



Qiana Foster

**Credit Union Branch
Manager
Class of 2003**

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Qiana Foster is the Branch Manager of three different CU Hawaii locations: the Main Branch on Hinano Street, the Puainako

Branch outside of KTA, and the Waiakea High Student Branch located on the campus at Waiakea High School. Qiana manages over 20 employees, overseeing the financial growth of these branches and making sure all operations run efficiently.

What interested Qiana about working at CU Hawaii was their philosophy of “people helping people.” Her career at CU Hawaii started in 2002, when she was hired as a clerk. She then worked her way up through many different positions such as Member Service Representative, Consumer Loan Officer and, eventually, Branch Manager. The DECA program at Waiakea High helped Qiana by giving her the opportunity and stepping stone to her employment at CU Hawaii.

After being employed at CU Hawaii for seven years, Qiana can honestly say she enjoys her job. She says she enjoys working with the staff and the members. She feels the challenges of the job have made her a better person and overcoming each challenge has taught her how to prepare for future challenges.

When looking back, Qiana remembers Waiakea High School as a structured school. As a member of the class of 2003, she feels it was a privilege to attend Waiakea High School. “The activities and programs made school even more enjoyable.” But an even fonder memory of WHS was the teachers. Qiana felt the teachers not only did their job of teaching but also went above and beyond to take a personal interest in their students.

What advice would you give students looking to go into your field? “Be goal oriented”, Qiana says “Once you set your heart on something, never give up in pursuing that goal.” She also says to learn all you can! In life there’s going to be ups and downs but the way you deal with those situations will define you. And lastly, she says to treat others with kindness and genuinely care for them; people are the ones that will help you succeed and make you what you become today.

