

FINALISTS

MAUI COUNTY SEAT

- **Eugene Bal, III**
- **Sheri-Ann P. Daniels**
- **Helen F. Nielsen**

Eugene Bal III

Eugene Bal III is currently a Regent of the University of Hawaii, the former Executive Director of the Maui High Performance Computing Center (MHPCC), and a retired Naval Officer. He has over 45 years of experience in leadership roles managing all aspects of complex educational, scientific, technical, and engineering programs.

As a Naval Officer, after a decade of combat flying, Bal transitioned to the Navy's program management and acquisition community as an Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer. He held positions as the Chief Engineer for the development and acquisition of avionics systems, Department Head for Systems and Software Research and Development, Deputy Program Manager and Detachment Commander of a multidisciplinary team responsible for oversight of a \$ 600 M Full Scale Engineering Development contract, and assignment as one of a select number of military Program Managers at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) where he was responsible for execution of an annual budget of \$ 100 M developing "first of a kind" technologies. After 25 years of service, Bal retired as a Navy Captain to join MHPCC.

As the MHPCC Executive Director, he applied his program management and leadership skills in directing the daily execution of all operational and administrative responsibilities. The most notable achievements during his tenure include the transformation of the organization from a technology concept into highly selective membership in the highest echelon of supercomputing centers within the Department of Defense, directing all High Performance Computing technology acquisitions including deploying the 11th most powerful supercomputer in the world, and executing highly effective administrative, contract, and financial management.

As a current member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Bal's assignments include:

- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Vice Chair (2 terms)
- Research Corporation of the University Hawaii, Board of Directors, Chair (3 terms), Vice Chair
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Committee on Research and Innovation, Chair (3 terms)
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Committee on Community Colleges, Chair
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Committee on Personnel Affairs and Board Governance, Vice Chair
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Committee on Student Affairs
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Task Groups – Scholarships and Waivers, Legislative Strategy, Advisory, Research and Innovation
- University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Faculty Practice Plan: University Health Partners of Hawaii
- Mauna Kea Management Board
- Career and Technical Education Advisory Council
- Association of Community College Trustees

Bal's community service spans National, State, and Maui organizations including the National Science Foundation National Visiting Committee for the National Center of Excellence in High Performance Computing Technology, Governor's Economic Revitalization Task Force, State of Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Hawaii Community Foundation Board of Governors, Hawaii Technology Development Venture, United States Naval Academy Information Officer for Maui County, Hawaii Community Foundation Maui Leadership Council, Maui County Mayor's Advisory Committee, Maui County Small Business Advisory Council, Maui Economic Development Board, Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation, Maui Historical Society, and the Maui County Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

A graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Bal earned a Master of Science degree from the United States Naval Postgraduate School, graduated from the Advanced Executive Program at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, and is a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College.

He and his wife Beryl live in Wailuku.

Sheri-Ann Daniels

Born, raised, and currently residing on Maui, Sheri-Ann Daniels, Ed.D., has over two decades of experience in social service programs and 15 years of supervisory experience, including non-profit management. It is through these capacities that Dr. Daniels has worked closely with Hawai'i's unique and diverse population to overcome inequities.

In April 2016, Dr. Daniels was appointed Executive Director of Papa Ola Lōkahi (POL), the organization charged by the United States Congress with administrative oversight of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act [Public Law 102-396]. In this role, she leads efforts in developing policy strategies related to health improvement for Native Hawaiians and their families at the local, state and federal level. Dr. Daniels has also played a pivotal role in the development of internal policies, related to the accountability of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems to their individual island communities.

Under Dr. Daniels' leadership, POL has been successful in fostering relationships with local, national and international community-based organizations, whose leaders echo their appreciation for her dedication to being present. It is through these relationships that Dr. Daniels has directed her staff in taking on the challenge of measuring the resiliency and protective factors of Native Hawaiians and their surrounding communities. It is the belief of Dr. Daniels that in order to begin the elimination of health disparities, society must have a deeper understanding of an individual's health needs.

Prior to POL, Dr. Daniels served in various capacities with the Hawai'i State Judiciary, Child and Family Services, Malama Family Recovery Center - Maui's only women-specific addiction and substance abuse treatment facility, and non-profits including Helping Hands Hawai'i and Salvation Army.

In 2017 Dr. Daniels was appointed chairperson of Nā Limahana o Lonopūhā, the Native Hawaiian Health Consortium. An integrated network of leading senior executives and health care providers, together consortium members propose progressive models of culture and research-based methods in implementing prevention and treatment programs focused on systemic outcomes among various levels of Native Hawaiian health and wellness.

Dr. Daniels is actively involved in various community and civic organizations on Maui, including Hawaiian language education as a parent of four grade-school children currently in the kula kaiapuni system (Hawaiian language immersion).

A graduate of Kamehameha Schools Kapālama, Dr. Daniels received her bachelor's in family resources from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She also earned a master's in counseling psychology from Chaminade University of Honolulu, a doctorate in education from Argosy University, and currently holds several license certifications.

Dr. Daniels was recognized in 2014 with the Maui County Women of Excellence award. Other awards include the Pacific Business News - 40 Under 40 (2010) and Ka Ipu Kukui Fellow (2008).

Helen Nielsen

Helen Nielsen is an East Maui resident for nearly 30 years and a UH Regent Emeritus (after serving the remainder of a departing regent's term).

She volunteers in the historic restoration of the old Kaupo School by leading fundraising efforts and the ReImagine Wailuku effort in revitalizing central Wailuku; served with Hawaiian Islands Land Trust as former board president preserving over 1500 acres, Maui Japanese Chamber of Commerce as former board president, Maui Japanese Cultural Society (board member), Maui County Salary Commission, Maui Economic Development Board's Committee on Economic Development and more. For years she has been active in various environmental, public policy and economic development projects.

Helen co-owns/manages commercial properties on Maui and Hawaii and is a former Maui Field Representative for Senator Brian Schatz. A pioneer in renewable energy, she has been generating power and collecting water at her home for decades and is a gourmet cook, artist and private pilot. She studied business at Kingsborough Community College and Pace University in New York City.

Helen has a passion to help UH be the best it can be and realize its full potential as a world-renowned educational and research facility.