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# Micronesia's October 2017 icons

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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 Oct. 2017

Best cultural photos — Ongerung Kambes Kesolei of Palau, Gordon Marciano of Saipan and Ivan Alafanso Blanco of Saipan, & Peter Luzano of Guam

Best cultural lifestyle photos — Alan Seid, Lori Lyn C. Lirio of Saipan, Harry Rubasch Fritz of Palau, Bill Jaynes of Pohnpei, and Uduch Sengebau Senior of Palau

Best environment and lifestyle photos — Ongerung Kambes Kesolei and Harry R. Rubasch of Palau, and Dodge Roxas of Philippine

Best environmental marine photos — Richard Brooks of Lightening Strike Media Production and Shige JP

Best environmental landscape photos — Antonio Cabrera, OKK of Palau, Gordon Glasby and Dodge Roxas of the Philippines

Best sports and lifestyle photos — James Sablan, Emmanuel T. Erediano and Jon Perez of Saipan, and Baklai Temengil of Palau

Best Sports Documentary Film — Crankeffect S01 Episode 06 with Frank "The Crank" Camacho

Best Filmmaker — Lerana S.A. Naholowa'a and Iara Lee of South Korea/ Brazil

Best Book/Author — "The Lady Who Sleeps in the Water: Pohnpei's Legendary Lihmwodeleng" by Norfolk Leanore Benjamin

Best sports photos — James Sablan and Vicente "Ben" Salas of Saipan and Baklai Temengil of Palau

## Arts advocacy

Art/Design — Best Culture Art by Toni Miti and Dragon Edong Tattoo Artist, Fashion Design by Michael Pablo

Advocates — Jesse Meno, Vince Olinger, The Islander's Shop, Current CNMI, ZoriesOnly.com, Michael Pablo, Tribe Marianas, 670 Rock Steady Shop, Scott Weers, Palauan Vibe, Born N Raised Clothing, Tattoo Art & Design Mega Vision by Dragon Edong, Joseph Blas Cruz and Manuel Rodriguez

#### **Culture, tradition and lifestyle**

Cultural Beauty — Maryann Arriola & Culture man of the Month Ivan Alafanso Blanco

Cultural Beauty Advocates — Ned Pablo and Sha Merirei

Culture Icons — Gordon Marciano, Santy Asanuma, Dr. Takuya Nagaoka, & Merv Melatk

Cultural Advocacy and Preservation — Annie Cangco, Iara Lee, Marilyn Rideb, Edward B. San Nicolas, Peter Luzano, Moises Basa, Vee See, Joseph Ngcheed, Santy Asanuma, Merv Melatk, Dr.Takuya Nagaoka, David Atalig, Dan Suda, Beketel Elbelau, Mona Mengloi, Gloria Hunter

#### Environment, health and nutrition

Best Environmental Film — Lightning Strikes Media Production with Richard Brooks

Environment & Health Beauty Advocate of the Month — Dodge Roxas & Sandra Pierantozzi

Chef of the Month — Peggy Hanser

Nutrition Icons — Nora Glasby, Bo Ngiraingas, Clint Wachi, Sing Miyozawa, Maryann Calvo, and Joseph Camacho

Advocates — Marilyn Rideb, Peggy Hanser, Williander Orak, Nora Glasby and Palau Fitness Group with Clint Wachi, Crystal Meltel

Local Diet Advocates — Jamie Toves, Marilyn Rideb, Williander Jones Orak, Peggy Hanser, Barney Antonio Jr., Bo Ngiraingas

Environmental Advocacy and Preservation Icons — Alain Antonio, andra Pierantozzi, Chuuk Conservation Society, ShinjiHiga, Gegio, Harry R. Fritz, Palau Dive Adventure, ShigekazuH ayashi, Richard Brooks, Harlen Herman, Peggy Hanser & Dodge Roxas

#### Sports/Athletes

Athletes of the Month — Marianas Pacific Paddlers

Advocates — Jojo Santo Tomas, James Sablan, Vicente "Ben" Salas II, Berney Martin of FSM for baseball and basketball and Team Smiich, Phil Mendiola-Long and Bill Jaynes

# Entertainment

Best Entertainment — Peleliu Dancers and a dancer Adnan Calugay

Film Actress - Yvonne M. Bennett, "Love Kennedy"

Film Maker - CJ Ochoco, Sarah Filush, & Jonah Cruz

Entertainment Beauty of the Month — Lisa Glover

Performers — Ngerchelong Warrior Dancers & Melvin Ngiratumersng

Best Music Groups — The Kids from Chuuk

Best Entertaining Film — Kambes Kesolei "Bealau Night Market" performers and Tiul Belau Dancers film by Belinda Taylor Takawo Germance

Musical Artists of the Month — Perry Timarong & Kelau Remeliik

Best Comedy Film — Beyoncé Single Ladies Samoan Stylez Film

Comedian of the Month — Keith Michael Benavente Sablan

Comedy Advocates — Merv Melatk, Justin ma Jeter, Kingston Ace, Ines Mr, Good, Joseph Isechal, Simeon Adelbai, Mitsura D. Inoue, Ruth Thomas, Marino Kintaro

### Youth and community

Youth & Entertainment — PEC Youth & Malo Paulis

Youth Best Photo - Dil Franz and Leona Leong.

Youth Best Film Work — Melvira Kazuma and Sanford Sather

Humanitarian and social work

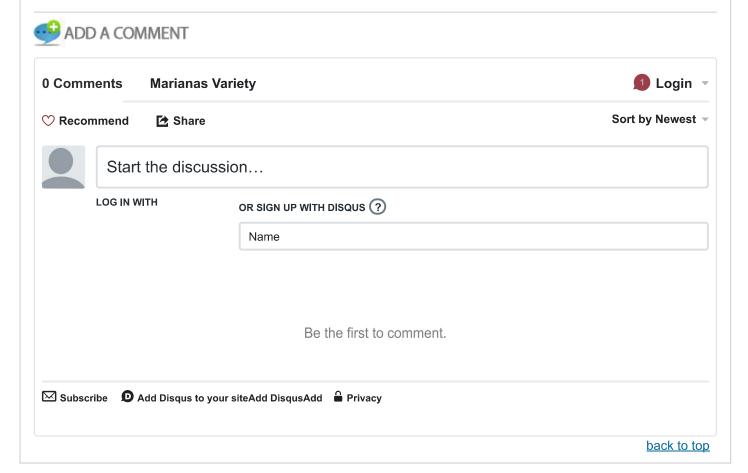
Northern Marianas College with Ed Propst for the victims of Hurricane Harvey, Rotary Club, and Veterans of Foreign War of the United Sates

#### **Educators**

Ed Propst and Glen Hunter

#### **Journalists**

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