

# KIA konnexion

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*KIA was formed in 1987 to be a forum for concerned Kakaako business owners*



## KIA Networking Event



The **Akamai Wahine** is owned by Zabia Dolle. She has been in Hawaii for 40 years, working in a variety of industries on Maui and Oahu, and is currently a psychic with space in the Ohana Marketplace after being in Waikiki for 20 years. She welcomes all KIA members to visit her.

**Cushman & Wakefield Chaney Brooks** has been a commercial real estate company in Hawaii for 60 years. They are located right on Kapiolani Blvd. Most recently, they sold the Kenrock building and another property where two towers will be built within the next two years. Chaney Brooks Choice Homes was created to service luxury home buyers and sellers, which is headed by Brandon Lau.

**Diamond Parking** has been in Hawaii since 1970, purchased a building in Kakaako in 1986, operates in many buildings and is the largest parking company in the state of Hawaii. They are also located on Maui and Hawaii Island. With 200 employees on Oahu, they opened in Kahalei Kakaako two months ago and is finalizing to open the Kakaako Makai Fisherman's Wharf property.

A contractor specialist in mediating, reconstruction, restoration, carpeting cleaning and rental services, **Interstate Hawaii** is part of a national company based in Texas. They are a 24/7 company who works on all islands, with national and local accounts. They offer education presentations to companies on water damage, mold, hurricane preparedness, etc.

Not only has **Sherry A. Goya, LLC** been with KIA since 2001, this company specializes in marketing for individuals and small companies. Sherry does a number of bulk mailings throughout the year, saving hundreds of dollars for clients utilizing direct marketing for post cards, newsletters, etc. She is also the executive director for two other organizations and does the marketing for a Waikiki shopping center.

A luxury condominium that opened in the Fall of 2016, **Waiea** has 174 units, which are mostly sold out to both local and international residents. For many, this is a second home. The Grand Penthouse is still available at \$36 million. Waiea welcomed new General Manager John Berndt in March 2019. Sole commercial tenant Nobu is located on the ground floor on the Auahi street side. Entrance to the residential side of the building is on Kamakee Street.



**Kakaako Improvement Association**

## Get to Know a KIA Member

The **John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM)** at the University of Hawai'i Mānoa honors its unique research environment to excel in science-based efforts to eliminate diseases that disproportionately affect people in Hawai'i and the Pacific region. Annually at JABSOM, more than 500 future physicians are learning medicine, JABSOM researchers secure up to \$60 million in grants, and overall economic stimulus to Hawai'i from the school tops \$456 million annually. JABSOM also confers degrees in Clinical Translational Research, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Tropical Medicine, Cell and Molecular Biology, Medical Technology and Developmental and Reproductive Biology. Learn more at [jabsom.hawaii.edu](http://jabsom.hawaii.edu).

## KIA Member News

**JABSOM** has a commitment from the Hawaii Pacific Health for nearly \$750,000 as part of a collaborative scholarship program that included philanthropists Barry and Virginia Weinman and other community donors. The monies will fund the tuition for five incoming freshmen. Dean Hedges notes that "Nearly 80% of the students in every medical school class at JABSOM are from Hawai'i and they represent the best means of addressing our physician workforce shortage. Allowing these students to graduate with minimal debt enhances their ability to stay and practice here, including on the neighbor islands."

The **Honolulu Design Center** will be continuing their "Visual Storytellers Series" at the Cupola Gallery on Tuesday, May 14th, with seating at 6:30pm. Connor Trimble, photographer and cinematographer, will be bringing his love for the ocean in a visual format. This event is sponsored by Amuse Bar and is free with reservations taken at [colgan@hdc-hawaii.com](mailto:colgan@hdc-hawaii.com).



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