

SPEAK

‘Ōlelo

**When our voice thrives,
so does our community.**

“I think the desire to help others and to make ‘Ōlelo relevant in the community is a good part of what drives me. Growing up as one of the oldest of four girls, I helped care for my sisters. At various times, our family lived in different communities all over O‘ahu. I got to see firsthand the unique qualities of each area and the disparities between districts. My parents were active neighborhood board members, and I remember observing the different perspectives that community members had on important issues affecting community life. It made me realize that everyone has their own perspective and the right to voice their opinions, whether I agree with them or not. It also helped me understand the value of community building.

I’ve been fortunate throughout my career to be able to blend my love of community media and the desire to serve others. ‘Ōlelo Community Television is more than a television station; we’re a key partner in community building and engagement. ‘Ōlelo is television by, for and about our community. Each year, we cablecast thousands of hours of original, local programming—from culture to community, entertainment to education, and issues to inspiration. We teach individuals how to use electronic media to tell their stories and share their concerns. I’m always excited to see people find their voice, believe in themselves, celebrate their community, and feel proud of where they come from.”

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