

Blaise Babineck Bio

Blaise grew up in rural West Oahu surrounded by the Waianae Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. He received his B.S. in Chemistry from Hawai'i Pacific University, graduating as valedictorian. His undergraduate research focused on polymer photooxidation and polymer-pollutant interactions under the mentorship of Profs. David Horgen and David Hyrenbach. After graduating, he spent two years sharing his love of science as an award winning eighth grade teacher while completing his M.Ed. in Secondary Education and earning recognition as the youngest teacher in state history. He is now a Chemistry Ph.D. student and Dean of Science Fellow. Blaise is excited to pursue research at the interface of polymer chemistry and environmental chemical biology as part of the Plata Lab. Outside the lab he is an avid adventurer who can be found hiking ridgelines, paddling, and free diving.