



Dr. Ngan Ha Thanh Ta (*she/her*) - Hawai'i

Ngan Ha Ta is the 2024 Teacher of the Year for the Hawai'i Association of Language Teachers. Ngan is a Mandarin Chinese Teacher at 'Iolani School while serving as the Director of Global and Language Initiatives and a Technology Advisory Group Member. She collaborates with her school's faculty and administration to build global programs and lead professional development to support school-wide educational technology initiatives. Since 2017, she has been affiliated with STARTALK, a National Security Agency (NSA)-funded program for critical languages, and has been serving as the Lead Instructor for both the student programs and teaching-training programs. Ngan conducted her doctoral research on online professional development for language teachers in the U.S. Ngan's passion for promoting multilingualism extends beyond the class through global service trips, cultural and language immersion experiences, and leadership roles at state, regional, and national events.

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