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Micronesian Icons of December 2015

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PALAU Humanities Project director Christy Sakaziro has announced the individuals who, in Dec. 2015, helped preserve Micronesian culture, traditions and environment. They are:

Film and photography

Best Film Work on Chamorro Culture — “I Am Chamorro” Blue-Ray version by Pale Eric Forbes and “Sacred Vessels: Tradition and Identity in Micronesia” by Vicente M. Diaz

Best Environmental Film — “Turtle” by Richard Brooks

Best Male Environmental Photos — Gordon Glasby, Bill Jaynes and Richard Brooks

Best Female Environmental Photos — Lisa Borja Tmetuchl

Best Cultural Photos — Kenny Reklai, Kambes Kesolei and **Takuya Nakaoga**

Most Viewed Blog — Bill Jaynes of Kaselehlie Press

Leading Male Icon on Micronesia Oral History, Chamorro and Carolinian Historical Dance — Gordon Marciano

Most Viewed Nutrition Photos — Agnes Samil

Religion and Humanitarian Work — Rose Smith

Educational Religious Philosophy — Ungiang Faustino

Youth Organizing and Activities — Bradley Kumangai

Entertainment

Musicians — Vivian Eledui and Markus Ngiraked

Best Music Group — Sweet Milk by Homer and Merdil, and Saipan Ollei Girls

Best Dance Performers — Ngerchelong Dancers