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**PHL CONSUL GENERAL CONGRATULATES  
CHRISTOPHER LAPINIG  
ONE OF THE 10 DELEGATES TO TAKE PART IN  
2016 FYLPRO**



Los Angeles, 15 September 2016 – The Philippine Consulate General is pleased to announce that one of its nominees, **Mr. Christopher Lapinig** was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Filipino-American Leaders who will embark on an immersion trip to the Philippines to meet with influential Filipino personalities and deepen their understanding of issues affecting their country of heritage.

Christopher is a Skadden Fellow of Asian Americans Advancing Justice-LA in the Impact Litigation Unit. He provides legal services to victims and survivors of human trafficking in the Filipino community. He also advocates for legislative action to allow Filipino Amerasians—over 50,000 children of U.S. servicemen left in the Philippines—to migrate to America.

Born and raised in Queens, New York, Chris previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable Denny Chin of the Second Circuit and to the Honorable Lorna G. Schofield of the Southern District of New York, the first federal Article III judge of Filipino descent in U.S. history. Chris was also a Fulbright Research Scholar in the Philippines. A Phi Beta Kappa member, Chris graduated summa cum laude from Yale College and earned a B.A. with Distinction in Linguistics and with Distinction in Ethnicity, Race and Migration. In college, Chris served as President of Kasama: The Filipino Club at Yale and Moderator of the Asian American Students Alliance.

Chris received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 2013. In law school, Chris served as the Co-Chair of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, the Co-Coordinator of the Critical Race Theory Conference, the inaugural Diversity Editor of the Yale Law Journal, and the Founding Coordinator of the Alliance for Diversity. Chris is admitted to practice law in New York and is a Registered Legal Services Attorney in California. He previously sat on the Steering Committee of the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York.

The Consulate General also appreciates the time and effort invested by the other 16 applicants of FYLPRO under its jurisdiction who have also a very impressive qualifications. As mentioned by Minister Patrick Chuasoto, the Embassy's *Chargé d'Affaires ad interim* and Chair of the FYLPRO Selection Committee, the application process for this year's FYLPRO has been highly competitive.

The 2016 FYLPRO immersion trip, which will be held on 23 November – 02 December 2016, is a joint undertaking by the Philippine Foreign Service Posts in the United States, the Ayala Foundation, Inc. and the Filipino Young Leaders Program Organization.

Now on its fifth year, Filipino Young Leaders Program (FYLPRO) continues to give high-performing, next-generation Filipino-Americans the opportunity to reconnect with their roots and engage with government leaders, business executives, cultural experts, social entrepreneurs, and innovators in different fields in the Philippines.

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