

Jim Bray Receives \$5000 McCloskey Excellence in Teaching Award



Jim Bray, head of Island School's social studies department, was awarded the 2004 McCloskey Excellence in Teaching Award at Island School's Graduation Ceremony on June 5. He was rewarded with a \$5,000 prize. The Award is sponsored by Tom and Bonnie McCloskey of McCloskey and Company.

Bray is highly-rated by his students for his classroom instruction. In addition to his regular classroom responsibilities, Bray instructed two students in an independent study on methods of structural analysis of English literature and initiated bi-weekly teacher-improvement sessions for interested members of the faculty. Outlines of these sessions were shared with the entire faculty via e-mail at Island School. Further, Bray headed Island School's Mock Trial team and was a key person in procuring special funds to underwrite projects of particular interest to Island School's high-school students and staff, in the amount of about \$10,000 this year and even more next year. In the larger community, Bray is an active member of the Kaua'i Concert Association's Board of Directors.

"We feel most fortunate in having an individual of Mr. Bray's qualities on the Island School staff," said Head of Island School Robert Springer.

The selection process included establishing criteria, receiving nominations, and having a committee of students, parents, and a board member review nominations and select three finalists. Without comment, this committee submitted the names of three finalists to a Selection Committee, who then made the final choice. The Selection Committee included Springer, Tom and Bonnie McCloskey, David Pratt, president of the Board of Directors, and Denese Alcott, head of Island School's Parent Association. Criteria included quality of instruction (knowledge of content, skills in presentation, and management of the classroom), development of curriculum, rapport with students, support for colleagues, and community service beyond the institution itself.

Bray will sit on next year's selection committee, providing useful information to the committee and ensuring a rotation of winners.

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"Bonnie and I are so pleased to have seeded Leadership Kaua'i, and to be involved in it. This organization will serve our community for many generations to come," said Tom McCloskey.

Applications for Leadership Kauai's annual leadership development program are available at the Chamber office or online at www.leadershipkauai.org.

Calendar

Kaua'i Sunshine Market Weekly Schedule:

Monday: Noon at Koloa Ball Park

Tuesday: 3 p.m. at Kalaheo Neighborhood Center

Wednesday: 3 p.m. at Kapa'a New Town Park

Thursday: 3:30 p.m. at Hanapepe Park and 4:30 p.m. at Kilauea Neighborhood Center

Friday: 3 p.m. at Vidinha Stadium

Saturday: 9 a.m. at Kekaha Neighborhood Center

Community:

July 4 Kaua'i Hospice Concert in the Sky (Vidinha Stadium)

July 24 - Aug. 1 Koloa Plantation Days (Saturday, July 31 - Parade in Old Koloa Town)

Aug. 26 - 29 Kaua'i County Farm Bureau Fair (Vidinha Stadium)

September 17-19 Lihu'e Fishing Supply Fishing Tournament

**If you would like to include a community event for events happening from September 2004 through November 2004 in the next IMUA calendar, please submit it to Greg, Jeff or Kymry by July 31, 2004.*

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