

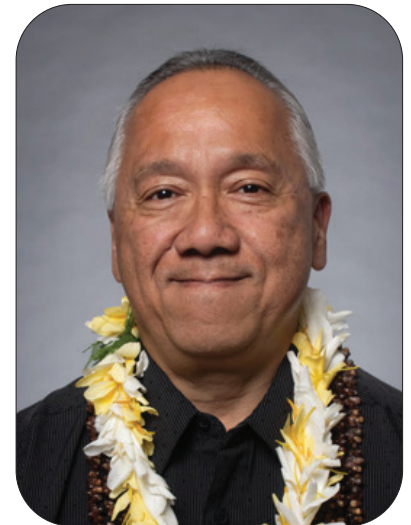


Keynote Address **Randie Kamuela Fong**



Dr. Randie Kamuela Fong is the Executive Culture Officer at Kamehameha Schools, a private Native Hawaiian school system with K-12 campuses on three different islands and 29 preschools throughout the State of Hawai'i. Stewarding a royal land legacy of 364,000 acres, the charitable trust was founded in 1887 by Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, great-granddaughter of King Kamehameha I.

Cultural advisor for the Polynesian Voyaging Society since 1985, Randie served on the board of the Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program, the sponsoring organization that received the two Sitka spruce logs gifted by Sealaska to build the Hawai'iloa canoe in 1990.



A Hawaiian language speaker, Randie is a composer, choreographer and producer of cultural programs, ceremonies and video documentaries. He has led over 40 cultural exchanges around the world with a concentration on the Pacific.

Randie directs the 'Aha Moananuiākea Pacific Consortium with cultural educational partnerships in Tahiti, Rapa Nui (Easter Island), Aotearoa (New Zealand), Micronesia, Taiwan, and Alaska. He was an organizer of the Ho'oilina Conference which hosted over a hundred Alaska Natives in Hawai'i in 2019. Randie also received the Nā Hōkū Hanohano Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022, and was inducted into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame in 2023.

Randie is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and holds a bachelor's in Music from Whitworth College, a master's in Pacific Islands Studies from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where he was an East-West Center Fellow; and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California.