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## **Education**

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***University of Hawai'i Hilo: Hilo, Hawai'i (Fall 2025 - Spring '27)***

Performing Arts

***Capital University: Columbus, Ohio (Fall 2024)***

No degree received, Music Technology and Composition Double Major with a Cello study

***Columbus State Community College: Columbus, Ohio (August 2022 - May 2024)***

Associate of Arts

***Howard University: Washington D.C. (August 2020 - April 2022)***

No degree received, History Major

***Wyoming High School: Cincinnati, Ohio (Graduated in May 2020)***

Diploma Received

## **Certification**

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***Safe Zone Certification (September 16), No expiration***

Certified as a visible ally for the LGBTQ+ community

***TEFL Certification (August 2022), No expiration***

Certified to teach english as a foreign language issued by the International TEFL Academy

***QPR Gatekeeper Certificate (June 15, 2023 - June 15, 2025)***

Certified for suicide prevention by the QPR Insititute

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## **Work Experience**

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### ***Student Liaison for The Women's Resource Center at UH Hilo (Hilo, Hawai'i)***

#### ***\*Partner Resource Center: LGBTQ+ Center***

- Creating and executing personal projects/events
  - Lotería de Femenista (September 30th, 2025)
  - NOELO I KE KINOWAI Student Book Club (ongoing)
- Programming and tabling for events
- Creating and facilitating a safe space for students
- Collaboration with other on-campus and off-campus orgs
- Providing support and promoting resources for students, faculty, and staff

### ***Personal Assistant - Merida, Yucatán, Mexico (July 2025 - August 2025)***

- Setting appointments
- Acquiring furniture
- Communicating in Spanish and English
- Organizing documents

### ***Bexley Public Library (November 2024 - April 2024)***

- Supports librarians in developing and maintaining the collection
- Processes materials for loan requests through CLC, SearchOhio, and OhioLink
- Interviews, researches, and answers basic reference questions; recommends materials based on patron interest
- Trains patrons on use of library technologies and resources
- Participates in other team efforts such as assistance with program development and/or implementation, community outreach opportunities and/or serving as a member of a project team
- Participated on the reader's advisory team

### ***CSA - Blackmore Library, Capital University (August 2024 - December 2024) Columbus, Ohio***

- Student assistance
- OhioLink materials

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- Shelving and unshelving of materials

***Ohio Link Luminaries Library Specialist, Columbus State Community College (September 2023 - May 2024) Columbus, Ohio <https://creativetiff777.wixsite.com/libintern2024>***

- Rotations in the Reference, Circulation, Data & Acquisition, and Archive departments
- Project management for community projects
- Student activity planning
- Shadowing of literacy instruction sessions
- Graphic design for book displays
- Social media marketing and engagement
- Student assistance
- Participation in student advocacy panel discussions
- Trips to various local G.L.A.M. institutions

***CSA - Customer Service Associate, Walgreens (June 2022 - May 2023) Cincinnati, Ohio & Columbus, Ohio***

- Customer service
- Handled transactions
- Organized and cleaning of spaces
- Directed communication disputes

***Tutor - Self-employed (August 2017 - May 2022)***

- Instruction in Algebra, History, College writing, and ESL/EFL
- Collaboration with students to complete homework assignments while identifying lagging skills •  
Worked with neurotypical and neurodivergent students
- Worked with ages 10 - 50
- Prepared lesson plans to meet student goals

## Leadership & Volunteer Experience

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### ***Hostik Hostal (Merida, Yucatán, Mexico), Work-Trade (May 2025 - June 2025)***

- Participated as an activities host including, but not limited to, preparing dinner for hostel guests, cleaning kitchen facilities, running creative workshops, facilitating conversation, and providing a safe environment for guests

### ***OhioLINK Luminaries Program Summit Panelist (8 August 2024)***

- Selected to represent Columbus State's OhioLink Luminaries program as a panelist

### ***The Big Island Hostel (Hilo, Hawai'i), Work-Trade (May 2024 - August 2024)***

- Worked as a concierge and cleaner at a hostel on The Big Island of Hawai'i for three months. Here, I got to meet people from all round the world, I learned to communicate in multiple languages, and handle high volumes of guests. In addition to the work, I got exposure to Hawaiian culture and a different way of life.

### ***The Black Creatives Club, Founder & President (February 2024 - May 2024)***

- Founded this club based on the idea that resources, networking, opportunities, instruction, and safe spaces should be easily accessible to black students participating in and/or pursuing the arts
- Served as the president organizing events, holding meetings, structuring the club for the needs of the

members, marketing through graphic design, communicating opportunities & resources, networking, and working with faculty & students

### ***OSU HESA Masters Student Campus Visit Discussion, Student Panelist (11 April 2024)***

- Selected to represent CSCC as a panelist for a discussion with Ohio State University's HESA Masters students

### ***Urban Arts Space (art gallery), Volunteer (July 2023 - August 2023)***

- Worked with inner-city black girl youth by facilitating art workshops in and outside the gallery while fostering a safe space for young girls
- Created, planned, and executed the August **Artist Commune: Word for Thought** which allowed participants to create multimedia journals (<https://uas.osu.edu/events/artist-commune-word>

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***Courageous Conversations – Wyoming High School Chapter, President (August 2019 – May 2020)***

- Served as the president organizing events, holding meetings, structuring the club for the needs of the members, delegating tasks, working with faculty & students, and identifying pressing national issues

***WHS Black History Month Assembly, Director (February 2019)***

- Organized a fashion show featuring local black businesses, a guest speaker, a band performance, poetry performance, and presentation for Wyoming High School's 2020 Black History Month Assembly

***WHS Black History Month Assembly, Documentary Director (February 2018)***

- Directed and filmed a documentary interviewing black students for Wyoming High School's 2018 Black History Month Assembly

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**Awards & Scholarships**

- *Capital University Composition Full Merit Award, Awardee (Fall 2024)*
- *Capital University Conservatory Performance Half Merit Award, Awardee (Fall 2024)*
- *Capital University Main Street Scholarship, Awardee (Fall 2024)*
- *Student Employee of The Year, Nominee (April 2024)*
- *I am One Foundation Scholarship, Awardee (December 2023)*
- *Columbus State Endowed Scholarship, Awardee (October 2023)*
- *Howard University Lead Scholarship, Awardee (August 2020)*

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**Artist Portfolio <https://www.externalspace.art/>**

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***Jazz Dance I - UH-Hilo***

*Performed jazz pieces choreographed by Kristi "Kea" K. Kapahua*

- International Education Week - November 21st, 2025
- Music and Merriment Showcase - December 13th, 2025

***FILS 432 - Performance Track - UH-Hilo***

*Performed traditional Filipino dances and choreographed a bachata inspired section of palarong pambansa (with solo)*

- Barrio Fiesta - October 25th, 2025
- International Education Week - November 21st, 2025

***BegContemp Dance/Hawaii Themes - UH-Hilo***

*Performed contemporary hula pieces choreographed by Kristi "Kea" K. Kapahua*

- Pulama 'Ohana - October 3rd, 2025
- Halloween Advising Spooktacular - October 30th, 2025
- International Education Week - November 21st, 2025
- Music and Merriment Showcase - December 13th, 2025

***Salsa, Bachata, Cumbia dance workshop, September 30th, 2025***

- Taught the basics of salsa, bachata, cumbia to UH-Hilo students at a co-organized *Lotería de Feminista* event

***"Dark Room Medium" single release, May 5th, 2025***

- Sole producer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

***CSCC Library's April 2025 Gallery Featured Artist***

- Color and B/W film photography taken in Hawai'i + multimedia piece highlighting SA Awareness month, feminism, and personal experience

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***Starred in Mich Garcia's first film***

- Played "Tiff", an ethereal producer who helps the main character jump start her music career

***Starred in Tavon Colvin's Library Murder-Mystery CapTv Segment***

<https://youtu.be/HGivefN2tug?si=vCDBE3TYiucd9QsU>

- Played "Tiff", the library worker and witness to the murder

***Capital String & Flute Quartet Performance, Cello, November 20th, 2024***

- Included performances of Mozart's *D Major Flute Quartet I & II Movements*

***OtterCap Orchestra Fall Performance, Cello, November 10th, 2024***

- Included performances of the original compositions of *Danse Macabre, Batman Score, Nightmare Before Christmas, Peanuts Gallery*

***CSCC Library's May 2024 Featured Gallery Artist***

- Film Photography and painted frames

***"Spiritual Intimacy" Album Release, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

- Sole producer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

***Urban Arts Space "Artist Commune: Portable Paradise Pop-Up Exhibition", Featured Artist, March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

- Film Photography and Collage

***"What's Your Attachment Style?" Single Release, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

- Sole producer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

***Accompanying Musician and engineer, Live Performance, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024***

- Live Cello and Bass Guitar

***"Calypso" Single Release, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

- Sole producer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

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***Urban Arts Space 'Artist Commune: The Verse", Live Performance, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

- Live Bass Guitar, and poetry to a self-produced instrumental

***"Rain" Single Release, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022***

- Sole composer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

***"Yama" Single Release, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022***

- Sole producer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

***"Transformation" Album Release, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022***

- Sole producer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

***Wyoming City Schools Orchestral Musician, Fall 2011 - Spring***

***2020***

- Cello - 1<sup>st</sup> chair 2019-2020