

## **Jim Crisafulli bio**



A native of Los Angeles, Jim Crisafulli pursued joint undergraduate studies in Physics and Zoology at Harvey Mudd College and Pomona College in Claremont, California. Following a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps as a secondary school physics teacher in Fiji, he returned to Claremont Graduate University to obtain a Masters Degree in International Studies, with special emphasis on the technologies and economies of Asia/Pacific societies.

In 1978, Jim was awarded a 3-year international research fellowship with the East-West Center in Honolulu, where he continued to investigate technology development issues affecting Asia/Pacific communities. He subsequently held positions as an economic development specialist and program director for the Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP) and the Economic Development Corporation of Honolulu.

In 1988, Jim joined the Hawaii State Government to serve as Space Program Projects Manager for the State Office of Space Industry (until its closure in May, 1995), and subsequently served as Science & Technology Officer and Research & Development Coordinator for the State's Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT), during which he helped launch Hawaii's Office of Aerospace Development (for which he served as Director until July 2017) to develop bilateral and multinational space activities through Hawaii, including the Japan-U.S. Science, Technology & Space Applications Program (JUSTSAP), the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) on the Big Island of Hawaii, and other programs to facilitate the research, development, testing and evaluation of innovative technologies, as well as professional training and aerospace education programs, to support future robotic and human missions to the Moon, Mars and beyond.

Jim now serves as Director of the Hawaii Space Industry Innovation Program (HiSPACE) and Co-Founder of the Global Alliance for International Collaboration in Space (GALIX) under the Governor Ariyoshi Foundation, continuing to explore and promote creative ways for Hawaii to help advance public-private partnerships and multinational alliances that could help reduce the costs, enhance the benefits, and accelerate timetables for future space exploration and development missions worldwide.