

DEREK KURISU
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
KTA SUPER STORES

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Wife: Georganne Kurisu (retired school teacher). Child: Blake Kurisu (Working in New York.) Favorite Past Time: Golfing, visiting other supermarkets, eating different type of foods, spending time traveling with family, studying other businesses. Other Activities: Spending free time with Senior Citizens and Students throughout the State of Hawaii. Speaking engagements and cooking demonstrations throughout the year.

EDUCATION

B.S., Agriculture, University of Hawaii

EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Positions Held with KTA Super Stores: Part time courtesy clerk, part time stock clerk, part time frozen food clerk, part time meat cutter, journeyman meat cutter, Meat Department supervisor, Meat and Frozen Food Buyer, Head Buyer for Perishable Departments, Vice President of Purchasing, and Executive Vice President of Perishable Operation (current). Employed at KTA as a part time and full time employee for 40 years since 1968.

Greatest Business Accomplishments: The creation of Mountain Apple Brand products. It is a private label that currently has over 285 items and 80 business partnerships. Currently producing two television cable programs, "Living in Paradise" and "Seniors Living in Paradise". "Living in Paradise" is a family program and "Seniors Living in Paradise" a program highlighting seniors. Program changes monthly and airs nightly on Hawaii Island local cable T.V. channel 27 from 6:30 to 9:00.

GOALS

Personal: To make the Big Island and the State of Hawai'i the greatest place on earth.

Business: To have products from Hawai'i available throughout the world.

AFFILIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

East Hawai'i Kiwanis

Public Health Nursing Hawai'i Sector Advisory Committee

University of Hawai'i Hilo BS Nursing Program Advisory Board

University of Hawai'i Hilo Education Department Advisory Board

University of Hawaii Hilo Business and Economics Advisory Board

State Dept. of Education Business Management Technology Advisory Board

University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Board of Advisors

Hawai'i Winter League Advisory Board Chairman

Young Brothers and Hawaiian Tug and Barge Hawaii County Community Advisory Board

Hawai'i Food Industry Executive Board



Transition Magazine Advisory Board President

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

HSTA Partnership Award 2007

UH Hilo Campus Distinguished Service Award 2007

State of Hawaii Friend of Agriculture Award 2006

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) Outstanding Alumnus, 2002

State DOE Business Education Partnership Award, 2001

Hawai'i Island Humanitarian of the Year, 2000

Hawai'i State School-to-Work Business Partnership Award, 1999

County Council Recognition Award, 1999

State Retail Employee of the Year Award, 1999

State Small Business Advocate Award, 1998

Key Club Advisor of the Year

Kiwanis Distinguish Service Award

Hawai'i Country Office of Aging Partnership Award