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Susan Tai joins McCloskey and Company

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KEALIA— Susan Tai has been named vice president of corporate development for McCloskey and Company, according to a recent press release.

Tai will oversee the company's current and future business ventures in Hawai'i. She will also create new projects and research business opportunities in and outside of Hawai'i.



Tai has joined McCloskey and Company as vice president of corporate development.

"We are so pleased Susan will fill this position in our company," Tom McCloskey, Chairman of McCloskey and Company, stated in the release. "She has the expertise to bring us to the next level as we focus on our current agricultural, ranching, and hi-tech entities, as well as knowledge about and sensitivity to our local culture and economy to help us make smart choices in the future. We want to make a positive impact in Hawai'i by the kinds of businesses we support and operate so Susan's combination of talents is critical."

Tai was most recently the direc-

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Patty Zhou and Kaho Koll are framed by the soft drink cups of L&L Hawaiian Drive-Inn. The business opened its doors for business Wednesday at the Kukul Grove Shopping Center.

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Jon Letman

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Two weeks ago a new academic year began and thanks to the generosity of residents and local businesses, studying and learning will be that much easier for many children on Kauai.

Last month saw the completion of the initial phase of the first year of the Ready2Learn program on Kauai and, according to local program coordinator Luciana Vasquez, the net results exceeded all expectations.

"I really don't have the words to say thank

you enough to every-
Vasquez said recently,
funds were gathered
around the island.

The Ready2Learn
by Senator Daniel In
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school supplies to Ha
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Ready2Learn prog

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tor of the Hawai'i Small Business Development Center Network on Kaua'i where she worked with numerous clients in developing successful ventures that contributed positively to the local and national economy.

She also developed many partnerships on behalf of SBDC with key entities on Kaua'i, and conducted workshops for small business owners to guide them in creating successful business plans and companies.

Prior to her tenure at the Hawai'i SBDC, Tai was the director of Entrepreneurship Programs for the Michael P. Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship at The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

Tai said, "When I met with Tom earlier this year, he discussed developing this position to help him manage his existing and new ventures." Tai said. "I'm looking forward to working with the terrific team already in place at McCloskey and Company, and helping the company reach its goals in Hawai'i."

Tai volunteers in the community with the County of Kaua'i Office of Economic Development Kaua'i-Made Advisory Committee, Food Industry Forum Planning Committee, Women in Business Roundtable, Zonta Club of Kaua'i, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce Small Business and Small Business Expo planning committees, and the Garden Island Arts Council Board. She is also a

member of Halau Hula O Leilani.

McCloskey and Company's stated mission is to develop projects and businesses responsibly, steward the land, and leave a positive, lasting legacy, based on Hawai'i's community needs and resource gaps. McCloskey and Company

encompasses several entities owned by Tom and Bonnie McCloskey and their family, including Kaua'i Ranch, Kealia Kai, Moloa'a Bay Ranch, and Northshore Nursery on Kaua'i, and Cornerstone Holdings based in Aspen, Colo. Tom McCloskey also serves as chairman of

Kona Blue Water Farms in Kona. Through the McCloskey Family Charitable Foundation, McCloskey and Company funds a variety of projects that are aligned with the company mission and which address specific community concerns.

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