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## **COLLEGE CONNECTIONS HAWAI'I APPOINTS COLORETTI AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Honolulu, HI:** The Board of Directors of College Connections Hawaii (CCH) recently announced the appointment of Angela Coloretti as Executive Director. Coloretti most recently worked with the federally funded Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), promoting students under represented in the arts and humanities into Ph.D. programs. The UCLA McNair Program boasts an 83 percent success rate in its alumni pursuing graduate education.

“We are very pleased to have Angela return home to Hawai'i to steer the helm of College Connections Hawai'i,” said John Kearns, CCH board president. “She brings more than 15 years of experience working with first generation college students from low income and underrepresented backgrounds, which corresponds well to our local student population with similar needs.”

Coloretti's emphasis is on continuing to build the strength of CCH's tutoring, test preparation and counseling departments.

“College Connections Hawai'i gives students all over the state access to educational opportunities through resources and guidance from highly qualified staff,” said Coloretti. “And, through our collaborations with school personnel, we were able to serve more than 3,000 students in grades K to 12 last year alone. Generous funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the U.S. Department of Education, and various contracts with the Hawai'i Department of Education have permitted us to expand statewide, providing free services to many students and their 'ohana.”

Coloretti also noted that she was, “personally grateful to return to her home state to lead an organization with the mission of improving educational opportunities for the people of Hawai'i.” She replaces co-founder and former Executive Director Wren Wescoatt, who left the organization to pursue a position to expand renewable energy in Hawai'i.

Angela Coloretti is an 'Iolani School alumnae and earned her bachelor of arts in psychology with a specialization in education, and her master's in education with an emphasis on counseling in student affairs from UCLA. She currently lives in Hawai'i Kai with her son.

College Connections Hawai'i is an educational charity whose mission is to expand education opportunities for Hawaii's students. CCH achieves its mission by offering high-quality free or reduced cost tutoring, college counseling, and test-preparation services throughout the state.

For more information about CCH, please visit [www.CollegeConnections.org](http://www.CollegeConnections.org) or call toll-free 866-233-0777 statewide.

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