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# Micronesia's fascinating people and memorable events of 2017

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THE Micronesia Humanities Project promotes a healthy and environmental culture for islanders through continuing research and print and online articles.

Today, we honor Micronesians and events that made news for 2017

### Sports

Athletes — Jeniffer Dugwen Chieng, Rodman Teltull, Frank “The Crank” Camacho's, Cuki Alvarez, Mika Rose Naanep, Jenifer Anson, Carol Lee, Manny Cabrera, Zarinae Sapong, Josh Andrew and Florian Temengil

Events — Micronesian Classic Goodwill Baseball Tournament Championship, Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Game, Festival of Pacific Arts (Decathlon), Palau Fishing Derby, 10th Mini Games,

Journalism — Joyce McClure, James Sablan, Emmanuel T. Erediano, Bill Jaynes, Roselyn Monroyo, NOC and MOC

### Tourism

Icons— Jon Nathan Denight, Tommy Remengesau Jr., Chris Concepcion, Gordon Marciano, Tanya Salas and Brad Holland

Events — Blablomekang, Palau with Leonardo DiCaprio supporting the Palau Pledge, Yap Day Festival, NMI's Flame Tree Arts Festival and Thursday Night Market, Marianas Visitors Authority's Taste of the Marianas, Palau Night Market, and Kosrae Culture Celebration

### Charities/community groups

Icons — Jenny Hegland, Rose Ada-Hocog, Rose Smith, Janet Santos,

Groups/Agencies — Saipan Father/Motherread, Saipan Cares for Animals, UFO, Empty Vessel, Lady Dian, CNMI Women's Association, Karidat, CARE, HAMNI and Salvation Army

People and agencies — FSM Youth Affairs' Osaia Santos, Guam's Koror Club, HESA representative Dr. Rufino Mauricio, and a consultant from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Tangata Vainerere, Koblerville Learning Youth Center, Youth Affairs and Bradley Kumangai for Palau Youth.

### Conferences

Triennial Conference of Pacific Women and 6th Meeting of Ministers of Women, FSM Environmental Conservation Conference, CNMI Drug Court

**Arts and music**

Photos — Bibbie Ilebrang Kumangai, Ivan Blanco, Kambes Kesolei, Richard Santos, Brian Manabat, Antonio Cabrera, Harry Rubasch Fritz, Lori Lyn Lirio, Junhan B. Todino, Peter Luzano

Producers — Gunther Deichmann, Gordon Marciano, Eva Fritz, Keilan Kenny,

Musicians — John Dank Show, Jed Antonio, Micronesian Nation, Tamara Okabe, "The Ollei" Girls/Band Nina Aldan & Darlene Aldan Demapan, Dee Uhera, Kelau Remeliik, & Jackie "Malia" Smith Hemon

Groups — The Ohana Dancers, Tiul Belau, Che'Lu Chamorro Cultural Dance Group of San Diego, Chamorro Cultural Dance Group of Portland, Sonsorol Island Palau Dancers, the Ohana, and Pacific Flower

Cultural work — Isabelle Rhee, Okeanos, Peggy Hanser, Tanya Salas, Joyce Kloulechad,

**Corporate events**

IT&E community activities and tireless sponsorships

Guam Museum exhibition

Paul Jacoulet Art Exhibit

**Community events**

Honolulu Academy of Arts Featuring Micronesia Culture Celebration & International Festival of Culture

**Special events**

Okeanos' Saipan Arrival, Yap Day Festival, Palau Night Market with Mikey Bustos, & NMC-CREES Summer Educational Services

**Designs**

Michael Pablo, Scott Weers fashion design, Tribe Marianas, 670 Rock Steady Shop, & Dragon Edong

**Marketing**

Tourism promotion for Guam

**Technical achievements or innovations**

Nathan Fitch, Ongnung Kambes Kesolei or OKK Production, Lightning Strike Production and Saipan TV

**Venue management**

Fiesta Hotel

**Education, information, training programs**

Motherread/Fatherread, Northern Marianas Trades Institute, PEC Youth, CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Equality, Division of Environment Quality, Palau Conservation Society

Melanie Legdesog, Ursula Herrera, Solly Takai-Nakamura, Sara Techur, Chad Blair, Debrah Ann Mori Retuyan, Maximo Minda, Dr. Hilda Heine, Dr. Vid Raatior, Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner, Dr. Emelihter Kihleng, Dr. Takuya Nagaoka, Santy Asanuma, Dr. Yimnang Golbuu, Dr. Christopher Kitalong, Dr. Joel Smith, first lady Diann Torres, Rep. Ed Propst, BC Cook, Bernadette H. Carreon, Gaafar Uherbelau, Nora Glasby and Zaldy Dandan

**Producers**

Julian Villegas, James Davis, Nathan Fitch, Sarah Filush, Richard Brooks, and Kambes Kesolei

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