



# IMUUA

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## Tom and Bonnie's Corner



Summer has arrived, and we've all dried out from the heavy rains in the beginning of the year. The past few months have been eventful with the awards of the McCloskey KCC Business Plan Competition and the McCloskey Excellence in Teaching Award. Congratulations to Alana Grier, who won the McCloskey KCC Business Plan Competition. We were "wowed" by her business plan and wish her the best of luck as she pursues her entrepreneurial dreams. Congratulations to Jeff Brock, recipient of the McCloskey Excellence in Education Award at Island School. Jeff's steadfast commitment to his students and education is highly commendable. Island School is very lucky to have him on its team.

To all of you who are a part of the McCloskey and Company 'ohana, mahalo for your constant hard work, time, and talents. Here's to a fun, safe summer!

Aloha, *Tom and Bonnie*

## Alana Grier Wins McCloskey KCC Business Plan Competition



Alana Grier was awarded the McCloskey Kaua'i Community College (KCC) Business Plan Competition grand prize of \$5,000 in May for the plan of her start-up company, Embraced in Grace Records.

Located on Kaua'i, Embraced in Grace Records is a socially responsible independent record label and publishing company that provides its customers with quality music and a conscientious message. Its services include song publishing, artist development, sales of CD and other products, and live performances. Embraced in Grace Records plans to use local resources to record its projects as well as local graphic artists and video producers to promote its artists. Grier noted that her company will make environmentally sound choices by using recycled materials whenever possible and collaborate with other businesses that are environmentally friendly. Embraced in Grace Records plans to give 10% of its profits to organizations that are

producing results towards local and global solutions.

A big mahalo goes out to the McCloskey KCC Business Plan Competition Committee, including Peggy Cha, Shirley Tani, Leland Kahawai, Susan Tai, Brad Nagano, Glenn Holtz, Harold Nakamura, Cheryl Gruse, and Al Spencer. Also, thank you to the Competition judges Dennis Esaki, Ian Kagimoto, Lucy Kawaihalau, Peter Yukimura, Kirk Nakamoto, Tad Miura, and Ernie Pasion, as well as mentors Glenn Holtz, John Isobe, Cheryl Gruse, and Susan Tai.



The six-month McCloskey KCC Business Plan Competition provided an opportunity for entrepreneurial-minded KCC students to come together for the purpose of fostering new business development. The competition awarded \$5,000 to the team that presented the best business plan for new ventures, which have not yet been initiated or are in the earliest stages of launch. Any KCC student carrying six or more credits was allowed to enter the competition. Non-students were allowed to join a team that included an eligible student.

## Jeff Brock Rocks at Island School



that are difficult. He motivates me first to try, and when I try and I do not succeed, he then motivates me to succeed!" This seventh grader signs himself, "Future Theoretical Physicist."

In addition to his teaching, Brock is the advisor to Island School's Dive Club and has promoted recycling on campus with middle school department head Michelle McGregor.

The process of selecting a winner for the McCloskey Excellence in Education Award involves nominations by students, parents and colleagues. These nominations are reviewed by a committee comprised of a member of the Board of Directors, three parents, and the threestudent government presidents. This committee recommends three nominees for the final review and selection by a committee of the President of the Board of Directors, the Head of School, the President of the Parent Association, and the previous winners, Jim Bray in 2004 and Lynda Liesse in 2005. This year, the other finalists were Cindy Wortmann, 5th grade teacher, and Connie Kakalia, 2nd grade teacher, both tops in their fields.

On June 10 at Island School's annual commencement ceremony, middle school science teacher Jeff Brock was honored as the winner of the 2005-2006 McCloskey Excellence in Education Award. Brock, the third recipient of this award, was presented with a \$5,000 prize.

In the opinion of students, parents, and colleagues, Brock represents the highest of standards in teaching through his content, methods, classroom instruction, extra-curricular activities, professional attitudes, and behavior along with concern for individuals, fellow staff members, and students. Brock, a graduate of M.I.T., is young in his teaching career, yet he is mature in his knowledge of curriculum, effective at helping students know about and love science, and is dedicated to his students. A student wrote, "Jeff Brock helps me learn things

## Aloha, Kymry and Ros!



McCloskey and Company bid a fond farewell to Executive Assistant Kymry Perez and Accounting Manager Rosalind DeBusca in May. We wish them the very best in their future endeavors!

## IMUA Tidbits

McCloskey and Company donated two St. Croix lambs to the 4-H Livestock Club. 4-H member Casandra Kawamura raised one of the lambs to be judged and auctioned at the annual Garden Fair held in April. Below is a thank you note from Casandra.

Dear Mr. Jeff Rivera,  
Aloha! My name is Casandra Kawamura. I am 13 years old. I am a student at Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School. I am also a member of the Kauai 4-H Livestock Club. I would like to thank you for donating 2 St. Croix lambs to our club. I raised one of the donated lambs. I named him Troy. Troy eats alot of food. He also eats my clothes and Bow's all of the time. I hope you will be able to come to the Garden Fair in April.

Mahalo,  
Casandra Kawamura

## Leadership Kaua'i Graduates Second Class



On June 9, Leadership Kaua'i graduated its second Annual Leadership Program class. Be on the look-out for amazing things to come from these 22 budding community leaders.

Tom and Bonnie McCloskey were part of a group of community volunteers that created Leadership Kaua'i and seeded the organization

at its inception. Leadership Kaua'i is nonprofit organization poised to cultivate strong leaders for today and tomorrow.

# Employee Spotlights



## Villamor Bagaosian Acorda

**Family:** Spouse – Feliza, housekeeper at Courtyard Marriott

Children – Pamela-Lani, front desk manager at Pahio Resorts  
 Harry, bus boy at Courtyard Marriott  
 William, student at University of Portland

**Background:** Villamor was born and raised in Bacarra, Ilocos Norte Philippines. He moved to Kaua'i on June 16, 1973 to pursue a "better life."

**Title:** Tractor Operator

**Job:** Villamor's responsibilities include maintaining trails and roads.

**Best things about his job:** "I have a good boss and great co-workers."

**Employed at McCloskey and Company:** Almost 5 years

**Most people don't know:** "I am a humble guy."

**Hobbies:** Villamor enjoys playing with his grandson, working around the house, and watching TV.

**Favorite Food:** Fish and Chinese food

**Favorite Ice Cream Flavor:** Vanilla

**Favorite TV Show:** "Walker, Texas Ranger"

**Favorite Musician:** Kenny Rogers

**Favorite Quote:** "Let's go."



## Antonio O. Claro, Jr.

**Family:** Spouse – Wilma

**Background:** Antonio was born and raised in the Philippines, and graduated from Luna College in Tayug, Pangasinan. He moved to Kaua'i on December 13, 2000 to be with his wife.

**Title:** Landscaper, Maintenance

**Job:** Antonio is responsible for weed whacking, pulling weeds, trimming, and planting.

**Best things about his job:** "We work as a team."

**Employed at McCloskey and Company:** 3 years, 4 months

**Most people don't know:** He has three jobs.

**Hobbies:** Antonio enjoys playing basketball, swimming, and fishing.

**Favorite Food:** Filipino and Chinese food

**Favorite Ice Cream Flavor:** Magnolia

**Favorite Movie:** Action

**Favorite Musician:** Sampaguita

**Favorite Quote:** "Just do it."



# New Faces Around McCloskey and Company



From left to right, we welcome Laura Villalobos, Equestrian Consultant, Anthony Ginocchio, Maintenance Shop Assistant, Phyllis Clark, Executive Assistant, Melino Salgado, Landscape Maintenance, and Romeo Suniga, Truck Driver.

# IMUA Congrats



Lauren McCloskey, daughter of Tom and Bonnie, and Ryan Elston, an agent at Sleeping Giant Realty and recent Leadership Kaua'i graduate, were engaged on May 3. Both will attend the University of Notre Dame's MBA program in the class of 2008.



Congratulations to Kolby Sarme-Smith, son of McCloskey and Company Manager James Sarme, who graduated from Kapa'a High School on May 26.

## Kona Kampachi at KCC and on Bravo TV's "Top Chef"

Kona Blue Water Farms donated Kona Kampachi to the Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Kaua'i Community College's 4th annual Spring Gourmet Gala in April. Headline Chef Hiroshi Fukui of Hiroshi Eurasian Tapas presented the fish as a Kona Kampachi carpaccio with julienned ginger, tomato concasse, Mrs. Cheng's tofu, and truffled ponzu. Many guests noted that it was their favorite dish of the event.



a finalist in the show.

Kona Kampachi also made a splash recently on Bravo TV network's hit show "Top Chef," where up-and-coming chefs compete in various challenges for the grand title of "Top Chef." Top Chef competitor Tiffani Faison used Kona Kampachi in a challenge that garnered her a spot as

In October 2004, Cornerstone Holdings led an investment group that infused a \$4 million investment into KonaBlue. Tom McCloskey is the President and CEO of Aspen-based Cornerstone Holdings as well as Chairman of Kona Blue Water Farms. For more information, visit [www.kona-blue.com](http://www.kona-blue.com).

## Bon Dance Schedule

Bon Dance season is in full swing. Here is the upcoming Bon Dance schedule. Generally, most bon services begin at 6:30 p.m. and dancing starts at 8 p.m. Stop by any one of these events for ono food, great entertainment, games, and more!



June 9-10	Waimea Shingon Mission
June 16-17	Kapa`a Jodo Mission
June 23-24	Hanapepe Soto Zenshuji
June 30-July 1	Kapa`a Hongwanji
July 7-8	Waimea Higashi Hongwanji
July 14-15	West Kaua`i Hongwanji - Koloa Temple
July 21-22	West Kaua`i Hongwanji - Waimea Temple
July 28-29	Koloa Jodo Mission
August 4-5	West Kaua`i Hongwanji - Hanapepe Temple
August 11-12	Lihu`e Hongwanji Mission

## Calendar

### McCloskey and Company:

July 4 Holiday

### Community:

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

July 15-16 Paradise Bike Ride to benefit Malama Pono (island-wide)

July 22-30 Koloa Plantation Days (various locations)

Aug 2-5 Kaua`i Music Festival (KCC Performing Arts Center)

*\*If you would like to include a community event for events happening from September 2006 through December 2006 in the next IMUA calendar, please submit it to your manager by July 31.*

## IMUA Birthdays

### June

June 14 Frank Barretto, Jr.  
 June 15 Russel G. Cuadro  
 June 16 Lolita Bolibol  
 June 24 Romeo Ramento  
 June 30 Rick Garcia

### July

July 2 Magdalena P. Ganotisi  
 July 17 Alejo N. Pinoliar  
 July 22 Romeo A. Suniga  
 July 28 Alejandro B. Aranda  
 July 28 Kehaulani Kukahiko  
 July 31 Jeff Rivera

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