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## EDITORIALS

# Obtaining Higher Education Is Increasingly Costly, But It's Still the Best Option

**E**ducation is the great equalizer – this idea that getting higher education is necessary for upward economic and social mobility. This is what parents, teachers, society have been telling us for years. Americans have been sold on this idea for decades; and statistics are readily available to back up this claim.

For example, college graduates make an average of \$1 to 3.4 million more over their careers than those with a high school degree. On average, people with a bachelor's degree earned over \$21,000 more per year than workers with only a high school diploma.

We also see numerous examples within our family and social circles – those with higher education achievement tend to have higher incomes.

But what happens when barriers due to rising costs are preventing more Americans from accessing higher education? How equal is it really if access to what we call the great equalizer becomes increasingly unobtainable?

The average cost of a public four-year college is \$23,890 (out of state), \$9,410 (in state); for a private four-year college \$32,410 per year. For a public two-year college it's \$3,440 a year. This does not include other fees related to enrollment or the cost of textbooks or housing and food.

Like the "American dream" (that in the U.S. we have opportunities to live out a quality life with the benefit of owning a home, having one secure, well-paying job, and healthcare to be there for us when needed) is in danger of becoming a myth, the idea of "education as the great equalizer" is also at risk of becoming a myth.

That is if the cost of education keeps rising and keeps more Americans from obtaining a college degree. Fortunately, we're not at that worst case scenario yet.

This is in part due to federal loans, tuition waivers (academic and needs-based), and scholarships that help to fund and offset the high cost of higher education. Also, that many college students are now working students.

## Hawaii Filipinos in higher education

Despite the rising cost of higher education and rising inflation in the state (Hawaii has one of the highest cost of living in the nation), Hawaii Filipinos have been making steady progress in higher education.

They remain well-represented in the community college level as they've always been for decades. This could bode well for them as today's economy rewards skills-based occupations, for example, electrician, plumbing, construction, auto mechanics, and Allied Health professions.

Filipinos are also making progress at the bachelor's level. At UH-Manoa, in 2010 Filipino students only comprised of 7.7 percent of the total student population; in 2018 that number is now 11.8 percent.

Still, that figure is still underrepresentation based on population for this ethnic group; and the number gets worse at the graduate and professional degree level (Filipinos make-up only 4 percent of graduate students).

Transfers from two year colleges to four-year universities remain low among Filipinos, which experts say, has to do with the high cost of education and a need to earn money faster straight out of high school.

But when Filipinos do transfer to a university, they outperform their peers and have high graduation rates. From 2010 to 2018,

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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

**T**he season for high school and college graduation recently ended and we felt it was time to revisit the issue of Filipinos in higher education in our state. Have enrollment and graduation rates improved among Filipinos that have traditionally been underrepresented? The good news is that they have.

For our cover story this issue, associate editor Edwin Quinabo looked into the latest stats. While in 2010 Filipinos represented only about 7.7 percent of the total student population enrolled at UH-Manoa, the freshman class of 2018 at UH-Manoa jumped to 11.8 percent. 2018 also saw graduation rates among Filipinos soar from 13.8 percent to 37.7 percent for Filipino students at UH-Manoa. Clearly, there are signs of progress; but overall Filipinos at UH-Manoa remains underrepresented at the bachelor's and master's degree level.

But to say that that we are underrepresented in higher education entirely isn't telling of the big picture. Filipinos are in fact well represented at two-year colleges; and given today's changing job market, it could bode well for those enrolled in high-paying, high-in-demand two-year programs at community colleges that many Filipino students are pursuing, for example, the Allied Health programs and highly skilled blue-collar professions.

So there are obvious ups and downs to consider on this issue. The cover story also mentions some of the admirable work minority student programs are doing at UH in cooperation with local high schools. We also mention some scholarships that are available, including our own Hawaii Filipino Chronicle scholarship of \$2,500 to a journalism student (plus an additional \$1,000 to the awardee in each of his or her remaining academic year if a 3.0 GPA is maintained).

Staying on the topic of Filipino-Americans in higher education, read the news on who the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation has selected to receive its 2019 Scholarship award. Nineteen students will receive \$1,000 to assist them in their college or university of choice. Their destination range from Yale and UCLA to the University of Hawaii at Manoa; and students plan to pursue diverse majors from Accounting, Engineering, Sports Medicine, Education, Nursing, Computer Science to Creative Writing. Congratulations to these outstanding students; and credit to the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation for its continued support for our community. The organization has awarded over 170 scholarships since 1995.

Lastly, it's that special time of the year to celebrate Father's Day. Our new intern Mark Lester Sanchez contributes his first article "Why Filipinos Should Celebrate Father's Day." Mark is a recent graduate of UH-Manoa with a bachelor's degree in English. Welcome aboard Mark.

And thank you to all our wonderful fathers who've been one of our greatest supporters and role models. Happy Father's Day.

I'd like to close by offering a heartfelt congratulations to all our recent high school and college graduates, and to all our hard-working parents. Thank you for supporting your community newspaper. Until next issue, Aloha and Mabuhay! Until next time, warmest *Aloha* and *Mabuhay!*

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EDITORIALS

# Xenophobia in Schools Is Unacceptable

**T**he Washington Post reported on a story that showed just how ugly xenophobia can be in these times and how it is happening in the unlikeliest of places.

The incident involves a typical citizen who otherwise would not have acted on her bigoted impulses if it weren't for President Trump being elected. It involves the growing weaponizing of ICE. It involves social media as an increasing platform of hate. And lastly, it involves immigrants – often presumed to be illegal because of the color of their skin -- having to experience demeaning discrimination. What's particularly disturbing in this incident is that these immigrants are children and were targeted in school.

## The incident

English teacher Georgia Clark at Carter-Riverside High School in Fort Worth, TX wrote a string of anti-immigrant comments to President Trump on Twitter.

She tweeted to Trump (claiming that she believed her public tweets were private messages to Trump): "I do not know what to do. Anything

you can do to remove the illegals from Fort Worth would be greatly appreciated..."

In another tweet: "Mr. President, Fort Worth Independent School District is loaded with illegal students from Mexico. Carter-Riverside High School has been taken over by them. Drug dealers are on our campus and nothing was done to them when the drug dogs found evidence." There was no evidence to substantiate her remarks.

She sent other tweets claiming to have reached out to ICE and federal law enforcement to assist her, and claimed Trump was elected "on the promise that a wall would be built to protect our borders."

Prior to these tweets surfacing, it turns out that Clark was already under investigation for other racial incidences. In one, she allegedly asked one student who requested to use the bathroom: "Show me your papers that are saying you are legal."

She also allegedly separated students in her class by race, "Mexicans on one side and the white and black people on another side," a student said. In a separate incident she referred to Latino students as "little Mexico."

Clark is currently un-

der paid administrative leave while an investigation is conducted. She has hired an attorney, admitted to twitter posts, but denies other allegations.

## Wrong setting, wrong occupation

Clark must be reminded that the role of educators is not to enforce immigration laws, nor should it be about judging where their students were born or how they came into the country. As a teacher, Clark grossly overstepped the boundaries of her occupation.

Most educators know that their primary mission is to prepare students for academic rigors that hopefully could be of use in college or a university, and eventually their select professions. Hateful prejudice of an authority figure (as teachers are looked upon by students) is one of the most harmful forms of discrimination there is. A student cannot simply just walk away from it; and in many cases, their grades and their future are in the hands of teachers.

**F**ort Worth Independent School Dis-

trict (in which Clark's high school falls under) must not only investigate the matter, but ensure that these kinds of incidences do not happen in their schools again. In fact, all school boards nationwide should work to ensure that students are treated fairly, with dignity and respect. All students, including undocumented immigrants (which could not be determined by school staff, anyway) should be afforded the same professional standards by their teachers.

Teachers have guidelines of proper conduct that cannot be abandoned just because it's perceived to be "politically safe" under the current president. This idea that "if the president can get away with it, so could I" – cannot be tolerated in a school setting, especially in the primary and secondary levels.

## One bad apple?

It's unlikely that the Clark

incident is the first nor will it be the last of its kind. As more minorities encounter discrimination – the most common form of late being anti-immigrant prejudice – communities must push back and hold these violators accountable. It's even more critical to fight back against anti-immigrant discrimination when they occur in schools or the workplace because these settings have real impactful consequences.

New rules should be adopted by School Districts regarding the use of social media. If certain opinions expressed on social media by teachers interfere with their job duties (in this case, politically incendiary remarks), they should be dismissed. With policies in place, this should protect both teachers and students from unacceptable behavior.

Professional organizations, government and private Human Resources should also consider providing a workplace workshop after policies have been adopted, similar to

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## EDITORIALS: OBTAINING...from page 2)

Filipino graduation rates at UH-Manoa went up from 13.8 to 37.7 percent.

The term traditionally used of Filipinos as being "underrepresented" in higher education must be qualified to really mean that they are underrepresented in certain areas of higher education. In today's mixed economy – where skills-based jobs often are in higher demand than some highly credentialed professions – it's not unreasonable to say that Filipinos' choices in higher education are actually sound and practical.

In this case, "underrepresented" which suggests a lack of something or underperforming in an area, is a bit of a misnomer.

Still, Filipinos have a ways in achieving better representation in white-collar professional jobs; and enrollment in higher education at this level is low.

Support programs like the University of Hawaii's Student Equity, Excellence & Diversity (SEED), Pamanatan Council, and others have doing invaluable work in helping more Filipinos enroll in the university and

graduate with a bachelor's and higher degrees. Dr. Amy Agbayani, former SEED Director for decades, has been a powerful force in SEED's success, pulling the strings to get needed funding for the program. We hope that SEED will be fortunate enough to get someone of this caliber, passion, dedication and "political smarts" to keep the momentum going.

While in high school, Filipino students and their parents must do their part and should already be planning for ways to fund higher education.

We encourage more Filipino professional, civic and club organizations to offer annual scholarships and give back to our community.

While the cost of higher education is an enormous obstacle for students and their parents, getting a college degree is still the best option available. Choosing the right major based on the job market is also one of the most crucial choices to make, something that should also be explored while students are in high school.

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# Filipinos Making Gains in Higher Education

By Edwin Quinabo

**G**lass half-full or half-empty – this could be the best way to look at Filipino-Americans and higher education in Hawaii.

The optimistic outlook is that progress is taking place. Four-year graduation rates for Filipino students at the University of Hawaii at Manoa have reached record highs. From 2010 to 2018, the four-year graduation rates for first-time freshmen increased from 13.8 percent to 37.7 percent for Filipino students at UH-Manoa.

2018 was also a record-year for graduating Filipino medical students at UH Manoa John A Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM).

Also, while in 2010 Filipinos represented only 7.7 percent of the total student population enrolled at UH-Manoa, the freshman class of 2018 at UH-Manoa is 11.8 percent Filipino, a big jump in 8 years.

Now for the glass half-empty perspective, as the second largest ethnic group in the state at 26 percent, Filipinos remain underrepresented. Only 17 percent of Filipinos in Hawaii have a bachelor's degree or higher. Compare that number to Caucasians at 42 percent and Japanese Americans at 35 percent. At the graduate level at UH Manoa, the number is much lower at 4 percent.

Still, UH President and UH Mānoa Interim Chancellor David Lassner is pleased with the progress made. "We are most proud of the graduation rate increase among Native Hawaiians and Filipinos. These two ethnic groups were long ago identified as underserved when it comes to higher education and we have worked hard to increase their enrollment and college success," he said.

Dr. Celina Macadandang Hayashi, who was a guest speaker at a recent UH-Manoa graduation ceremony for Filipino graduates (called Fil-Grad) said, "My grandparents are my reason why I'm able to stand before you today as a doctor. They will continue to help me become an effective family physician as they have taught me the importance of treating everyone I encounter with compassion."

Dr. Hayashi's grandparents emigrated to Maui from Ilocos Norte in 1946. Her desire to excel in education for her family is a typical goal for Filipinos as education is highly valued and promoted in Filipino families. But often the high cost of higher education becomes a limiting factor.

## Cost is a hurdle

Dr. Amy Agbayani, UH-Manoa emeritus assistant vice chancellor for student diversity who has worked at UH-Manoa for over four decades helping underrepresented groups get access to higher education, explains: "there are multiple reasons offered to explain Manoa underrepresenta-

tion at the undergraduate level and graduate level, but I think a major reason is cost and not academic qualifications.

"This is a problem for all students from working class families. Filipino families, particularly immigrant and first generation families, see tuition at Manoa as a significant immediate barrier (compared to community college cost). They also feel pressure to work as soon as possible to obtain money for themselves and their families. Paying for higher tuition and extra years to complete a bachelor's, graduate school or professional school competes with the need for immediate but lower-paying jobs," said Agbayani.

She said students and their parents understand undergraduate or graduate degrees will pay more over a lifetime. Some experts estimate college degree workers will increase income by more than a million dollars than those without a college degree.

Even knowing this, Agbayani says, "too many Filipino students work long hours or full time jobs to meet their immediate needs in a state where

the cost of living is one of the highest in the nation."

## Changing jobs market could be beneficial to Filipinos

At the community college level, Filipinos are well represented and are among the highest groups in associate degree holders. While obtaining an associate's might not carry the prestige or income levels of some professional degrees, today's job market is promising for select associate programs that many Filipinos pursue.

Completing automotive or electrician programs at community colleges can land graduates good paying jobs. There are apprenticeship and training programs in construction and carpentry at the community colleges. The Allied Health majors at community colleges are among the most competitive to get into and pay well upon completing.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor lists the income and job growth of some of the Allied Health occupation that require only an associate degree: Radiation Therapist (\$80,160, 14 percent growth), Diagnostic Medical Sonogra-



pher (\$69,650, 26.4 percent growth), Occupational Therapy Assistant (\$59,010, 42.7 percent growth), Dental Hygienist (\$72,910, 18.6 percent growth), and many others like Physical Therapist Assistant, Cardiovascular Technologist.

Lizzette Martin, a third-generation Filipino-American and graduate at UH-Manoa's School of Nursing, says she knew a few students who started out at the community college taking nursing classes.

Martin said she started at UH-Manoa, but many of her classmates who began at community colleges went on to get a bachelor's in nursing from other schools like Hawaii Pacific University and Chaminade. A few got into the UH-Manoa nursing department.

"Truth is there are many holders of advanced degrees not able to find good jobs. I am not endorsing that Filipinos should settle for lesser degrees, but to choose a major wisely, at whatever level they may be -- associate, bachelor, or advanced degrees," said Martin.

"In today's job market, finding good jobs really depends on what your major is. So to talk about an underrepresentation of Filipinos in higher education in advanced degree programs, it is not necessarily a bad thing if Filipinos are going after very applicable associates degrees like those in Allied Health or some of the higher paying blue-collar professions, for example."

Martin believes millenni-

al generation Filipino-Americans are becoming more educated than their parents' generation. Statistics do show an upward trend.

"All my cousins (millennial generation) have either already graduated from a university or are currently at one. In my family in my generation, we have graduates with advanced degrees in engineering, education, business. My cousin who just graduated from UC Berkley will be going to medical school."

She says she is optimistic about Filipinos and them meeting their higher education goals. Young Filipinos are practical about what the job market demands.

## Hawaii Filipinos going to the mainland for college

Martin added, "I think the underrepresentation of Filipinos in higher education could be a little misleading because many Filipino millennials who grew up in Hawaii choose to go to the mainland for college.

"So Hawaii-born Filipino millennials are getting higher education, but many of us are leaving the islands. My family is a good example, only two of us stayed while the rest of my cousins, six of them, left for mainland universities, and many of my high school classmates also left the island."

"Soft" data (survey based) from the U.S. Census supports Martin's observation. According to the U.S. Census 2010,

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## COVER STORY

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Filipinos nationally are actually represented well in higher education: 37.4 percent of Filipinos over 25 hold a bachelor's degree and 29.3 percent have an associate's degree.

This is about double the percentage of Hawaii's data on Filipinos in higher education.

The Census data could suggest that Filipino-Americans on the mainland are higher educated than those in Hawaii. The data would also account for Hawaii Filipinos who left to get their education on the mainland and also include those Philippine-educated Filipinos who now reside in the U.S.

### The undercount of multi-racial Filipinos

Even in the way hard data is collected could be underrepresenting Filipinos. For example, data from the UH Institutional Research Office shows "full Filipinos" (not those who identify themselves as part Filipino) represent 15.7 percent of students in the University of Hawaii community colleges.

But UH Institutional Research Office only tracks data for "full Filipinos," so the actual number is likely higher with the abundance of mixed-raced Filipinos in the millennial generation.

### SEED, Hawaii Undergraduate Initiative (HUI), Pamantasan, and support programs

Martin says she had very high achieving Filipino classmates with good grades who received financial assistance. "And it's not just for Filipino students or minorities. But most times, you need to know where to go to get financial assistance.

"I'm encouraged with all the support programs that are helping Filipino students. They are making a big difference and will only improve our numbers in higher education."

The UH Student Equity, Excellence & Diversity (SEED), Pamantasan Council, Hawaii Undergraduate Initiative (HUI) and other support programs are helping to get more Filipinos and other underrepresented groups into the University of Hawaii system and to be able to graduate.

**SEED:** Dr. Agbayani,

former SEED director, said SEED was established in 1990 as part of an initiative to increase student diversity. SEED staff and programs have more than tripled since 1990 with multi-million dollar grants and dozens of state funded permanent faculty and support staff.

SEED not only offers support to the Filipino community, but other underrepresented groups such as Native Hawaiians, immigrants, women, students with disabilities, LGBT students, senior citizens and underperforming students.

Agbayani highlights one of its programs called Gear Up. "It is a multi-million dollar and multi-year federal grant to support students from Farrington High School and Waipahu High School to enroll in college. Both of these high schools have nearly 70 percent Filipino enrollment. Waipahu had the highest percentage in the state of students obtaining college credit while still in high school. These Gear Up programs clearly improved the number and success of Filipinos in high school and college."

**HUI:** HUI is a summer leadership program that provides a free 3-credit summer college course for select groups of incoming UH Manoa freshmen, many of them Filipino students.

Christine Quemuel, UH Mānoa interim vice chancellor for diversity and SEED director said "All HUI participants are paired with a peer mentor who supports them during their transition from high school to college. Engaging with students from when they first arrive on campus, educating them on the resources available and providing them a support structure are all critical to their academic success, all the way up to graduation."

"Over half of the participants in HUI identify as Filipino or Filipino," she said

**UH PAMANTASAN COUNCIL:** "Pamantasan" is the Filipino word for higher education. It was established in 1987 to address the status of Filipinos throughout the UH's 10 campuses. Pamantasan supports and advocates for courses in Philippine Language and Philippine Studies. It also has

initiatives to increase transfers from two-year campuses to four-year programs, to increase the number of bachelor's and professional degrees. It also supports Filipino faculty and staff at UH.

Agbayani has lobbied for a bill to support Pamantasan this session on behalf of the Filipina Advocacy Network (FAN) in which she is co-chair. The bill, SB 1418, provides funds and two positions for the UH Pamantasan Council.

Agbayani said the bill was able to pass this 2019 legislature under leadership of House Filipino legislative caucus leaders Rep. Henry Aquino and Rep. Ty Cullen, Education chair Rep. Justin Woodson and Senators Donna Mercado Kim, Gil Keith Agaran, Donovan dela Cruz and Clarence Nishihara.

Senate Bill 1418 will need to be signed by Gov. David Ige for final approval.

There are other support programs at UH Manoa like the Office of Multicultural Student Services. It's advised that students need to do their due diligence, talk with university support staff at Financial Aid Office or counselors or their specific Department staff for leads.

### Scholarships

Filipino and minority students can get many scholarship information and contacts from SEED. Some of the scholarships and student grants at UH Manoa include: the Study Abroad Program, Justice Ben Menor Scholarship, the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Scholarship, FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarship), OMSS Scholarship (formerly, Tuition Waiver), Filipino and Ilokano Scholarships.

Students can also get scholarships outside the university from civic groups, business groups and chambers, private companies, unions or professional groups.

### Hawaii Filipino Chronicle (HFC) Scholarship

To commemorate its 25th publication year in 2018, HFC is awarding one full-time student of Filipino heritage a scholarship of \$2,500. Plus the student may receive an ad-

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— **DR. AMY AGBAYANI**  
*UH emeritus assistant vice chancellor for student diversity*

ditional \$1,000 for his or her remaining academic years by maintaining a 3.0 GPA. The student must have graduated from a high school in Hawaii. The applicant must either be 1) a recent high school graduate (already accepted to attend a four-year public or private university in Hawaii) with the intention of majoring in journalism/mass communications; or 2) a college student already majoring in journalism/mass communication at a four-year public or private university in Hawaii. (For other requirements and application, visit the Chronicle website at [www.thefilipinochronicle.com](http://www.thefilipinochronicle.com).)

Chona Montesines-Sonido, publisher and managing editor of HFC, said "The cost of higher education has been increasing every year and for many of us, the price of going to college is no longer affordable. Filipinos represent the fastest growing ethnic group in Hawaii and make up 23 percent of the state's population, but are underrepresented in many areas at the university, like in education and journalism.

"We need good journalists to safeguard our democracy. We need to empower our community by building a pool of journalists who will advocate for truth and serve our community with pride. We need good journalists who will work on building and ad-

vocating for our community.

"With high quality reporting in place by well-trained journalists, we can secure a fair, informative and steady flow of news in our community and around the world. It is important that we support these students."

### Why Higher Education matters

The correlation between higher education and individual-community success is undeniable. Besides increased income and better opportunity for quality jobs, higher education makes for a healthier democracy and enlightened society.

Niki Libarios, who passed away while he was director of the Office of Student Academic Services at UH-Manoa's College of Education, wrote in a study that there is a sense of renewed ethnic pride among Filipino students.

"Filipino language classes, Filipino student organizations, and Filipino faculty and staff serve as role models. A strong sense of ethnic identity contributes to an increase in self-esteem and a growing sense of belonging that is critical in coping with the challenges that students encounter in the college environment," said Libarios.

A philosophical view on the value of education – life begins at birth; but the quality of life a person desires begins with education.

## OPINION



By Melissa Martin, Ph.D.

## Make Vacation Memories in 2019

cram so much activity into their annual vacation—they need a vacation from their vacation when they return home.

I've often wondered where people that live at the beach take their vacations. Do they travel to the mountains? Do they go somewhere dry? Do they visit relatives in the Heartland—U.S. states that don't touch an ocean?

A 2015 study revealed what our travel destinations reveal about our personalities. According to research in the "Journal of Research in Personality," extroverts prefer the ocean, and introverts go for the mountains. Based on a total of 613,000 personality surveys, the report suggests that extroverts are the beach folks who are more prone towards socializing while introverts are the mountain people

who prefer nature and peacefulness.

A 2015 study by the American Psychological Association concluded that vacations reduce stress by removing people from the environments they associate with stress and anxiety. That sounds like common sense to me.

According to a 2019 article by AAA, "Nearly 43 million Americans will start their summers on a high note with a Memorial Day weekend getaway...Despite a rising national gas price average that is inching closer to the \$3 per gallon mark, the vast majority of holiday travelers will drive to their destinations. [www.newsroom.aaa.com/](http://www.newsroom.aaa.com/).

The 2019 top U.S. Memorial Day travel destinations based on advance AAA Travel bookings: Orlando, Florida;

New York, New York; Las Vegas, Nevada; Honolulu, Hawaii; Anaheim, California; Seattle, Washington; Phoenix, Arizona; Anchorage, Alaska; Tampa, Florida; and San Francisco, California.

International vacations. The Caribbean is the most preferred destination for American tourists. Caribbean countries include Cuba, Bahamas, Barbados, Virgin Islands, Dominica, Puerto Rico, Jamaica and 21 other states, according to The World Atlas. [www.worldatlas.com/](http://www.worldatlas.com/).

The great American road trip remains a favorite for family vacations. Pack your patience, buckle up the kids, squeeze in granny and her toothless dog, and hit the freeway. Tame your tongue when the kids bicker and make several bathroom stops to avoid

pee-pee pants. The drive is a part of the vacation as well.

A vacation doesn't have to be costly, elaborate, or long. A change in scenery is good for perspective—even a weekend away can improve well-being. But, don't cram too much sight-seeing into your trip. Hurry and scurry is not vacation-friendly.

And don't yell at the kids when they appear overly excited or overly tired. And don't be snappy with granny when she needs an afternoon nap or refuses surfing lessons.

"As you grow older, you learn a few things. One of them is to actually take the time you've allotted for vacation."—John Battelle

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## OPEN FORUM

## President Trump's Immigration Plan Would Hurt AAPI Communities

By Democratic National Committee

President Trump unveiled a new immigration plan that he hopes will change voters' perception of his xenophobic immigration policy. But his plan would

actually hurt AAPI immigrants by making it harder for families to be reunited and by providing no protections for 120,000 DACA-eligible AAPIs.

Most AAPI immigrants come to the U.S. through family-based immigrant visas. Trump's new plan would

drastically cut visas granted to parents, siblings, and adult children of U.S. citizens.

AAPI Data: "The most common way for Asian immigrants to migrate to the U.S. has been through family-sponsored visas, accounting for 57% of all permanent resident visas. According to the latest estimates published by the Office of Immigration Statistics and summarized in the figure below, 21% of Asians in 2015 who obtained legal permanent resident status were through family-sponsored preferences, 36% of Asians were issued to immediate relatives such as parents, siblings, and children."

Trump's immigration pro-

posal doesn't include fixing the current backlog of AAPI families waiting to be reunited, some for as long as 23 years.

Department of State Visa Bulletin: As of May 2019, some immigrants from the Philippines, China and India have waited decades before the Department of State even processes their visa application. Married children of U.S. citizens, for example, could wait as long as 23 years just for the State Department to consider their application for a visa.

Trump's silence on DACA means thousands of DACA-eligible AAPIs who were brought to the U.S. illegally

through no fault of their own will continue to live in fear.

Insight Into Diversity: "Typically, discussions and stories about DACA recipients and DREAMers have focused on the Latino population. And perhaps properly so, given that the large majority of DACA recipients and DREAMers are Latino. However, this singular narrative obscures the large number of undocumented Asian immigrants in the United States — about 1.6 million. Of the 1.2 million immigrants who were eligible for DACA, 120,000 were Asian. These immigrants are from all parts of Asia, with significant numbers from Korea, China, and India."

## Trump Immigration Plan Puts America First

By Rick Manning, Americans for Limited Government

The framework laid out by the President is a smart way forward and it is important that Democrats support it and

securing the border in a humane way, build a merit-based system and move away from family chain migration.

Any attempts to add amnesty or other poison pill

provisions would be an admission that Democrats are unwilling to work on basic issues of common ground on securing the border, reforming our broken system and treating immigrants humanely. The President's plan puts America first and American workers first.

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WHAT'S UP, ATTORNEY?



By Atty. Emmanuel S. Tipon

# “Sneak and Peek” Video Barred in Prostitution Case vs. Super Bowl Champion’s Owner

**B**eing a billionaire is no guarantee that one has a rich taste. According to an observer, there is at least one billionaire who is alleged to have poor taste by frolicking with Asian girls for hire in a massage parlor. On February 25, 2019, a person by the name of Robert Kraft, 77 years old, and reportedly the billionaire principal owner of the super bowl champion New England Patriots football team, was charged with allegedly soliciting another to commit prostitution in violation of Florida statutes. State of Florida vs. Robert Kraft, Case No 2019MM002346AXXX, County Court, 15th Judicial Dist., Palm Beach County, Florida, Division B.

He was reportedly caught in a “sneak and peek” video surveillance cameras set up by police who had been conducting a sting operation at the Orchids of Asia Day Spa in Jupiter, Florida. The hidden cameras had captured images of the billionaire allegedly engaging in illegal sexual activity.

If the allegation is true, according to another observer, the rich man is not only guilty of poor taste, he is also guilty of poor judgment. Why did he have to go to a massage parlor patronized by hundreds in a not so fancy neighborhood? Could he not have gotten a luxurious hotel room in a resort and called a call girl where he could have had sex with more privacy? Or why use call girls at all? He could have dated or continued dating beautiful women, like a certain Ricki.

The billionaire was offered a plea deal where he would admit that he was guilty and that the prosecution would have won the case if it went to trial and he would be sentenced to pay a fine and perform community service. But like another rich person, Imelda Romualdez-Mar-

cos, why plead guilty when you did nothing wrong or when the prosecution cannot prove your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt?

Maybe if this case happened in Hawaii and he had hired an abogado de plead guilty with a Hawaii law degree, the lawyer might have strongly advised him to plead guilty by scaring him: “Hey man they got you by your balls. They have a video of you and will circulate it on the internet.” But like Imelda, the billionaire got some of the best lawyers that money could buy. What did the lawyers do? They filed a motion to suppress the videotapes of the defendant allegedly engaging in illegal activity, invoking the Fourth Amendment which provides that “[t]he right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

**VIDEOTAPES OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY SUPPRESSED**

On May 13, 2019, Judge Leonard Hanser granted the

motion to suppress and ordered that all evidence obtained against the defendant [Robert Kraft] through and in connection with the search warrant is suppressed.

The Judge found that the defendant had a reasonable, subjective expectation of privacy, as would anyone seeking a private massage in a commercial or professional setting, and that the activity in that room would remain private. Seeking even legitimate services in a spa normally involves removing all or most of a person’s clothing, behavior almost as private as would occur in a home. That expectation of privacy is one which society objectively supports as reasonable. That the defendant may have engaged in criminal activity is not material in determining whether society is prepared to recognize an objective expectation of privacy. “Privacy expectations do not hinge on the nature of [a] defendant’s activities – innocent or criminal. In fact, many Fourth Amendment issues arise precisely because the defendants were engaged in illegal activity on the premises for which they claim privacy interests.” *McDade v State*.

The court pointed out that there are five requirements that a

court must consider before surveillance can be permitted: (1) a showing that probable cause exists that a particular person is committing, has committed, or is about to commit a crime; (2) the order particularly describes the place to be searched and the things to be seized in accordance with the Fourth Amendment; (3) the order is sufficiently precise so as to minimize the recording of activities not related to the crime under investigation; (4) the judge issuing the order finds that normal investigative procedures have been tried and have failed or reasonably appear unlikely to succeed if tried or appear to be too dangerous; and (5) the order does not allow the period of interception to be longer than necessary to achieve the objective of authorization, or in any event no longer than thirty days.

Suppressing the unlawfully seized evidence is the remedy for failing to satisfy these five requirements.

The court found that the minimization requirement had not been satisfied. Pursuant to this requirement, the order to search must be sufficiently precise so as to minimize the recording of activities not related to the crimes under investigation. The court said that the search warrant itself was insufficient and the minimization techniques were not sufficiently

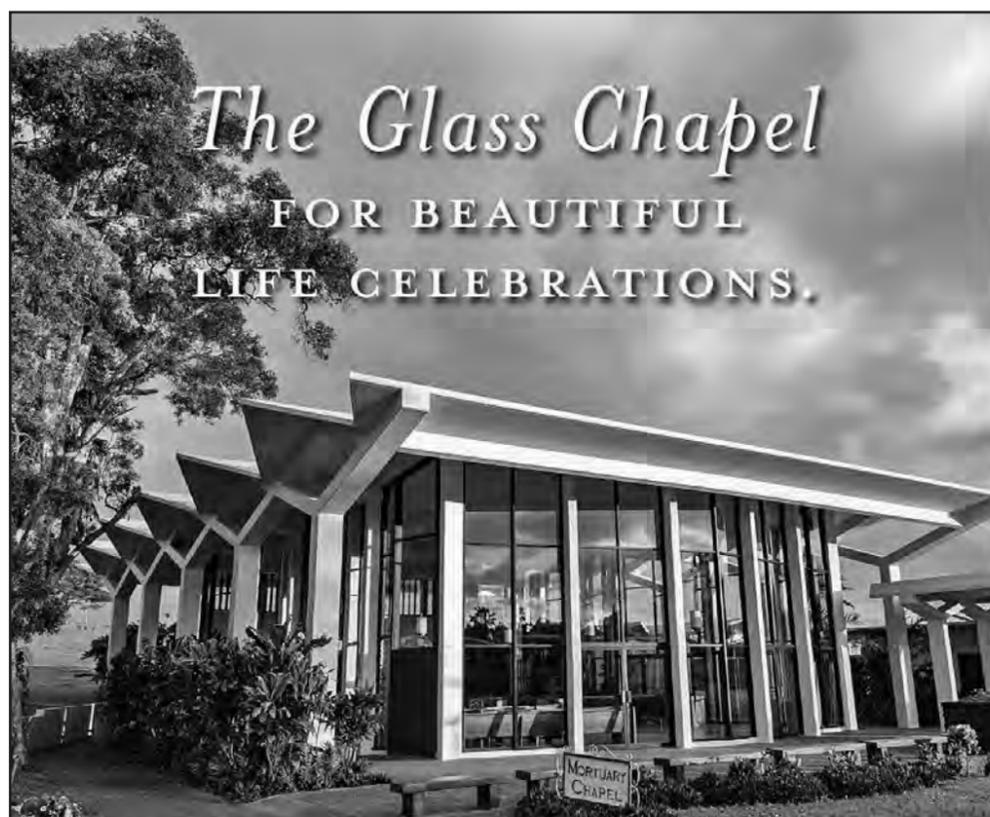
employed. Failing to include instructions on minimizing the impact on women in a setting with a high legitimate expectation of privacy, is a serious flaw in the search warrant, considering that the search warrant did not allege women were seeking illegal contact. The search warrant also failed to include any minimization directives as to how detective-monitors should respond when viewing male spa clients receiving lawful services.

**TRAFFIC STOP OBTAINED INFORMATION ALSO SUPPRESSED**

On January 19, 2019 after the video surveillance had captured his image, Kraft left the spa. He was followed by a police officer who radioed another officer to stop the car in which the Kraft was a passenger. The stopping officer obtained the identification of the defendant, whose identity was not known until he was stopped. The court held that all information obtained about Kraft through the stop be suppressed as the fruit of an unlawful search because the illegally obtained videotapes were the basis for the police action to stop Kraft and confirm his identity.

**PROSECUTION CAN STILL PROVE GUILT**

The prosecution can still  
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AS I SEE IT



By Elpidio R. Estioko

# What Are Friends For?

According to blogger James Altucher, he likes when his friends go to him with their problems and vice versa, so they can inspire each other (ideally, and with sincerity) and attempt to lift each other up. He is right, everybody has a problem, and so friends inspire and lift each other up.

Friends also teach us new things. Altucher says they challenge his beliefs in a constructive way... take note, constructive way! A few weeks ago he unfriended a friend in Facebook (FB) that he had known for 20 years (they were even housemates for a while in college) who kept commenting on his Facebook in a destructive manner. He said he didn't understand his criticisms and he even admitted he didn't know what was going on. So he unfriended him and blocked him. That was destructive, not a constructive way of challenging one's belief.

Aside from Altucher, another author Karen Riddell J.D. asked the question: "Are your friends really your friends?" It seems like, according to Riddell, a stupid

question. He said, "You are probably thinking, of course the people I think of as friends consider me their friend too, but a new study reveals that we are pretty terrible at determining who really likes us. The study finds that only about half of the people we consider to be a friend, actually consider us to be their friend. Stings, doesn't it?"

The author went further by saying, "Evidently, our instincts, perceptions, and intuition are way off the mark." His comments were collaborated by the study. "It turns out that we are very bad at judging who our friends are," said Erez Shmueli from Tel Aviv University who collaborated on the study with researchers from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "Sadly this finding can't be cast aside as an outlier because the scientists not only conducted extensive experiments themselves, but they also incorporated data from a number of other studies and six large friendship surveys including participants from the United States, Europe and the Middle East."

The study found that in contrast to the high expectations of participants across the board, the level of recipro-

city in the studies was often as low as 35% but aggregated to about 50% overall. They also used the data "to develop an algorithm based on objective factors to predict mutual friendships. Unlike the participants, the algorithm was able to predict with a high level of accuracy not only whether a friendship was two-sided, but also, in situations where it was not, which person was mistaken about the relationship."

The author have a few ideas to deduce as a result of the study. First, he said that, "maybe we can take solace in the fact that the data showed a range of results, meaning that some people have more authentic friendships than others... It always feels good to be above the curve."

Another is, "maybe this knowledge will drive us to pay more attention to our friendships, doing what we can to have authentic, balanced relationships. We can concentrate on listening more, asking more questions, and staying more involved in our friends' lives."

Well... finally, "maybe we can try to be scientific about choosing our friends based on the factors that the researchers used to create their algorithm. To do that, we should focus

on friendships with people whose social circles overlap the most with ours and who have a comparable social status to ours. That would weigh in favor of the neighbor who is also in your book club, and also goes to your gym."

My friends in high school revolve around my classmates/batch mates, UCHS Batch '65! More specifically... to my close journal of friends who compose the group who called themselves D'Heartaches! In college, I associated myself with my fraternity brothers, members of the Beta Rho Omega Fraternity (BRO), also known as the International Order of the Oddfellows, with the University of the Philippines (UP-Diliman) as the Mother Chapter.

So, who are our friends? They are those that understand us, those who learn with us, those who treat us with respect and giving constructive criticisms instead of destructive ones, those who listen to us, and they are the people whom we can rely on in sickness or in health!

Happy friendship day!

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Last Friday (May 31) was friendship day or I would say, hug day! Did we hug because we have to do it or we did it because we mean everything what a hug can convey? It gives us relief, it means a friendly gesture... it means a lot!

Who are your friends? Well, for me, he or she is one whom I can talk to, whom I can depend on, and even if we disagree on things or ideas, at least we can agree to disagree!

Is he or she someone you can abuse or put down? Some say yes because you can't do that to a stranger, you can't do that to a mere acquaintance, but you can always do that to somebody whom you know can understand you. That's rationalizing, by the way, which suggests that a true friendship means more than that!

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workplace sexual harassment seminars. Unfortunately, the signs of the times warrant that adults must be reminded how not to behave.

Kudos to the Washington Post and other news media that picked up this story and brought national attention to it.

It could serve as a sober warning to other bigots who have been emboldened in recent years - that discrimination is against the law and could get you fired from your job.

Leave law enforcement to the professionals. Regular citizens acting on paranoia over

which immigrant is documented or undocumented can only lead to hostility and division.

Our communities must now be even more vigilant and not allow the new norms of this presidency to be the new norms at the places we study and work.

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES



By Emil Guillermo

# Giving Trump a D for D-Day

moment. The future? Don't get too ahead of yourself. As Trump likes to say, "We'll see what happens." But the past? Imminently forgettable. The better to be manipulated.

Or simply to publicly state "I do not recall." That's how he answered the Mueller questions on Russian contacts and the Trump Tower meeting.

Long term or short term, history is just not Trump's strong suit. Unless he can change it all as America's gas-lighter-in-chief.

So it was hard for me to see Trump knee-deep in it with his own invasion of Normandy 2019, honoring the veterans with his elevated "thank you for your service" demeanor in the manner he honors all veterans not named John McCain.

It was difficult to see Trump—whose sense of self-preservation is the only

apparent religion he follows—even metaphorically use the phrase, "We are gathered here on freedom's altar."

Of course, Trump could have mentioned he's the greatest threat to the stability of what could be Normandy's greatest legacy, NATO. And why would we expect him to truly appreciate an event that happened 75 years ago?

He wasn't even born then. Was life worth living?

All we have is Trump making a mockery of the whole event by his mere presence. And then blaspheming the memory by using gravestones of the American servicemen as a backdrop for a no-holds-barred political diatribe against the Democrats on his propaganda tool, Fox News.

Anything goes at freedom's altar, even the misuse of history by Trump, who doesn't

mind honoring it for a speech, and then promptly devaluing it all for a photo op.

I just finished correcting a bunch of student papers. I'd give the president a D for D-Day. That's barely passing. Sort of like winning the electoral college but losing the popular vote.

One wonders if Trump could go beyond the platitudes from his speechwriters and say why we were even fighting in WWII. Or where exactly—European Theatre? Pacific Theatre? Does he recall the Niseis of the 442nd, the Japanese American "Go for Brokers" from Hawaii, like Inouye, who were in the European Theater, mostly in Italy, but also in southern France? They weren't permitted to fight in Asia. Or does Trump see an Asian American of Japanese descent and think foreign enemy?

And let's not complicate matters. Trump would be tongue tied to explain how the Filipinos got screwed by the U.S. on WW II in the Rescission Act. He'd probably say, "Recession Act? I hate recessions, the economy is the best it's ever been. The greatest ever!"

Trump's a president who doesn't read, lacks the perspective to understand the meaning of history and the humility to learn from it.

History usually makes news when there's nothing new going on.

But this 75th anniversary of D-Day is all the more newsworthy when America's leader is Trump—a man who values the art of forgetfulness and the creation of new narratives that threaten the truth.

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## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

# Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation Awards 19 Scholarships

**W**AILUKU, MAUI—The Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation has selected 19 outstanding Fil-Am students for its 2019 Scholarship award.

"Thanks to the success of our Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament chaired by Bill Ruidas and our scholarship partners, we are able to award nineteen scholarships this year," said Jorge Tirona, president of the Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation. "Each of these high school graduates excelled in the classroom, on their standardized college entrance exams, received many awards and honors, and were active volunteers in the community. We congratulate each recipient and their parents."

The awardees will be formally introduced at the Gintong Pamana Leadership and Scholarship Awards Banquet on Wednesday, June 12 at the Maui Beach Hotel, where the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce will honor four outstanding leaders: Melen Agcolicol, Dionicia Cabias, Greg "Jay" Peros, and Tane Urban.

The scholarship recipients are:

**Joanna Marie Acosta**, daughter of Mario Acosta and Maggie Acosta. Joanna graduated from Lahainaluna High School and will attend University of Nevada Las Vegas, majoring in Accounting. Acosta will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

**Nida Bergoust**, daughter of Daniel Bergoust and Cristina Bergoust. Nida graduated from Maui High School and will attend Boise State University, majoring in Pre-Optometry. Bergoust will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

**Nya-Shayla Estrada Cachola**, daughter of Arthur Cachola and Lorelei Estrada Cachola. Nya-Shayla graduated from Maui High School and will attend Hawaii Pacific University, majoring in Hospitality and Tourism Management. Cachola will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Friends of Gil Keith-Agaran Scholarship.

**Misty Dela Cruz**, daughter

of Rene Dela Cruz and Margie Dela Cruz. Misty graduated from Maui High School and will attend University of Hawaii Maui College, majoring in Computer Science or Fine Arts. Dela Cruz will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Sabado Art Foundation Scholarship.

**Jaimelee Felipe**, daughter of Mark Felipe and Ester Felipe. Jaimelee graduated from Kamehameha Schools Maui and will attend Davidson College, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Felipe will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

**Denise Marie Angel Galano**, daughter of Dennis Galano and Angelita Galano. Denise graduated from Maui High School and will attend Washington State University, majoring in Architectural Engineering. Galano will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Friends of Gil Keith-Agaran Scholarship.

**Noah Garcia**, son of Daniel Bal Garcia and Arleen A. Ricalde-Garcia. Noah graduated from Seabury Hall and will

attend Yale College, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Garcia will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

**Thereese Guzman**, daughter of Donald S. Guzman and Rose Guzman. Thereese graduated from Maui High School and will attend Pepperdine University, majoring in Sports Medicine. Guzman will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation

Scholarship.

**Kaelyn Kato**, daughter of Gary M. Kato and Debra L. Kato. Kaelyn graduated from Kamehameha Schools Maui and will attend University of Portland, majoring in Early Education. Kato will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

**Joshua Lee**, son of Steven Lee and Sue Lee. Joshua graduated from Maui High School

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FEATURE

# WHY FILIPINOS SHOULD CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY

By Mark Lester Sanchez

**G**rowing up in the Philippines, Father's Day was a vague memory. I hadn't had much awareness of the celebration until I moved to the US six years ago, perhaps because I was raised mostly by women,

or it just wasn't as prevalent an occasion in the Philippines as in the States.

Indeed, the day of fathers and father-figures is sometimes overlooked by Filipinos in the homeland, especially by those who dwell in the provinces where these men would spend most of their time outdoors, laboring in the fields or making money elsewhere for

the family. For one thing, the observance of this day only started very recently. It wasn't until the late 1980s that this annual event for fathers was recognized nationally by the then president Corazon Aquino, under direct influence of American celebrations and holidays. In fact, according to the Malacañang Palace website, Father's Day is officially celebrated in the country on the first Mondays of December, together with Mother's

Day, not in June or May, respectively. But because of the country's strong American ties, the celebration continued to be commemorated as the latter's.

However, regardless of the dates and locations of the celebration, here are the five reasons why Father's Day should be celebrated by Filipinos everywhere:

**1. "Haligi ng Tahanan"**

- Fathers are considered the chief support and strength

of the Filipino family, or, as this old adage tells us, the pillar of home. When the family is challenged with unforeseen events, the father keeps the home remaining intact and sturdy without and within. With strong resolve, he guides the family through thick and thin, leading them through the ups and downs of familial life. He is also considered the main provider of the household, supplying the family's needs and necessities for a better life.

(When my step-mother and

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and will attend University of Washington, majoring in Creative Writing. Lee will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Antonio Fartan Ayson Family Scholarship.

**Nico Andrei Manzano**, son of Dickson Manzano and Buenafe Manzano. Nico graduated from Maui High School and will attend University of Portland, majoring in Economics. Manzano will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Richard Caldito, Sr. Scholarship.

**Cassidy Matsuda**, daughter of Mark Matsuda and Gwyn Matsuda. Cassidy was graduated from Maui High School and

will attend University of Oregon, majoring in Business Administration. Matsuda will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Megan, Meredith & Mallory Bagoyo Scholarship in Business.

**Josh Ooka**, son of Byron Ooka and Glennis Ooka. Josh graduated from H.P. Baldwin High School and will attend University of California Los Angeles, majoring in Biology. Ooka will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

**Nikki Ooka**, daughter of Byron Ooka and Glennis Ooka. Nikki graduated from H.P. Baldwin High School and will

attend University of Washington, majoring in Biology. Ooka will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

**Katrina Rabang**, daughter of Rodrigo Rabang and Mary Ann Rabang. Katrina graduated from Maui High School and will attend University of Hawaii Maui College, majoring in Nursing. Rabang will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

**Hailee-Adrianna Sanchez**, daughter of Clifford Sanchez and Ruella Sanchez. Hailee-Adrianna graduated from Maui High School and will attend University of Laverne,

majoring in Biology. Sanchez will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Rev. Walter Baloaloa Memorial Scholarship.

**Katriana Mae Tolentino**, daughter of Romulo Tolentino and Haydee Mae Tolentino. Katriana graduated from Maui High School and will attend University of Hawaii Manoa, majoring in Molecular Cell Biology. Tolentino will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Maui Island Cozy Dental Scholarship.

**Cameron Viernes**, daughter of Virgilio A. Viernes and Courtney N. Balkovek-Viernes. Cameron graduated from H.P. Bald-

win High School and will attend University of Hawaii Maui College, majoring in Natural Science. Viernes will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

**Payton Vioria**, son of Patrick Vioria and Menchie Vioria. Payton graduated from Maui High School and will attend Brigham Young University, majoring in Computer Science. Vioria will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

Since 1995, scholarships have been awarded to 168 graduating high school seniors and five students at the Maui Culinary Academy.

**(WHAT'S UP, ATTORNEY? ; "SNEAK AND PEEK...from page 7)**

prove the defendant's guilt without the videotapes. How? Call the girls with whom the defendant allegedly engaged in the illegal sexual activity as witnesses.

"Ay, there's the rub." One of the women who was reported to have been charged with engaging in sexual activity (by rubbing him?) with Kraft reportedly filed a motion saying that she would invoke her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination if called upon

to testify in Kraft's case. The other woman allegedly involved with Kraft is expected to also invoke her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

**COMMENT:** Videotapes are not a completely reliable evidence of an event in this era of "deepfakes" – bogus videos created with the help of artificial intelligence. "Soon, those with even a rudimentary technical knowledge will be able to fabricate videos that are so true

to life that it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to determine whether the video is real. Virtually anyone with the right software will be able to make any fake video of just about any person seemingly saying whatever they want." The technology can be used to place innocent women's faces on porn star's bodies. See the Washington Post article at [m=.87fd7aa28680](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/05/14/deep-fakes-are-coming-were-not-ready/?noredirect=on&utm_ter-</a></p>
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**RECOMMENDATION:** In order to successfully obtain suppression of evidence based on a violation of the Fourth Amendment, the moving party must prove that he has a valid standing to claim protection under the Amendment. He must establish that he has a reasonable expectation of privacy in the place where he was when the video was taken which was arbitrarily invaded by government agents. He could also show that the videotapes are "deepfakes". He must also show that at least one of the five requirements before video surveillance can be permitted was not complied with.

**OBSERVATION:** Suppression of the videotapes as evidence might be a pyrrhic victory for Kraft if public dissemination of the videotapes is not suppressed and they are leaked and posted on the internet.

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LEGAL NOTES

# O-1 Visa as an Alternative to H-1B Visa



By Atty. Reuben S. Seguritan

**T**here are different kinds of visas to bring a foreign national to the United States for a definite period of time. One of those visas is the O-1 nonimmigrant work visa for foreign nationals with extraordinary abilities. The foreign national must be sponsored by a US employer or agent. Foreign nationals cannot sponsor themselves for the O-1 visa. The advantage of the O-1 visa over other work visas such as the

H-1B visa is there is no cap or yearly limit.

The O-1 nonimmigrant visa is for a foreign national who possess extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics, or who has a demonstrated record of extraordinary achievement in the motion picture or television industry and has been recognized nationally or internationally for those achievements.

“Extraordinary” ability or achievement is a high standard that must be met in order to be approved for the O-1 visa. Evidence must be presented to support at least 3 of the 8 categories enumerated by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (US-

CIS). These are: 1. Receipt of nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence in the field of endeavor; 2. Membership in associations in the field for which classification is sought which require outstanding achievements, as judged by recognized national or international experts in the field; 3. Published material in professional or major trade publications, newspapers or other major media about the beneficiary and the beneficiary’s work in the field for which classification is sought; 4. Original scientific, scholarly, or business-related contributions of major significance in the field; 5. Authorship of scholarly articles in professional journals

or other major media in the field for which classification is sought; 6. A high salary or other remuneration for services as evidenced by contracts or other reliable evidence; 7. Participation on a panel, or individually, as a judge of the work of others in the same or in a field of specialization allied to that field for which classification is sought; and 8. Employment in a critical or essential capacity for organizations and establishments that have a distinguished reputation.

The 8 categories stated by the USCIS is not exclusive. Other comparable evidence may be presented to meet the “extraordinary” ability or achievement requirement.

There are different visas in the O-1 visa classification. The O-1A visas are for foreign nationals with an extraordinary ability in the sciences, education, business, or athletics (not including the arts, motion pictures or television industry). The O-1B visas are for foreign nationals with an extraordinary ability in the arts or extraordinary achievement in motion picture or television industry. The O-2 visas are for foreign nationals who will accompany an O-1, artist or athlete, to assist in a specific event or performance. For an O-1A, the O-2’s assistance must be an “integral part” of the

O-1A’s activity. For an O-1B, the O-2’s assistance must be “essential” to the completion of the O-1B’s production. The O-2 foreign national has critical skills and experience with the O-1 that cannot be readily performed by a US worker and which are essential to the successful performance of the O-1 foreign national. The O-3 visas are for foreign nationals who are the spouse or children of O-1’s and O-2’s.

O-1 visas are considered as “dual intent visas.” The O-1 foreign national is not required to show foreign residence to prove that he has an intent to return to that country. This means that the granting or extension of the O-1 visa cannot be denied even though a labor certification or a petition leading to permanent residence in the US is filed on behalf of the O-1 foreign national. However, the O-2 visa accompanying foreign national must be going to the US temporarily and must show that he has residence abroad. Hence, the O-2 visa foreign national must show that he will only be temporarily in the US to assist the O-1 visa foreign national.

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PICTORIAL NEWS

## Case Visits Hawaii Army National Guard Troops in Kosovo and Egypt

**I**n Kosovo, HIARNG’s 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, “Lava Strong,” Col. Roy Macaraeg commanding, is leading the North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s (NATO) Kosovo Force (KFOR) Multi-National Battlegroup East Command with headquarters at Camp Bondsteel near the capital of Pristina. A tragic war with neighbor Serbia in 1998 and 1999 ended with NATO intervention and led to a United Nations resolution creating KFOR to prevent renewed fighting and preserve security and safety in Kosovo.

In Egypt, HIARNG’s 299th Cavalry, the Koa Regiment, Col. John Udani commanding, is an integral part



(l to r) CSM Shon Antolin, Rep. Ed Case, Lawrence the camel, and COL John Udani in Egypt. U.S. Rep. Case made a four-day congressional visit to Kosovo and Egypt to meet with Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) troops and talk with leaders of both countries. The trip was on behalf of the House Committee on Appropriations on which he serves.

of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), an independent multinational force established by Egypt and Israel in the Sinai Peninsula on their borders to maintain the peace

following their historic peace agreement in 1979. HIARNG is based in Sharm El-Sheik but also operates from bases in Northern Sinai and more remote locations.

(FEATURE: FILIPINOS AND FATHER’S DAY...from page 12)

younger step-siblings migrated to the US a few years ago, my father took more jobs than he could probably handle, only to make sure his family lived the good life.)

**2. Unconditional Love**

- Filipino fathers are one of the most loving and caring fathers in the world. They imbue a sense of affection that is both confident and strong, yet selfless and kind. Though sometimes they can be uptight, Filipino dads give their chil-

dren unbridled support and understanding, especially when it comes to their children’s passion (so long as they study good!) Also, they are naturally comical, always making sure everyone is at their best humor, always cracking “father” jokes at the most inappropriate moments, like whenever mother is ticked off because nobody washed the dishes. Though at times they can be very withdrawn due to family challenges, we trust that they are always

there no matter what.

**3. Ready to Sacrifice Great Things**

- They will brave the unknown, conquer their fears for the betterment of the family, will sacrifice their own happiness and wellbeing for their children. It is no secret that Filipino parents can sometimes be very adamant in their expectations with their children’s education and future. However, Filipi-

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MAINLAND NEWS

# Fil-Am Good Governance Group Criticize Philippine Elections Process

NEW YORK--National chairperson of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance (USPGG) Filipino-American Loida Nicolas Lewis issued a statement underscoring inefficiencies in the 2019 Philippines midterm election.

"The low voter turnout is

rather alarming and I hope it is not indicative of the US-based Filipinos' continuously eroding trust in the integrity of the current (Duterte) administration to ensure fair and honest elections," says Lewis. "It is disheartening to note that of the 228,470 registered voters in the jurisdictions of the em-

bassy and the consulates in the US (except Guam), only 39,511 or 17.29% have voted," she added.

Lewis also pointed out the glitches which generally characterized the mid-term elections as indicative of the systemic inefficiencies of the electoral process and the agen-

cies tasked to implement it.

Problems involving malfunctioning vote counting machines (VCMs) and secure digital (SD) cards have generally characterized the mid-term elections in the Philippines.

"I consider these glitches as part of the systemic inefficiencies because even overseas voting encountered the same problems, aside from the failure of some mailed ballots to reach registered voters on time," Lewis noted.

"The ballots were mailed late so the US overseas voters did not have enough time to mail and ensure that these reach the Consulate on or before May 13," she observed.

There appears to be a problem with ensuring that US registered voters receive the ballots according to Lewis. From what she gathered, only 20% of the registered voters received their ballots, contributing to the low voter turnout.

"The mailing aspect in itself is flawed," Lewis observed. "The consulate appeared to have failed in proactively ensuring that mailing address changes are effectively communicated," she



Loida Nicolas Lewis

emphasized. She volunteered that if the consulate was after a huge voter turnout via mail ballot returns, the Philippine government should have provided pre-paid postage return envelopes as this would have saved voters money spent for postage and encouraged them to return their ballots.

She also received reports that some absentee ballots lacked the label which should be attached to the return envelope when the ballot is ready to be mailed to the Philippine consulate.

"The Philippine government through the Comelec appears to have not progressed despite having been through several elections. The problems of the 2019 national and local elections attest to the fact that proactivity is yet to be observed in the conduct of the electoral process," Lewis said.

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no parents (especially fathers) are also the principal providers of their children's needs, and the first supporters of their dreams, oftentimes even abandoning their own. (When my father's family just moved to the States, he had almost no days off. He worked every day of the week in his two jobs, with only a few hours of sleep at night. I never heard him complain.)

**4. Our Best Friend**

- They are our most trusted confidant, our greatest ally. As the center of their world, we can confide to them anything: from our latest heartbreak to our wildest goals and ambitions in life—we know they will never judge us, forsake us for being a hopeless romantic or highly

ambitious. We trust that they know what to say whenever we seek their wisdom, or just when we want someone to talk to. We know that, even at our lowest moments, they will be there to lift us back into our former glory, and even take some of our baggage.

**5. Greatest Protector**

- Not only fathers help pave their children's future and bestow time-tested wisdom when need be, they are also the first one to shield them from harm. To protect their children from physical and emotional dangers of the outside world, they would go to great lengths, making sure their kids are always safe and unharmed. (If you have seen the movie Taken, starring Liam Neeson, you

know what I mean!) Also, they are one of our first defenders (the other one is mom) when we are wronged or mistreated—they are surely in great trouble, whoever these people are (again, Taken!)

There are surely other reasons why we Filipinos must celebrate Father's day, but I think these five reasons will just make do for the occasion.

No matter where you were born, or when you observe this special day, it is important we celebrate this event with its true spirit in our hearts: to give appreciation and gratitude to one of the people who cherish and love us unconditionally—our father. And so happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there!

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**HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS**

**Hawaii Restaurants Celebrate Filipino Food Week**

Select restaurants on Oahu and Maui will be participating in the Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu's Filipino Food Week (FFW) from June 9-15. Diners can go to participating restaurants to try Filipino food specials.

On Oahu, participating restaurants include: Café Julia at YWCA, Chef Chai, Dana's Restaurant & Catering, Eating House 1849 by Roy Yamaguchi, Elena's Home of the Finest Filipino Foods, Haleiwa Beach House, Mariposa at Neiman Marcus Ala Moana, Max's Restaurant, Merriman's Honolulu, Restaurant XO, Stage Restaurant, Tiano's Restaurants, Tiki's Grill & Bar, Won Kee Restaurant, and UBAAE.

On Maui, participating restaurants include: Joey's Kitchen, Lineage, Star Noodle, Tante's Island Cuisine, and Tin Roof.

The FFW event will allow diners the opportunity to taste and compare the different renditions of Filipino

dishes, from progressive interpretation of the cuisine (i.e. Stage Restaurant adobo aranici) to the more traditional-style Filipino cooking. Chef Chai will be featuring Filipino dishes that use ingredients that are common in Southeast Asian cuisine such as tamarind, patis, and curries. Won Kee Restaurant will showcase the Chinese influence in Filipino food with their version of suman, pancit, and lumpia.

Maui's Lineage, a James Beard Semifinalist and winner of Hale

'Aina Award for Best New Restaurant – Reader's Choice, is featuring fine dining Filipino food.

Some of the restaurants will be highlighting coconut into desserts, which is the ingredient theme for this year.

The restaurant that sells the highest amount (gross sales) of their Filipino Food specials will be awarded a round trip ticket to the Philippines for two courtesy of Philippine Airlines.

**Meet Famous Filipino Food Entrepreneur at FAUW Event**

The Filipino Association of University Women (FAUW) is presenting a luncheon meeting with Clara Kalayaan Reyes-Lapus, who will discuss "The Politics of Cuisine: How Your Food Choices Can Affect Farmers in the Philippines," on Saturday, June 15, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Mariposa, Ala Moana Center.

Clara is the daughter of Teresita Reyes, also known as Mama Sita, of the famous Reyes family that brought the Aristocrat Restaurant to Filipino food enthusiasts.

Clara is president of Mama Sita Foundation; Marigold Manufacturing Corp & Phil. Food Processing & Exporters.

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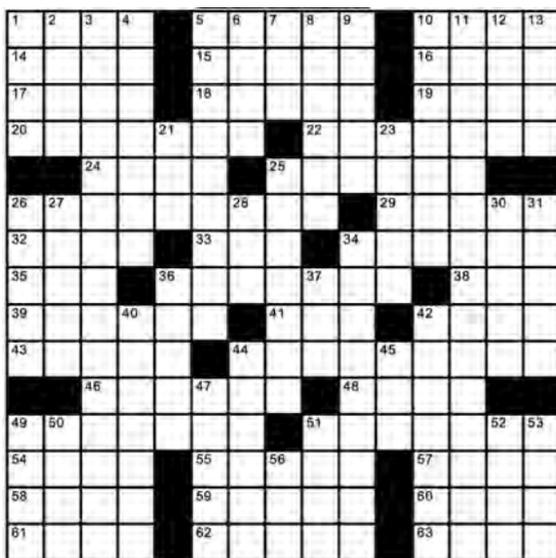
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- 17. Halaman na walang tunay na ugat, tangkay o dahon
- 18. Buhat
- 19. Regalo
- 20. Pedal
- 22. Alisto
- 24. Palino
- 25. Isang uri ng bulaklak
- 26. Nipis
- 29. Kamkam

- 32. Plastado
- 33. Ama
- 34. Ayos
- 35. Peke na buhok
- 36. Apurahan
- 38. Habag
- 39. Tingnan
- 41. Utab
- 42. Iyak ng ilang manok o hayup
- 43. Pugon
- 44. Wala nang lunas
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- 28. Pananda
- 30. Sigsag
- 31. Sasal
- 34. Katibayan
- 36. Baog
- 37. Kanal
- 40. Bahagi ng damit na tumatakip sa braso
- 42. Babawasan
- 44. Ninong
- 45. Isang uri ng alak
- 47. Pagsasamantala
- 49. Danay
- 50. Isang uri ng palumpong
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