



# SYLVIA RAE TWAHIRWA

OCEANIC INSTITUTE SHRIMP DEPARTMENT STUDENT  
WORKER/INTERN

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

### High School Graduate:

Rowland Hall (RH) 25'

### Higher Education:

Hawai'i Pacific University (HPU)

Marine Biology B.S.

(Class of 2029)

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- AP Statistics
- AP Biology
- Vertebrate Physiology
- Ornithology
- Thermodynamics
- AP Comp. Sci. Principles

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK (COLLEGIATE)

- Calculus I and II
- General Biology + Lab
- Oceanographic Field Techniques

## SKILLS

- Word/Excel
- Experience Writing Lab Reports
- Experience in using: YSI, Niskin Bottles, Plankton and Neuston Nets, Van Veen, Multi Sediment Corers, Compound and Dissecting microscopes
- French Speaker (Basic/Beginner/Conversational)

## CERTIFICATIONS

- PADI Scuba Diving Certification (2019)

## BACKGROUND

Moving from Utah to Hawai'i has put me in this epicenter of opportunity as I am looking to gain hands on experience in my future career field, Marine Biology. I have a passion for the ocean as well as marine life and I've gained a better grasp on data collection, research and hatchery as I've work in aquaculture at the Oceanic Institute.

## Oceanic Institute Student Worker/Intern

Jan. 2026 - May 2026

- Feeding shrimp (assisting with live artemia and/or weighing out feed)
- Maturation and breeding (calculating survival rates)
- Cleaning tanks
- Tagging shrimp
- Assembled & maintained aquaculture tank systems



## AWARDS/ACTIVITIES/PUBLICATIONS

- Research Expedition: Tebenkof Bay Benchmark Study on marine and terrestrial species with Alaska Endeavors 24'
- RH High School Varsity Swim Team 2021-2025
- University of Utah Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Leadership Award recipient 24'
- Published Poetry in Literary Magazines RH Tesseræe Vol.20 (2025). & HPU Wanderlust XXII (2026)

## EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

- RH Black Student Union Founder/President (2022-2025)
- RH Justice Equity Diversity & Inclusion Member & Co-Leader (2022-2025)
- Dancer & Choreographer For Rowland Hall Dance Co. (2021-2025)
- Utah Black Student Union Alliance Member (2023-2025)

## EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE (COLLEGIATE)

- HPU Marine Science Club Member (Aug. 2025 - Present)
- HPU Social Work Club Member (Aug. 2025 - Present)
- HPU Black Student Union Member (Aug. 2025 - Present)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Dick's Sporting Goods, Cashier | May 2023 - August 2025

- Gained leadership experience as I moved into my position as team lead over the front end department
- Learned how to work with their POS system & manage tills
- Strengthened customer service skills
- Dealt with inventory, sold credit cards & helped reach company sales goals