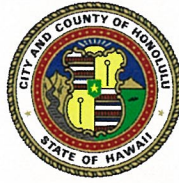


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**12th Annual Stone Soup Leadership Institute's
Summit for Sustainable Development**

Aloha Delegates! It is an honor and a privilege to welcome you to the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Summit for Sustainable Development on the Island of Martha's Vineyard. I am excited to know that so many young people are interested and committed to learning and growing the leadership skills needed to inspire others as you address the many challenging sustainability issues that we must deal with for a better future.

I am especially pleased that you will have the incredible opportunity to learn from the Hōkūle'a as she sails around the world, setting a course for a sustainable future. The courage of Hōkūle'a's crew and their commitment to telling their significant story inspires everyone to be better stewards of our planet. The fact that the Hōkūle'a calls Oahu home is the source of significant community and personal pride.

I urge you all to take full advantage of the opportunities this experience will bring to your life and encourage you to bring those lessons back to your respective communities to share with others. It is my hope and dream that you will perpetuate the knowledge that you will gain throughout this voyage.

Best wishes to you, the mentors and the organizers of this Summit as you venture on your journey to a more sustainable future. Mahalo!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell".

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