

Jordyn Leilani Danner, HCDC Co-Executive Director

Native Hawaiian



Ms. Jordyn Leilani Danner, employed since 2021 is the Co-Executive Director at the Homestead Community Development Corporation (HCDC) nonprofit, sharing Executive Directorship with Ms. Kara Chow. Jordyn oversees two of the four divisions at HCDC, the Placed Based Program Division and Facilities Division, while her counterpart oversees the remaining two, Corporate Compliance and Capacity Divisions.

Jordyn provides all executive management functions for the social enterprises of the nonprofit including a rural marketplace, campground facility, thrift shop boutique, a café operation and youth leadership center, each of which contribute to the HCDC workforce development and job creating strategy. She also oversees the HCDC portfolio of affordable housing projects, consisting of 14 rental units on Kauai and Maui serving families at or below 80% of Area Median Income.

Jordyn is experienced in community organizing and community-based collaborations which have resulted in a 25-year community benefit agreement supporting economic development and youth programming from a 12MW, \$55 million-dollar solar facility built by Kauai Island Utility Cooperative. Other collaborations include engagements with over 20 micro business owners, in support of economic growth and vitality operating on Hawaiian Home Lands, as well as initiatives in support of local artisans and musicians.

Prior to HCDC employment, she enjoyed a successful career as a 15-year veteran educator in elementary and secondary education; 9 years of which were in remote Alaska Native villages, 3 years at a Native Hawaiian Focused Charter School, and 3 years at a private school on the island of Oahu. She was also employed by the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) as the Policy Program Manager operating voter registration and civic engagement in the Hawaiian community.

Jordyn is a graduate of Kapaa High School on Kauai and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Midland Lutheran University in Nebraska. As a seasoned and successful high school women's varsity coach of three state championship teams, Jordyn has a passion for youth. She is the mother of Kainoa Ikaika Danner, and lives on her Native allotment in Anahola on the island of Kauai.

About HCDC. Homestead Community Development Corporation founded in 2009 by the Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations is dedicated to affordable housing, economic development and community capacity building on or near tribal trust lands established under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

About SCHHA. The Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations is a tribal organization and coalition of self-governments exercising sovereignty on Hawaiian Home Lands and is registered with the U.S. Department of Interior under 43 CFR Part 48.6.