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CONSULATE GENERAL OPENS 1ST PHILIPPINE GRADUATION (P-GRAD)

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago hosted the Opening Ceremony of the 1st Philippine Graduation (P-Grad) - Chicago on 19 June 2018 at the Kalayaan Hall of the Consulate General.

In partnership with the Pilipino American Unity for Progress (UniPro), the event aims to honor the achievements made by all graduating students of Filipino descent who have successfully completed coursework in an undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral field this year.

The recipient of PGRAD Class of 2018 comprised of 10 (ten) degree-holders in various disciplines such as Arts and Sciences, Biology, Education, Finance, Industrial Design, and Medicine, among others.

Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin, in her welcome remarks, thanked everyone for their presence and underscored the importance of this day observing the birth anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal. She emphasized the Consulate's vision and hope of engaging the second generation of Filipino-Americans to be guided by the life and teachings of Dr. Jose P. Rizal.

Mr. Justin Winfield, President of UNIPRO Chicago, thanked the Consul General for an opportunity in holding the 1st PGRAD at the Consulate General and hopes to continue the collaboration of PGRAD every year.

A musical rendition sang by Ms. Nadine Isobal and a cultural performance "*Maglalatik*" by Kulturo give delight to the audience.

A fellowship and reception capped the fruitful and productive evening. **END**

Chicago, 20 June 2018





Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin delivers her welcome remarks at the start of the Philippine Graduation (P-GRAD) ceremony held at the Kalayaan Hall on 19 June 2018. *Photo courtesy of Mr. Arnel P. Santiago*



Song by Ms. Nadine Isobal and the Kulturo group dancing "Maglalatik" delight the crowd. *Photo courtesy of Mr. Arnel P. Santiago*



Awarding a Certificate of Achievement to one of the graduates, Mr. Mikee Angel II Villa, by Consul General Jamoralin during the PGrad ceremony Class of 2018. *Photo courtesy of Mr. Arnel P. Santiago*



Group Photo with Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin (center), Consul Melchor P. Lalunio, Jr. (far right), graduates for Class of 2018 and their guests, and Mr. Mariano Santos of the Knights of Rizal (KOR) (far left). *Photo courtesy of Mr. Arnel P. Santiago*