

# leighna-ann lariosa

## EDUCATION

**Kapi'olani Community College**  
Associate in New Media Arts  
Specializing in Interface Design  
*Expected Graduation: May 2024*

**University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**  
Bachelor in English  
Dean's List  
*May 2015*

## DISTINCTIONS

**Pele Awards Gold & Bronze Finalist**  
NMG Network  
*2023*

**John Young Scholarship**  
Kapi'olani Community College  
*2023*

**Arts & Humanities Achievement Award**  
Kapi'olani Community College  
*2023*

**Wāhine Freelance Alliance Scholarship**  
Wāhine Freelance Alliance  
*Summer Cohort 2022*

## VOLUNTEER WORK

**Mentor**  
Surfrider Spirit Sessions  
*Spring Session, March 2019*

**Mentor**  
Common Grace  
*September 2015–May 2019*

## REFERENCES

Available upon request

## Hi, hello!

I am a dedicated design student eager to learn in the field. I enjoy both independent and team projects, and I hold myself accountable to produce work at a high standard. I am interested in UI design, illustration, and visual identity, but I'm open to learn everything!

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

**Special Plans Branch Intern, June 2023–present**  
State of Hawai'i Office of Planning & Sustainable Development

- Directed organization-wide efforts in collateral design, branding, and logo development

**STEM Media & Outreach Assistant, March 2023–May 2023**  
Kapi'olani Community College

- Led an independent project to design the website for the Undergraduate Research Program, managing all aspects of the project from inception to delivery

**Creative Communications & Grant Writer, 2015–2021**  
Common Grace

- Created diverse content across digital and print platforms, led projects, and aided in event planning

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Programs**

- Figma, Wordpress, Wix, Weebly

**Technologies**

- Adobe Software: Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects
- Basic understanding of HTML/CSS

**Other**

- Illustrations, Typography, Color Theory, Writing, Communication, Teamwork, Problem-Solving

## PUBLICATIONS

**"Country Style Tile 1" & "Country Style Tile 2"**  
Lē'ahi Magazine  
*Spring 2023*