



OUR STORY & JOSEPHA

Josepha Kaay Lumbao was a Filipina woman born in Honolulu, Hawai'i. She had a huge, heart that drove her to become a nurse to care for the sick and the elderly. Her dream was crushed, however, when she was denied from nursing school because she was a woman of color with a disability. Still, her compassionate spirit and fierce attitude persisted and were passed down to her 6 children.



One of those children, Leilani, was told as she was growing up that she wasn't capable of being a scientist because she was a woman of color.

She pushed past those doubts, earned her degree in chemistry, and is a leading manager at a laboratory.

These are the stories we tell to all the students we reach to make it clear that they are capable of doing science regardless of who tells them they can't. Our speakers share their similar stories to inspire the students we reach.

