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Wilbert is a member of the *Mōkauleej* clan (who guard the royals in the afterlife). Beyond his interest in fishing and community work, his deep commitment to spreading the legacy of his home, the Marshall Islands, started long before he went to the Upper Peninsula of the State of Michigan. Honoring the legacy of his grandparents from both sides who were cultural leaders of the communities they resided, he is the founding chair of the Marshallese Studies department at the College of the Marshall Islands.

Since graduation from Northern Michigan University, he has become not only his country's first Field Archaeologist but also the Director of the Cultural and Historic Preservation Office and the State (National) Historic Preservation Officer.

As the lead archaeologist of the Marshall Islands, he is an amazing cultural ambassador.

Wilbert hopes to connect the rich cultural and historic heritage of the Marshall Islands with Marshallese born and raised outside the Marshall Islands.

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