



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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PH CONSUL GENERAL SPEAKS BEFORE UP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHICAGO (UPAAGC)

Under the theme, “The Great Gatsby”, the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Greater Chicago (UPAAGC) held its Annual Christmas Dinner Dance and Fundraising in conjunction with the Induction of new officers and members of the Board of Directors at the Hilton Garden Inn O’Hare, Des Plaines, Illinois on December 1, 2018.

Consul General Gina Jamoralin officiated the oath taking of the 2019 UPAAGC officers led by incoming President, Ms. Sheila Ferrer-Estor. Consul General Jamoralin praised UPAAGC’s humanitarian and civic involvement in giving back to their former Alma Mater through scholarship grants to underprivileged but deserving UP Visayas students in Ilo-ilo Province in the Philippines. She urged UPAAGC members as former “iskolar ng bayan”, to continue to inspire and lead today’s young Filipino-Americans to help them rediscover their Filipino heritage and to become future leaders of the community.

Illinois State Secretary Jesse C. White, opening his speech by greeting “Mabuhay” spoke about his deep friendship with the Filipino community in Illinois and his fondness for *adobo* and *barong tagalog*, saying he owns five barong tagalog shirts. Consul General Jamoralin took the opportunity to invite the UPAAGC members and guests to participate in the DFA-DOT tourism project, “Very Important Pinoy” (VIP) Tour scheduled on July 14-21, 2019. Formerly called the “Ambassadors Tour” which is now on its 13th edition, next year’s VIP Tour will bring delegates to Manila, Bataan, Clark and El Nido in Palawan.
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Consul General Jamoralin delivering her inspirational message.

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Illinois Secretary of State Jesse C. White delivering his remarks



Consul General Jamoralin inducting the 2019 UPAAGC officers and board members.



Consul General Jamoralin, invited to draw on the partially blank canvas for a collaborative historic UPAAGC painting.



UPAAGC members in their "Great Gatsby"-inspired costumes posed with the Philippine Consul General