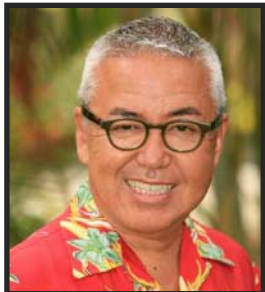


Member Spotlight ... awards, announcements, launches...

Magazine Taps Hamabata as Up-and-Coming Leader



Matt Hamabata, Executive Director of the Kohala Center

Matt Hamabata, executive director of The Kohala Center, has been selected by Hawaii Business magazine as one of Hawaii's next generation of movers and shakers. The

Kaua'i native is profiled in the magazine's March issue, "20 For The Next 20," as one of the state's up-and-coming leaders.

"I am truly honored and surprised by this award," Hamabata said. "But I feel the honor should go to the residents and community leaders of Hawai'i Island—all I am doing is listening first to the needs of island residents and then making sure that I listen to the guidance of island leaders about how to meet those needs. This award is a testament to the pragmatic, creative, optimistic, and ambi-

tious people of Hawai'i Island. They are leading, and I am following."

Committed to enhancing ecosystem health, Hamabata and The Kohala Center have partnered in several ecosystem health projects including The Kahalu'u Bay Project (which Chamber staff participate), The Kohala Watershed Partnership and the Long-Term Industrial Ecosystem Model.

To learn more about The Kohala Center programs, see www.kohala-center.org.

KTA's Barry Taniguchi Inducted into Business Hall of Fame

Barry Taniguchi of KTA Super Stores was recently inducted into the Junior Achievement of Hawai'i's Business Hall of Fame in Honolulu, along with Anthony Guerrero, Jr. of First Hawaiian Bank and Tyrie Jenkins, M.D. of Tyrie Jenkins,

M.D. Eye Care.

As a child, Taniguchi grew up working in the store helping his grandparents and KTA founders Koichi and Taniyo Taniguchi, learning about the business from the grass-roots level. In his role as president & CEO, Taniguchi has led the company through two decades of economic ups and downs, strategic expansion and innovative programs to support locally produced products while keeping a constant commitment to community service.

To further celebrate Taniguchi's achievement, the Hawaii Island chapter. *on page 7*

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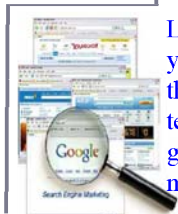
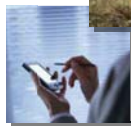
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ter of Junior Achievement (JAH) is presenting a dinner in honor of Taniguchi and past Big Is and recipients 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 23 at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Campus Center. Phone 961-0641 or email jerel@noyhawaii.com for ticket info.

Since 1990, the Junior Achievement Hawaii Business Hall of Fame has honored the state's most distinguished businessmen and women for their outstanding contributions to free enterprise and the promise of a better, stronger society. The 2010 class of honorees join a distinguished group of 70 men and women who have been inducted over the past 21 years.

Past recipients include Monty Richards of Kahua Ranch, the late Jack Miyashiro of Jack's Tours, the late Richard Miyashiro of Café 100, the late Tony Taniguchi of KTA Superstores, Robert Fujimoto of HPM Building Supply; Allan Ikawa of Big Island

Candies; David DeLuz Sr. of David DeLuz Sr. Enterprises, Ed Fukuda of Kandi's Drive-Inn; Harold Tanouye Jr. of Green Point Nurseries and Richard Ha of Hamakua Springs Country Farms.

Chamber Members Among four Earning SBA Recognition

Each year the Small Business Administration (SBA) honors local business owners for their significant contributions to the local economy. This year four Big Islanders were tapped for the awards representing Hawai'i County and they include two Chamber members: Nina Hasler of Fiscal Fitness LLC and Kawehi Inaba of Kupa'a Business Planners/Fit Xpress Hawaii.

Hasler was named the Big Isle's Financial Services Champion for her dedication to improving the financial success of small business owners

while Inaba was tapped as Hawai'i Island's Women in Business Champion of the Year for her long-time dedication to the success of local business women. They were nominated by KKCC members Nick Sutton and Amy Bircher of American Savings Bank.

Other recipients were Alfred Mina and Richard and Vicki Boening of East Hawaii Veterinary Center for Small Business Persons of the Year and Dodo Mortuary and Crematory for Family Owned Small Business of the Year.



SBA Awards—Kawehi Inaba was nominated by Nick Sutton.

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