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# **Micronesia February Icons 2017**

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IN Micronesia, islanders continue to celebrate their cultural independence through the performing arts — vocals, instrumental music and dance.

These include numerous cultural expressions that reflect human creativity and are also found, to some extent, in many other intangible cultural heritage domains including rituals, festive events or oral traditions.

The following individuals help promote the importance of Micronesia's balanced environmental culture and traditional lifestyle.

#### Best of the month

Culture and lifestyle — Dinana Manigof Festival, Tinian Hot Pepper Festival by MVA, Island Lifestyle by Simon A. Sanchez High School, Midzenty High School, Mariana Islands display on Chamorro Culture Festival, and celebrating Micronesia and Polynesia culture by Elden Buck

Environment and lifestyle — Shige Kazu, Dodge Roxas, Kambes Kesolei, Richard Santos, Saipan Nature Scenery by Antonio Cabrera, Palau Nature Variation by Harry Rubasch Fritz, Palau Under Water

Sports and lifestyle — "Vicente "Ben" Salas II for Bruce Lee, Cuki Alvarez, Kelvin Fitial and James Sablan

Best films — Virtual under water by Lightning Strike

Best Environment photo — Island Life by Kambes Kesolei

Art and creation advocacy— Dan Suda, Scott Weers Fashion design, Tribe Marianas, 670 Rock Steady Shop and Michael Pablo Design

#### Culture, tradition and lifestyle

Cultural Tradition Beauty — Aniten I Taotao Tano dancers of Guam and Medeldal by Xanadu Matul and Tapita Alokoa

Culture Icons — Eileen Kintol, Juan Duenas, David Atalig, Bryson Kim,Richard Santos, Kambes Kesolei, Dr. Takuya Nagaoka and Kenny Susuico

Cultural Advocacy and Preservation — Flavian Rubasch, Dr. Takuya Nagaoka, Kambes Kesolei, David Atalig, Richard Santos, Robert Ngcheed and Dan Suda

#### Environment, health and nutrition

Nutrition Icons — Maryann Calvo, Ryan R. Tenorio, Analee Camacho Tenorio and Barney Antonio Jr.

Advocates — Lapid Ramon, Nora Glasby and Palau Fitness Group with Clint Wachi and Bo Ngiraingas

Local Diet Advocates — Terry's Local Comfort Food, Chris Tenorio, Barney Antonio Jr., Gloria Hunter

Environmental Advocacy and Preservation Icons — Clayton Santos, Quinton Lawrence and Mario Katosang

Advocates — Palau Conservation Society Team with Mario Katosang, and FSM Society with Clayton Santos

Athlete of the Month — PXC Preba Hao

Advocates — Berney Martin of FSM for baseball and basketball, and Tobias Marbou, Dwight Ngiraibai, Johnny Sokau, Burton Wong for promoting, developing and organizing softball

#### **Entertainment**

Entertainment Beauty of the Month — Dilbuk Seid and Aniten I Taotao Tano dancers of Guam

Musicals Artist of the Month — Kendall Titiml

Comedians of the Month — Leompwei Roiie, Leona Leong, Ngedikes Dee Hart, Cis C Abraham, Waldo Yamada, Marino Kintaro and Merv Melatk

#### Youth and community

Midzenty and Palau High Schools, the Motheread/Fatheread program of Saipan, youth by Akiko Udui, PEC youth by Bradley Kumangai, and the Youth Dance Group of the Palau Night Market

### Humanitarian and social work

UFO and IT&E

#### **Journalists**

Pasifika Renaissance and Dr. Takuya Nagaoka, Civil Beat Hawaii, Belau Photo 101 with Kambes Kesolei and Harry R. Fritz, Tia Belau Kambes Kesolei, Kaselehlie Press Pohnpei with Bill Jaynes, MV editor Zaldy Dandan, MV sports reporters Vicente "Ben" Salas II, James Sablan and Emmanuel T. Erediano, Palau 2013, Marilyn Rideb of Hawaii, Chuuk News Update Dan Suda, Belau Useful Information with Merv Melatk, Olilai Ikesiil, Palau Fitness by Nora Glasby, Chamorro People on Facebook David Atalig, Chuuk Youth, PEC Youth Bradley Kumangai, MV reporters Bryan Manabat and Junhan Todino, Guam Daily Post reporter Jacqueline de Guzman, Island Times' Phillip and Leilani Reklai, Merirei Media LLC, Sha Merirei, Palau 2014, '15, '16 News Work Ololk Kazuo.

