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Denise Hayashi Yamaguchi is the CEO and Founder of the Hawai`i Food & Wine Festival and also serves as the Executive Director of the Hawai`i Agricultural Foundation. Prior to her tenure with the Festival and with the Foundation, she was a business development consultant providing both nonprofit and for-profit organizations with fund development, marketing, government affairs, public relations and community relations strategies and solutions.

She has more than twenty-four years of experience and has held executive positions with NCL America, Bishop Museum, Japanese Cultural Center, Hawai`i Foodbank and U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye's office in Washington D.C.

She is currently a board member of the East-West Center Foundation and a member of the Hawai`i Tourism Authority Board of Directors and has held various volunteer leadership roles with a number of nonprofits in the community.

