone is a winner. Congratulations!"



# Aloha

*Miss Peaberry*  
*Madison Okimoto*

Reigning Miss Ka'u Coffee Maria Miranda and reigning Miss Ka'u Coffee Peaberry Madison Okimoto joins in *Uptown Funk* tonight and crowns Miss Ka'u Coffee Peaberry 2016.



*Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant*  
*Saturday, May 14, 2016, 6 p.m.*  
*The Drying Room at Ka'ū Coffee Mill*  
*Emcees Trini Marques, Makana Kamahele*

*Pule by Pastor Troy Gacayan*

*Greetings from Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant Director Trini Marques*

*Bruno Mars Uptown Funk performed by 2015 Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda and candidates for 2016 Miss Peaberry, Junior Miss Ka'ū Coffee & Miss Ka'ū Coffee*

*Twenty Year Anniversary of Ka'ū Coffee at Moa'ula & Cloud Rest Farms*

*Award of Appreciation from Ka'ū Coffee Growers Cooperative President Gloria Camba and Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2015 Maria Miranda*

*Presentation of Science Camps of America Scholarship to Miss Ka'ū Coffee Scholarship Committee from Mike Richards and Edmund C. Olson Trust II*

*Introduction of the Judges*

*Miss Ka'ū Coffee Flowers Debut*

*Miss Peaberry Character Competition*

*Junior Miss Ka'ū Coffee Hobby Outfit Competition*

*Miss Peaberry Talent Competition*

*Junior Miss Ka'ū Coffee Talent Competition*

*Lucky Number Drawing*

*Miss Peaberry Evening Gown Competition*

*Junior Miss Ka'ū Coffee Evening Gown Competition*

— INTERMISSION —

*Acknowledgements & Lucky Numbers*

*Miss Ka'ū Coffee Career Outfit Competition*

*Miss Ka'ū Coffee Talent Competition*

*Miss Ka'ū Coffee Swimsuit Competition*

*Farewell from the Queen, Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2015 Maria Miranda*

*Miss Ka'ū Coffee Evening Gown & Interview Competitions*

*Lucky Number Drawing*

- *Music by Southside Serenaders, Moses Espanola, Jr, Makana Kamahele*
- *Lights by Volcano Lights*
- *Sound by Leka Gravela*
- *Photography by Jen Makuakan*

# The Results

The auditors are Carma Hanshew and Gail Kalani.

Participation Trophies are provided by Ann Fontes, Hokulea Coffee Co., Amy & Ruben Javar, Yvonne Ke, BEI Hawai'i, Maria & Pablo Mauricio, Francisca & Alex Calumpit, Roberto Miranda and Ka'u Coffee Growers Cooperative



## Awards Ceremony for Miss Ka'u Peaberry

- Presentation of Miss Popularity Trophy ..... by Jack & Jarret Casuga
- Presentation of Evening Gown Trophy ..... by Saydi & Danhill Libunao
- Presentation of Talent Trophy ..... by Donna & Jeffrey Gascon  
*Talent, Character & Evening gown scholarships totaling \$275 are presented by Gloria Biven, provided by Hawai'i Coffee Company, Royal Hawaiian, Royal Kona, and Lion Coffee*
- Presentation of Character Outfit Trophy ..... by Danarie & Wayne Dacalio
- Presentation of Second Miss Ka'u Peaberry Trophy ..... by Thelma & Marcos Domingo  
*Scholarship of \$200 from Hawai'i Coffee Co.*
- Presentation of First Miss Ka'u Peaberry Trophy ..... by Fely & Melchor Fernandez  
*Scholarship of \$225 from Royal Kona Coffee Co.*
- Presentation of Miss Ka'u Peaberry Crown ..... by Madison Okimoto reigning Miss Ka'u Peaberry  
*Scholarship provided by Punahu'u Bake Shop manager Connie Koi*



## Awards Ceremony for Junior Miss Ka'u Coffee

- Presentation of Miss Popularity Trophy ..... by Clifford Kamei & Family
- Presentation of Evening Gown Trophy ..... by Maile & Effren Abellera
- Presentation of Talent Trophy ..... by Mariel Badua & Joseph Castaneda  
*Talent and Evening Gown Scholarships, each \$100 are provided by Ka'u Specialty Coffee and Malian Lahey.*
- Presentation of Hobby Outfit Trophy ..... by Shanette & Delvin Navarro  
*The Hobby Scholarship of \$75 is provided by Ka'u Specialty and Donna Butler*
- Presentation of Third Junior Miss Ka'u Coffee Trophy ..... by Rose Pasion & Reynaldo Tamayo  
*Scholarship of \$150 from Lion Coffee*
- Presentation of Second Junior Miss Ka'u Coffee Trophy ..... Anabelle & Franklin Orcino  
*Scholarship of \$250 from Rep. Richard Creagan*
- Presentation of First Junior Miss Ka'u Coffee Trophy ..... by Jackie & Leonardo Castaneda  
*Scholarships totaling \$400 with \$250 from Sen. Josh Green, \$125 from County Council member Maile David and \$25 from Donna Butler*
- Presentation of Junior Miss Ka'u Coffee Trophy ..... by Will & Grace Tabios  
*Crown presented by winner's mother  
Scholarship of \$1000 from Ka'u Royal Hawaiian Coffee & Tea Company  
presented by Tyler Johansen*



## ***Awards Ceremony for Miss Ka'ū Coffee***

- Presentation of Miss Popularity Trophy ..... by Ipo & Don Dacalio & Zaire
- Presentation of Miss Photogenic Trophy ..... by Lisa Wright & Randy Stevens  
*Scholarship of \$150 from Masako Sakata*
- Presentation of Swimsuit Trophy ..... by Francis Marques  
*Scholarship of \$150 from Masako Sakata*
- Presentation of Evening Gown Trophy ..... by Yvonne Ke  
*Scholarship of \$150 from Hawai'i Coffee Co.,  
presented by Gloria Biven of Royal Kona Coffee*
- Presentation of Talent Trophy ..... by Ruby & Roland Javar  
*Scholarship of \$150 from the Aunty Ba Fund presented by Demetrius Oliveira*
- Presentation of Career Outfit Trophy ..... by Debralynn & Manuel Marques  
*Scholarship of \$150 from the Aunty Ba Fund presented by Demetrius Oliveira*
- Presentation of Interview Trophy ..... by Herme & Leo Norberte  
*Scholarship of \$150 from the Aunty Ba Fund presented by Demetrius Oliveira*
- Presentation of Third Miss Ka'ū Coffee Trophy ..... by Gloria & Rogelio Aquino  
*Scholarship of \$500 from CLI Hawai'i Federal Credit Union  
presented by Cheryl Weaver*
- Presentation of Second Miss Ka'ū Coffee Trophy ..... by Berta & Jose Miranda  
*Scholarships totaling \$750, with \$500 from Ka'ū Local Products,  
presented by Chris Manfredi and \$250 from Rep. Richard Onishi*
- Presentation of First Miss Ka'ū Coffee Trophy ..... by Verna, Milton Dacalio & Kama'no Vasquez  
*Scholarships totaling \$1200 with \$1000 from Ka'ū Mahi,  
presented by Brenda Iokepa Moses, and \$200 from Sen. Russell Ruderman*
- Presentation of Miss Ka'ū Coffee Trophy ..... by Amelia Biasson of Aroma Coffee Farm  
*Crowned by Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2015 Maria Miranda.  
Scholarships totaling \$2500, with \$1500 presented by Edmund C. Olson,  
\$1000 from Pacific Quest, presented by Raylene Moses and  
\$250 from Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce, presented by Donna Masanai.*

***Sashes presented by parents, and  
bouquet presented by Scholarship donors.***

*Miss Ka'ū Coffee Candidates*



Twenty-two-year-old University of Hawai'i student Rochelle Koi is the daughter of Rory Koi, of Nāālehu, and Michelle Ortega, of Pāhala. Her talent is voice.

*Rochelle Koi*

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*Miss Ka'ū Coffee Candidates*

*Casey Koi*

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Twenty-one-year-old University of Hawai'i at Hilo student Casey Koi is the daughter of Cory and Connie Koi, of Pāhala. Her talent is hula.



*Connie and Cory Koi*

*Miss Ka'ū Coffee Candidates*

*Shaira Panganiban  
Badua*

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Eighteen-year-old Ka'ū High School senior Shaira Panganiban Badua is the daughter of Mario and Lucia Badua, of Pāhala. Her talent is hip-hop.



*Mario and Lucia Badua*

*Miss Ka'ū Coffee Candidates*

*Jami Beck*

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Seventeen-year-old Ka'ū High School student Jami Beck is the daughter of James and Sharon Beck, of Nā'ālehu. Her talent is acting and modeling.



*James & Sharon Beck*

*Jr. Miss Ka'ū Coffee Candidates*



*Helena  
Nihipali-Sesson*

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14-year-old Ka'ū High School student Helena Nihipali-Sesson is the daughter of Guy Sesson and Sherraine Nihipali-Sesson, of Pāhala, and Bradford and Jadelyn Moses, of Pāhala. Her talent is hula.



*Jadelyn and Bradford Moses*



*Guy Sesson and Sherraine  
Nihipali-Sesson*

*Jr. Miss Ka'u Coffee Candidates*

*Karlee Fukunaga  
Camba*



Fifteen-year-old Ka'u High student Karlee Fukunaga Camba is the daughter of Keala and Justine Camba, of Pāhala. Her talent is Tahitian dance.



*Keala and Justine Camba*

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*Jr. Miss Ka'ū Coffee Candidates*



Eleven-year-old Ka'ū Middle School student Calaysa Koi is the daughter of Cory and Connie Koi, of Pāhala. Her talent is voice.



*Connie and Cory Koi*

*Calaysa Koi*

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*Jr. Miss Ka'ū Coffee Candidates*

*Lyric Oliveiros*

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Fifteen-year-old Ka'ū Middle School student Lyric Oliveiros is the daughter of Junior and Saydi Llanes. Her talent is keyboard.



*Junior and Sadie Llanes*

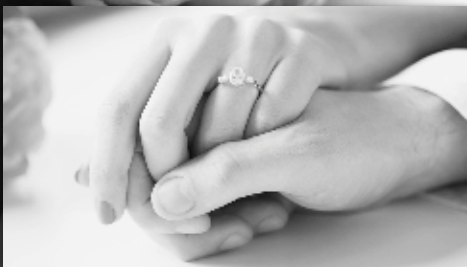
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*Miss Ka'ū Peaberry Candidates*

*Khloe Moses*

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Six-year-old Pāhala Elementary School Kindergartener Khloe Moses is the daughter of Jack and Brenda Moses, of Pāhala. Her talent is gymnastics.



*Jack and Brenda Moses*

*Miss Ka'ū Peaberry Candidates*

*Jazmyn Navarro*



Eight-year-old Pāhala Elementary School student Jazmyn Navarro is the daughter of Jonathan and Jennifer Navarro, of Pāhala. Her talent is hula.

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*Miss Ka'ū Peaberry Candidates*

*Chazlynn Pua  
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Nine-year-old Pāhala Elementary School student Chazlynn Pua Queja, daughter of Chad Queja and Jerilyn Pua, of Pāhala. Her talent is hula.



*Chad Queja and Jerilyn Pua and family*



## *Mahalo Miss Ka'u Coffee 2015 Maria Miranda*

The Miss Ka'u Coffee Pageant organizers thank Miss Ka'u Coffee 2016 Maria Miranda for serving not only as an elegant, talented and enthusiastic representative of the Ka'u Coffee industry but also as an advocate for our farmers. Maria has gone to the Hawai'i State Legislature, and given talks about land security and the rise of Ka'u Coffee at community meetings around the state. During many occasions, she has shared her family's own history of achieving the American dream, starting as agricultural laborers and growing their own business in Ka'u where they own their own home, run several family farms and are an integral part of the growth of our Ka'u Coffee sector of the economy. At the same time, Maria has mentored many young people and is now launching her campaign to help the Marshallese community in Ka'u with child care and education to help support these families who are also important to the future of Ka'u Coffee.

