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## **Hawaii's High Impact Leaders Join Omidyar Fellows Program 15 Local Leaders Selected as Cohort VI**

HONOLULU – Omidyar Fellows today unveiled the 15 emerging leaders and change makers selected for its sixth cohort. The Omidyar Fellows program seeks to cultivate the conditions in which Hawaii thrives by equipping mid-career leaders with the skills and cross-sector relationships necessary to collectively affect societal change. The individuals were selected based on their accomplishments and their motivation and ability to make transformative change happen in Hawaii.

“Each cohort of the Omidyar Fellows has grown together to create a community of leaders who work collaboratively to improve the future of our state, both in the program and beyond as they join the Forum of Fellows,” said Bill Coy, director of Omidyar Fellows. “I am pleased to welcome this inspiring group of leaders to the Omidyar Fellows as they embark on this journey.”

This year's cohort includes the following local leaders:

- Gabe Amey (Kailua, Oahu), founder and president, Hawaii VA Loans
- Stuart Coleman (Diamond Head, Oahu), Hawaiian Islands regional manager, The Surfrider Foundation
- Brent Kakesako (Kakaako, Oahu), executive director, Hawaii Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development
- Chris Lee (Nuuanu, Oahu), vice president, Popeyes Hawaii
- Aki Marceau (Kaimuki, Oahu), director of policy and community, Hawaii, Elemental Excelerator
- Amy Marvin (Nuuanu, Oahu), senior vice president and chief operating officer, Bishop Museum
- Jeff Mikulina (Manoa, Oahu), chief executive officer, Blue Planet Foundation
- Kapa Oliveira (Waiohuli, Maui), professor, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Tammi Oyadomari-Chun (Aina Haina, Oahu), academic program officer, University of Hawaii, Office of the Vice President for Community Colleges
- Mahina Paishon-Duarte (Holualoa, Hawaii Island), head of school, Kanu o ka Aina Public Charter School
- Stephanie Shipton (Kaneohe, Oahu), co-founder, Education Incubator
- Karen Tan (Ewa Beach, Oahu) president and chief executive officer, Child and Family Service

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- Ben Trevino (Ala Moana, Oahu), sustainability planner, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation
- Quinn Vittum (Maunalani Heights, Oahu), executive director, Re-use Hawaii
- George Yarbrough (Palolo, Oahu), co-founder, Impact Hub Honolulu

For headshots, [click here](#). To access biographies for each Omidyar Fellow, visit [www.omidyarfellows.org](http://www.omidyarfellows.org).

Cohort VI commences in October 2018 with their 15-months of structured curriculum, which includes one full-day session each month, executive coaching, conversations with community, business, and government leaders, and more. After the curriculum portion concludes, the cohort becomes fully engaged in the Forum of Fellows, an active network of 70 cross-sector leaders and change makers, all of whom are dedicated to making positive movement on Hawaii's most pressing issues.

The Omidyar Fellows, a program of the Hawaii Leadership Forum, launched in 2012 with 13 Fellows in its inaugural year. For additional information about Omidyar Fellows, please visit [www.omidyarfellows.org](http://www.omidyarfellows.org). Omidyar Fellows is also on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/OmidyarFellowsHI](https://www.facebook.com/OmidyarFellowsHI).

### **About Omidyar Fellows**

The Hawaii Leadership Forum's cornerstone program, Omidyar Fellows, is a societal change program, seeking to cultivate the conditions in which Hawaii thrives.

Omidyar Fellows believes that effective leadership is essential to the development of a community of engaged citizens. Leaders help make sense of our current reality, provide a vision for what is possible, build relationships, and solve sticky, complex problems. The Omidyar Fellows program is dedicated to making positive movement on Hawaii's most pressing issues.

For more information about Omidyar Fellows, visit [www.omidyarfellows.org](http://www.omidyarfellows.org) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/OmidyarFellowsHI](https://www.facebook.com/OmidyarFellowsHI).

### **About Hawaii Leadership Forum**

The Hawaii Leadership Forum is dedicated to advancing leadership in and for Hawaii. A part of The Omidyar Group, the Forum receives funding from the Omidyar Ohana Fund at the Hawaii Community Foundation.

### **About The Omidyar Group**

The Omidyar Group is a diverse collection of companies, organizations, and initiatives each guided by its own approach, but all united by a desire to catalyze social impact. The Omidyars are guided by a common set of values – a deeply rooted belief in humanity, and a conviction that the world thrives when we prioritize treating others with compassion, dignity, and a vision for positive change powered by the individual.

Working across many sectors and geographies, the Omidyars have contributed more than \$1.5 billion to causes ranging from economic advancement for the underserved and human rights to government accountability and sustainability initiatives. To fulfill their mission Pierre and Pam are deeply engaged in the organizations they founded, and while each organization across [The Omidyar Group](#) has a specific focus, they are united in that they all aim to create opportunities for people to improve their quality of life and that of their communities. For more, visit [www.omidyargroup.com](http://www.omidyargroup.com).

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