



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### Gintong Pamana Awards Gala Night Honors Fil-Am Achievers in US Midwest

Thirteen (13) Filipino-Americans from Illinois and other US Midwest states were honored during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Gintong Pamana Awards Gala and Homecoming Dinner Ball held at the Holiday Inn, Carol Stream, Illinois on August 11, 2018.

Gintong Pamana (golden heritage) Awards are given by the Gintong Pamana Awards Foundation Inc. led by Mr. and Mrs. Bart Tubalinal and recognize Filipino excellence and outstanding achievements in various fields of endeavors. This year's awardees and their corresponding fields of achievement are : evangelical work - Rev. Dr. Armando Aquino; community service- Dr. Luis Alamares Avila II ; business -Richard Felicelda; education-Dr. Mark Martell; law & jurisprudence - Judge Israel Abaya Desierto; medicine- Dr. Gerardo Dizon Reyes; entrepreneurship- brothers Angelo and Philip Campos; women of style & achievement - Jovie Calma, Ginalene Castanos Lopez , Maritess Verin-Wynkoop & Dr. Elaine Francine Fajardo; and broadcast journalism – Cate Cauguiran.

PH Consul General Gina Jamoralin delivered an inspirational message enjoining Filipinos to emulate these modern day heroes who embody Filipino excellence and achievement. She urged them to be mindful of their civic responsibility to vote in the upcoming US elections and allow their voices to be heard and contribute to community building and helping promote the welfare of the Filipino communities.

Two of the awardees – Judge Desierto and Ms. Cauguiran spoke about their experiences, challenges and how being a Filipino helped shape their values and aspirations in their professional careers.



Consul General Jamoralin with the Golden Pamana Awardees

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Consul General Jamoralin delivering her inspirational message.



From left: Bart and Yoly Tubalinal ( Gintong Pamana Foundation Presidents; Consul General Jamoralin and Judge Israel Desierto, one of the awardees