

KANESA DUNCAN

paddleboarder, athlete and scientist

Profile

Nationality: US and Canadian citizen (dual)
Born in Saskatchewan, Canada 1975 (30 years old)
Kanesa means sacred place and is from the Ojibwe Indian language

Race: Caucasian Female: 5'4", 130lbs.

Background: Raised mostly in California, USA
Grew up swimming and began triathlon + lifesaving / ocean sports in college
Moved to Oahu, Hawaii in 1999 for graduate school and began more water sports.

Paddleboard Race Results

Quiksilver ~ Moloka'i to Oahu Paddleboard Race

2006 1st place female (32 mi: 6:33.56)
(9th overall, 4th unlimited, new unlimited female record)

2005 1st place female (32 mi: 6:16.26)
(16th overall, 4th stock)

2004 1st place female (32 mi: 5:53.49)
New female record by 54 minutes (16th overall, 4th stock)

2003 2nd place female (32 mi: 6:49.04, 15th overall, 5th stock)

2002 1st place female (32 mi: 7:08.05)
New female record by 28 minutes (14th overall, 4th stock)

2001 1st place female (32 mi: 7:36.06)
New female record by 20 minutes (16th overall, 5th stock)

Catalina Classic (Catalina Island to Manhattan Beach, CA)

2002 1st place female (32 mi: 6:47.00, 17th overall)

Fiji International Blue Water Classic

2006 1st place female (55 min.) (Viti Levu, Fiji)

Maui International

2006 1st place female (9 mi.) (Maliko run, Maui)

Hennessey International

2006 2nd place female (15 K: 1:47.28) (Burleigh Heads, Australia)

2005 2nd place female (8 mi.: 1:28.52) (South Shore, Oahu)

2004 1st place female (7 mi.: 1:17.59, 50th overall) (North Shore, Oahu)

2003 2nd place female (7 mi.: 1:19.41, 57th overall) (North Shore, Oahu)

2002 2nd place female (25 K: 2:48.10, 42nd overall) (Noosa Heads, Australia)

Maui Ocean Challenge (1 mi. swim / 2 mi. paddleboard / 3 mi. kayak / 1 mi. run)

2004 1st place female (2nd overall)

Men's Health Paddleboard Race (Sydney, Australia)

2002 1st place female

CA Bay to Bay

2006 1st place female, 1st place 14' class (20 mi: 4:01.43, 10th overall)

2002 1st place female (20 mi: 3:58.25, 16th overall)

Xcel ~ Cline Mann Ko'olaupoko

2004 1st place female (17 mi: 3:12.52)

2004 1st place female (17 mi: 3:03.30)

2004 1st place female (17 mi: 3:05.52)

2003 1st place female (17 mi: 2:50.40) – new female record

2001 1st place female (17 mi: 3:14.59)

Da Hui ~ 4th of July Paddleboard

2004 1st place female (3.4 mi: 39.51, 23rd overall)

2003 1st place female (3.4 mi: 35.46, 30th overall) – new female record

2001 1st place female (3.4 mi: 37.56, 33rd overall)

Summer Solstice Paddleboard Race

2006 1st place female

2004 1st place female

Starbucks ~ Paddleboard Shootout, 2001 1st place female (1:00.15)

Joe Bark ~ Rock 2 Rock 2001 (22 mi: 4:21.30) sponsored by Eaton paddleboards

1st ever Tandem Paddleboard Catalina Channel Crossing (with Mike Harnish)

Bud Light ~ Waikiki Beach Boys Choose Your Weapon Race

2003 1st place female (8 mi: 1:38.47, 11th overall)

2000 1st place female (8 mi: 1:43.52)

Athletic Credentials

Outrigger Canoe Club 6-man canoe paddling 2000-present

- Paddled Molokai Channel, states sprints, distance races (top 10 every race 2001- 2006)

Surfski (kayak) and One-man outrigger racing 2000-present

- 3rd place one-man canoe relay 2005
- Kanaka I kai Ka open ocean season; short course 2001, long course 2002, 2003,2004,2005
- Molokai to Oahu solo kayak 2004
- Oahu Coastal One-Man Relay (Starbucks). 2nd place team.
- Results: www.kanakaikaika.com

Nationally Ranked / Sponsored Triathlete 1995-1997

- Sponsored by Clif Bar, RONO innovations, ART's Cyclery (1996, 1997)
- Collegiate National Championships; top 6, top 3 (1996, 1997)
- Team USA member; Triathlon Worlds in Perth, Australia (1997)

Lifeguard Competitor 1994 - 1997

- CA Central coast lifeguard competition, female winner (1994, 1996, 1997)
- 3rd place (over all) in Ken Hartmount Avila Pier to Pismo Pier paddleboard race (1995)

National Swimmer ~ Nationally ranked age-group swimmer

- Cal Poly traveling member and Div. 1 Conference Finalist (1994, 1996)

Waikiki Rough Water Swim

- 2nd in age group 2004
- 1st in age group 2000

“Real Life” – Experience and schooling in Marine Biology

B.S. from Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, Cam 1999

- Ecology and Systematic Biology Major and English Minor

M.S. University of Hawaii 2004

Ph.D. University of Hawaii 2005

- Dissertation “Effects of nursery habitat use on ecology and population genetic structure in the scalloped hammerhead shark (*sphyrna lewini*).” Department of Zoology and Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology.
- More information at: www.hawaii.edu/HIMB/sharklab

Faculty UH Manoa College of Education (Assistant Professor) 2006

- Teach Biology
- Curriculum and research development for science education
- Development of University of Hawaii Center for Excellence in Science Education

Adjunct Faculty Hawaii Pacific University