



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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HEALTHCARE FRONT LINERS AND THEATER GROUP HONORED FOR THEIR HEROISM AND ACTIVISM DURING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH KICKOFF



Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin delivering her welcome remarks

Chicago 05 October 2020 – The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago and Filipino Community led the virtual 2020 Filipino American History Month (FAHM) Kick-Off Ceremony on Friday, 02 October 2020.

Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin delivered remarks on the occasion of the start of the celebration in the Midwest of Filipino-American History Month (FAHM), which is commemorated every October. The Consul General congratulated the Filipino American National Historical Society and the rest of the Filipino Community in the Midwest for organizing this year's Kick-Off ceremony.

The Philippine Consulate and members of the Filipino American Community commemorated the passage of Senate Resolution 298 by the US Senate on October 1, 2009, and House Resolution 780 on November 02, 2009, formally recognizing the month of October as Filipino American History Month.

The theme for the 2020 Filipino American History Month is *The History of Filipino Activism*. The FAHM awards committee bestowed awards on remarkable individuals who embody exceptional commitment as healthcare front liners during this Covid pandemic and to a community organization that has been active in staging plays that display Filipino American activism in theater. This year's Outstanding Filipino-Americans in the Midwest are: Dr. Dan Garganera (Physician), Joanne Turija (Registered Nurse), Emilio Nicolasin Jr. (Medical Technician) and CIRCA Pintig theater company.

Mr. Ruben Salazar, Cultural Director of the Philippine American Cultural Foundation, and Consul Ryan Gener, together with Cultural Officer Noly Dulay, presented the awards. Mr. Salazar also delivered the closing remarks on behalf of the Filipino-American community. Mr. Jan Paul Ferrer, Ms. Alpha Nicolasin and Ms. Ginger Leopoldo served as masters of ceremonies. **END**





2020 FAHM Awardees

2020 FAHM Committee members and the awardees during the virtual awarding ceremony



2020 FAHM Awardees

(Top row, L-R): Ms. Joanne Turija Mr. Emilio Nicolasin Jr,
 (Bottom row, L-R): Dr. Dan Garganera, CIRCA Pintig theater company