This is an interactive, hands-on workshop that will demonstrate how we can use the performing arts to explore elements of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) in the classroom. Participants will walk away with specific techniques for engaging students to think critically about the role that STEAM (integrating Arts into STEM) plays in their lives. The workshop will begin with a short, interactive word game designed to get participants warmed up and in the right mind frame for thinking about STEAM topics. Then, participants will engage in a writing exercise, "I am more than what they think I am". The workshop will then explore a more in-depth performance workshop that encourages students to think about how changes in environment affect everything. Kealoha will engage with teachers to discuss the various methods he uses and how they can be implemented in classrooms.

Kealoha is the first Poet Laureate of Hawai‘i and is an internationally acclaimed poet and storyteller. Kealoha graduated with honors from MIT with a degree in Nuclear Physics (and a minor in writing), served as a business consultant in San Francisco, and played around as a surf instructor prior to becoming a professional poet in 2002. After 3 years of spreading the artform of slam poetry, he realized the need for a place where teenagers could call home for exploring their voices. Kealoha received grant funding to support Youth Speaks Hawai‘i, a local branch of the national Youth Speaks organization which he founded. As a solo artist, he continues to visit schools, libraries, and community centers to expose both youths and adults to slam poetry and performances. Find out more at kealohapoetry.com.