



**Alex Siordia**  
**Future Politician**

Alex is a junior at Boston University, a political science major and an intern with Representative Sonia Chang-Diaz. He is the first in his family to attend college, a hard-working family from Mexico. Alex benefited from the Institute's Job Shadow Day matched with U.S. Senators Schatz and Hirono and Hawaii Representative Evans. Now as an Emerging Leader Alex led the *5 Year Plan for Your Life* workshop at The Institute's Youth Leadership Summit on Martha's Vineyard. An inspiring speaker, Alex challenged CEO's at the "**Innovation Briefing**" by the **High Tech Industry** to support youth to pursue their dreams. Alex especially wants to help other youth receive opportunities to succeed and build local leaders in Hawaii and Holyoke by supporting non-profit organizations like the Stone Soup Leadership Institute.

An inspiring speaker, Alex spoke in 2014 at SHYLI's Design Sustainable Hawaii Forum at Windward Community College about the importance of supporting Hawaii's youth to pursue their dreams, especially college.

For Alex SHYLI Sustainability-In-Action Project, he developed a College Prep Workshop. His dream for Hawaii is that more high school students statewide will apply to, and attend college so they have the tools necessary to help their community. At the workshop, Alex invited his HPA classmates and SHYLI members to share their college prep experiences. He encourages students to apply to colleges - junior, community or technical schools to further their education and pursue a career of their choice. While pursuing his college education in Boston, Alex volunteers for the Tutors For All program where college students volunteer to tutor public high school students during the week and weekends. This summer he worked with the national Grassroots Campaign chapter in Los Angeles, a non-profit organization raising funds for education and other organizations, like Doctors Without Borders.

In 2013 Alex was nominated by Patti Cook to serve as a Big Island youth delegate to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development on Martha's Vineyard. For his Summit presentation, Alex researched the Big Island Dairy's use of a methane digester that creates sustainable energy. In 2013 Alex proudly represented SHYLI at the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl. Alex attended Waimea Elementary School and Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School. Alex received a full scholarship to attend the Hawaii Preparatory Academy (HPA). He is now a freshman at Boston University where he majors in political science. During his school year, Alex continues to serve as an Emerging Leader for SHYLI Waimea youth leaders. He represented SHYLI at the Design Weekend for the Institute's Global Online Leaders Platform.

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