

# **Update from our Executive Director**

Hello Makena,

One has been already. I had the pleasure of attending CES in Las Vegas last month and it was an incredible experience, with many new digital health technologies on display. I spent a great deal of time with our smart glass partners VUZIX at their impressive booth, and had a sneak peek of the smart glasses they are working on next. The future for remote surgical training is bright!. Ohana One prides itself on bringing advanced technology to our NGO partners and to surgeons in developing countries and embraces technology in a proactive manner. We are always looking to add different tech and resource to our training modalities. I am thrilled to share that Dr. Eva Williams and Dr. Megan McCullough, have joined the Ohana One

With the new year well underway, I am excited to share with you how incredible productive Ohana

team as volunteers and are already making meaningful contributions. You'll need to scroll down to learn more about them in our "New and Notable" section below, but I wanted to take a moment to welcome them both! In that same section below, you will also see we have expanded our program to China and have other exciting updates. Another group I would like to acknowledge for their outstanding work is the Global Health Initiatives

chapter from UCLA. This dedicated group of medical-focused undergraduates is passionate about global health and have partnered with Ohana One to teach hospital staff in Mozambique medical English. Did you know that English is the official language of global medicine? They have designed a curriculum with 64 lessons and over 2,700 phrases to meet the needs of the staff they are teaching via zoom sessions. This program has had a significant impact for the physicians and staff who participate, and all of us at Ohana One are grateful to GHI for their meaningful and impressive contributions. Shifting gears a bit, Ohana One has a surgical mission planned for this April to Nicaragua, COVID

permitting. You can learn more about it here. Many thanks to the Ohana One Board of Directors for their continuous dedication, 100% personal

accomplish in 2022 - and beyond. Please help me welcome our new 2022 officers:

and lead giving and commitment to supporting our Surgical Sight Program and all we are working to

David Kulber, MD – Board President Adrian Ashkenazy – Vice President Kylie Tanabe – Secretary Susie Laffer – Treasurer Michele Dee, MD – Immediate Past President Best,

**Marchelle Sellers Executive Director** 



She took some time to sit down with us and answer some questions about the mission and future of Ohana One. What aspect of Ohana One are you most proud of? All of it! I am so proud of everything we have been able to do over these first few years of Ohana One. To see how much we have grown has been an incredible thing. I never thought we would be

She is one of the co-founders of Ohana One and is the current Secretary of the Board of Directors.

## able to have this much impact on the world in just a few years.

What do you hope to see Ohana One accomplish this year? I would love to see Ohana One really focus on our mentorship program. I want to understand what our mentee surgeons need and perfect our platform to deliver the best available technology for them.

### I bring enthusiasm and passion! My past experience with global health and medical missions helps

What Special Skills or passion do you bring to Ohana One?

We want to make things aa easy as we can for our surgeons.

me understand first-hand what we need to do and why it is important. I don't know of any other organization focusing on the physicians and doing training. The physicians will then go on and be able to train others. It is very exciting to think of the impact we are having.

### learning and training is everything. I want the world to learn about the technology and how we are using it. We are here to help the world!

What do you wish people knew about Ohana One?

Hear more about what Kylie has to say and find her answer to a special fifth question when you watch the video below!

I wish more people knew about Ohana One and what we do! Our focus on the surgeons and their



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Saad Illyas of Lahore Pakistan successfully completed our Surgical Sight Program. Dr. Ilyas is now trained to perform and teach Flat Foot Reconstruction and Cavus Foot Reconstruction to other surgeons in Pakistan and to care for thousands more patients!

Steps2Walk, and an array of other mentors from around the world, Dr.

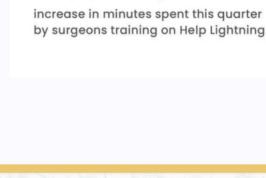
Under the close mentorship of Dr. Mark Myerson, co-founder of

Ohana One volunteer surgical consultant, Dr. Marvee Turk, is partnering with Dr. Eva Williams and Dr. Megan McCullough (all Los Angeles based) to support Ohana One's metrics and surgical curriculum development. We are very excited to share that both Dr. Williams and Dr. Turk submitted abstract reviews outlining the global tech work of Ohana One, and BOTH were accepted to present at the 9th

Annual Conference of American Council of Plastic Surgeons in Austin this month!

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Ohana One is growing, and fast!



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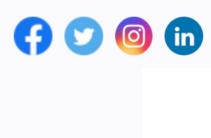








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