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33RD ANNUAL GALA

# Fiesta SA NAYON!



**SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**  
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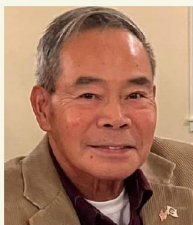
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## Our Mission is Built on Three Pillars:

**Culture. Charity. Education.**

**Since 1991, we have**

**Preserved and Promoted Filipino Cultural Heritage** through educational presentations and cultural events.

**Fostered better community relations** through charitable and humanitarian efforts.

**Supported the next generation** through our Scholarship Program. We have provided Filipino-American students with the financial support they need to pursue higher education.







## COMMITMENT TO OUR MISSION:

### **Preserving and Promoting Filipino Cultural Heritage** through educational presentations and cultural events.

Our events educate and engage the community, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of Filipino culture. We draw attendees from diverse backgrounds and create a vibrant space for cultural exchange. Recent events include:

- Columbia International Festival
- Orangeburg International Festival
- Make Us Visible Event for SC commission of Minority Affairs
- Dominion Energy's corporate AAPI celebration
- With state grants, corporate and private sponsorship, and in partnership with local organizations, we offered the public free monthlong programming for Filipino American History Month.

### **Fostering better community relations** through charitable and humanitarian efforts.

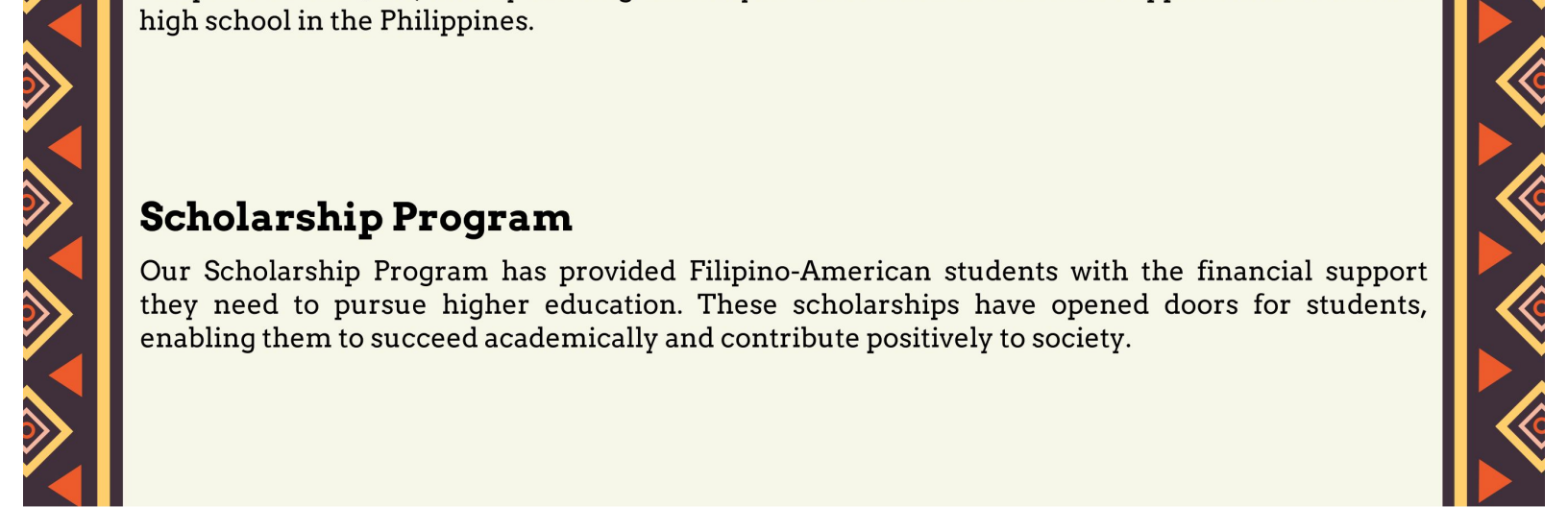
Over the past years, we partnered with local organizations such as Harvest Food Bank to support food distribution, and with Midlands Orphan Relief by donating toiletry items. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. - Rho Kappa Zeta Chapter/Zeta Male Network also contributed by providing "gently loved" suitcases, backpacks, and bags for foster children. FAAGC members showed support in memory of, and for those that are currently battling against breast cancer, by participating in the annual Famously Hot Pink Walk.

In September 2024, Hurricane Helen struck the Carolinas, causing severe damage and destruction in many communities. FAAGC responded by giving monetary donations to the Red Cross and local SC organizations. We also partnered with Fil - Am groups in Ashville and Fayetteville to deliver essential items such as water, diapers, canned goods, pet food, and clothing to affected areas. These efforts not only provided vital assistance but also strengthened the bonds between the Filipino community and broader Columbia community.

In addition, we extended support to the Philippines through donations to organizations such as Hospicio de San Jose, and by sending balikbayan boxes filled with school supplies and books to a high school in the Philippines.

### **Scholarship Program**

Our Scholarship Program has provided Filipino-American students with the financial support they need to pursue higher education. These scholarships have opened doors for students, enabling them to succeed academically and contribute positively to society.



# Program

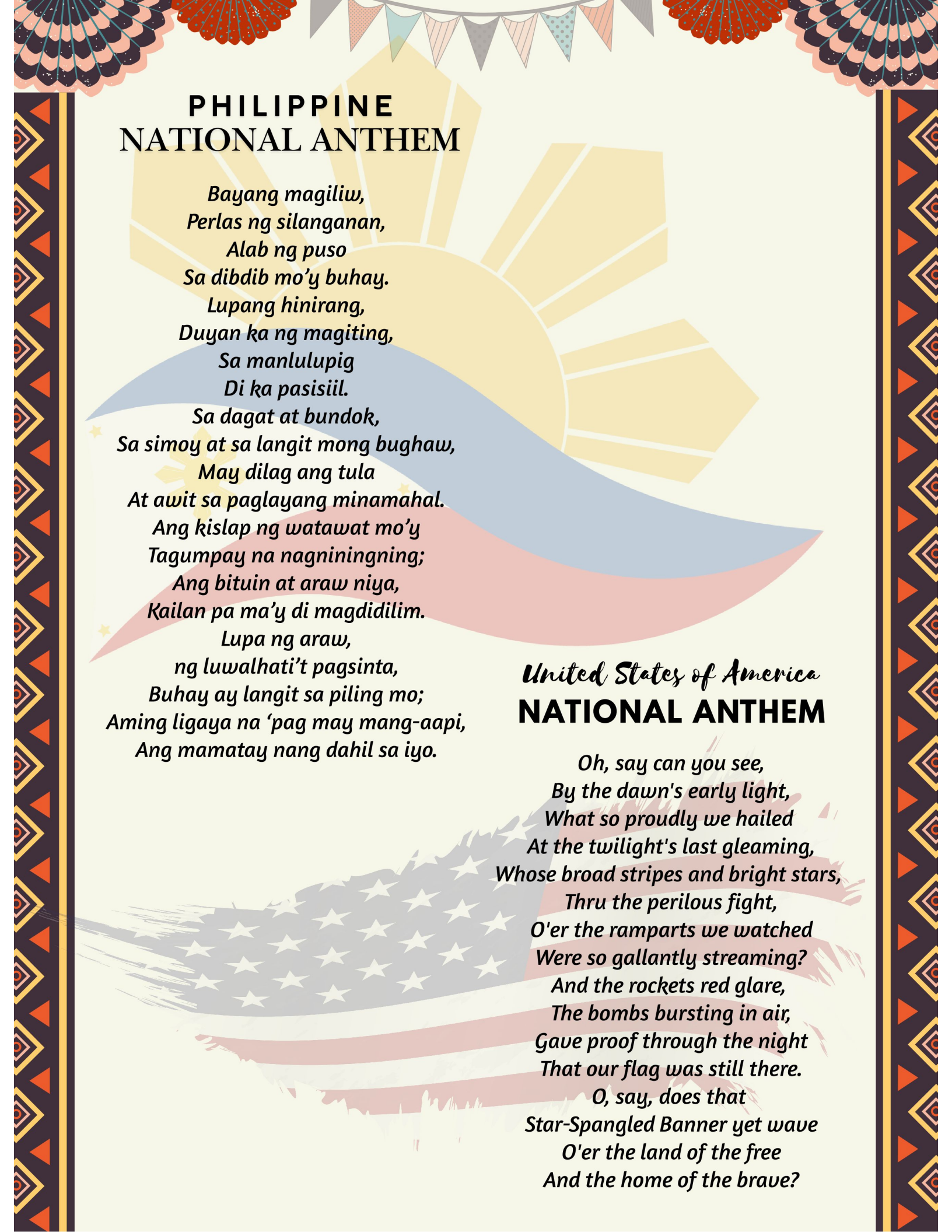
## Fiesta sa Nayan

### TIME

### EVENT

|          |                                                           |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 05:30 PM | Seating Begins                                            |
| 06:00 PM | Invocation and National Anthems;<br>Dinner Service Begins |
| 06:30 PM | Opening Remarks                                           |
| 06:45 PM | Cultural Dance Performance                                |
| 07:10 PM | House of Gongs Kulintang & Fashion<br>Show                |
| 07:55 PM | Modern Dance Presentation                                 |
| 08:15 PM | Live Music from The Mondays – Set 1                       |
| 08:30 PM | Line Dancing                                              |
| 08:45 PM | Live Music from The Mondays – Set 2                       |
| 08:50 PM | DJ Music Set 1                                            |
| 09:15 PM | Closing Remarks &<br>Final Raffle Drawing                 |
| 09:20 PM | DJ Music Set 2                                            |
| 10:00 PM | Gala Ends                                                 |

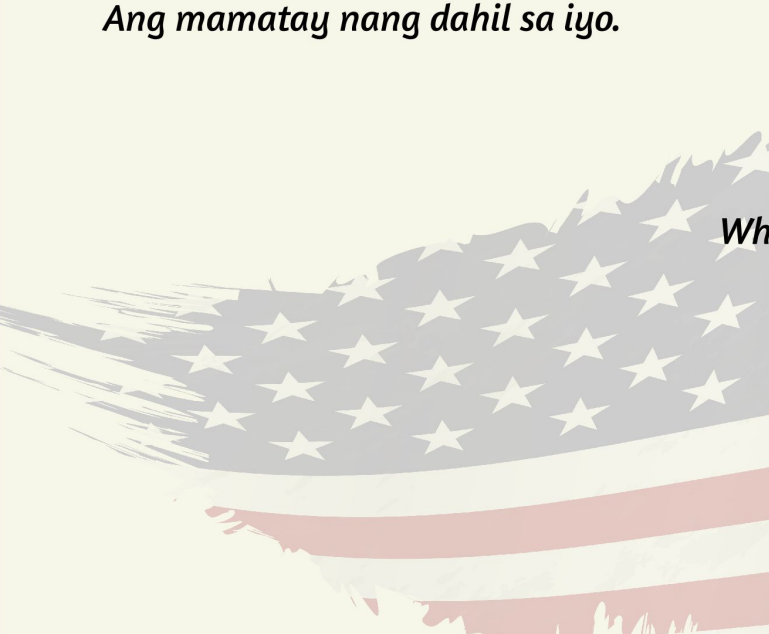




## PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Bayang magiliw,  
Perlas ng silanganan,  
Alab ng puso  
Sa dibdib mo'y buhay.  
Lupang hinirang,  
Duyan ka ng magiting,  
Sa manlulupig  
Di ka pasisiil.  
Sa dagat at bundok,  
Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw,  
May dilag ang tula  
At awit sa paglayang minamahal.  
Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y  
Tagumpay na nagniningning;  
Ang bituin at araw niya,  
Kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim.  
Lupa ng araw,  
ng luwalhati't pagsinta,  
Buhay ay langit sa piling mo;  
Aming ligaya na 'pag may mang-aapi,  
Ang mamatay nang dahil sa iyo.*

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*Oh, say can you see,  
By the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed  
At the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
Thru the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched  
Were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets red glare,  
The bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night  
That our flag was still there.  
O, say, does that  
Star-Spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free  
And the home of the brave?*





# Message of the FAAGC President

To the FAAGC Family,

*On behalf of the Filipino American Association of Greater Columbia I welcome all of you to our Fiesta Sa Nasyon Gala of 2025. As you know, our Annual Gala is our biggest fund-raising event to support the activities throughout the year in fulfillment of our cultural, educational, and charitable goals.*

*Tonight, I would like to make a special appeal to all to seriously consider contributing to a building fund. In all the years since 1991, we have accumulated a lot of things such as cultural dance costumes, Philippine artifacts and decorations for exhibits, books, sound equipment, and many other items. We need a permanent place to store and/or exhibit these things. In the past we have been fortunate to have families offer spaces in their own homes to store these things. Now that we have so much more stuff, the Bannisters have offered the use of one storage building for most of the items, a walk-in closet in their home for the costumes, and a shed to store the bahay kubo. For these, we are truly grateful.*

*Aside from storage needs, we also wish to have a building where we can hold our fund-raising events, meetings, cooking demonstrations, Tagalog lessons, regular dance practices and other gatherings. Currently, the Alons have been generous in holding some of the dance practice at their home. But for a bigger space to practice in, we have to pay rent for venues like the Tri City Rec center. One of our bigger rental expenses is of course the annual gala venue.*

*We can dream of many other things we can do if we had our own building. We can make this dream a reality if we all contribute towards this project.*

**Remember: Together we make a difference.**

*Thank you and Mabuhay!*

**Nieves McNulty**

FAAGC President

2024 - 2026





## ***Message to FAAGC on its 33rd Anniversary***

***To the FAAGC Family,***

***Reaching 35 years is a tremendous achievement—one that reflects not just time, but love, unity, and commitment. The bond that holds this association together is so special that no one can break it apart. It speaks volumes about the vision and dedication of those who founded FAAGC, and even more about those who have carried it forward with faith, friendship, and hard work. The story of FAAGC is the story of people — people who chose not just to start something good, but to nurture it, protect it, and strengthen it for generations. That is why we are here today, celebrating not just the years, but the heart that has kept us together.***

***So let us always remember: Make it last. Make it last. Make it last.***

***With gratitude and joy,  
Eva Rigney,  
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# *Congratulations on 33 years!*



On behalf of the South Carolina Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement (formerly the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs) and the Board of Commissioners, I am delighted to congratulate the Filipino - American Association of Greater Columbia on your 33rd Annual Gala. We are truly honored to support this year's Fiesta Sa Nasyon and to celebrate alongside you. For more than three decades, the Filipino- American Association of Greater Columbia has enriched our state through its commitment to community and culture.

South Carolina is stronger because of the rich traditions and voices that shape our communities. Your efforts to promote intercultural education, preserve cultural traditions and bring people together are a shining example of what it means to build bridges.

Congratulations, once again, on your 33rd annual celebration!

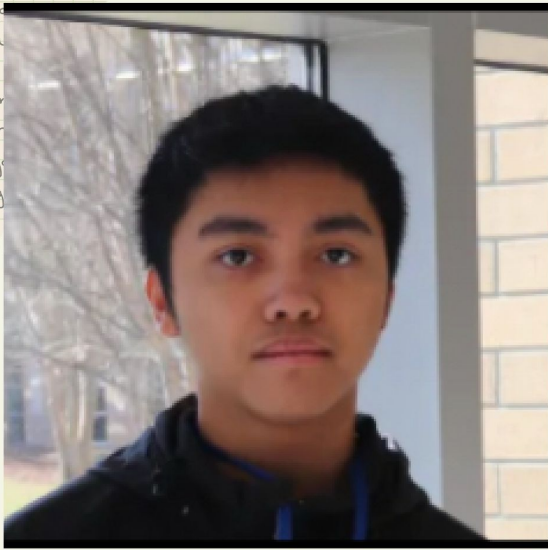
*Delores Dacosta*

**Dr. Delores Dacosta**  
**Executive Director**



# CONGRATS!

## 2025 FAAGC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



### Brayden Sosa

I always enjoyed creating things. Being able to take the image of something that first pops up as just an idea in mind and transform it into a thing in real life is something I found intriguing. To be able to look at the final product and say to yourself, "Wow, I really made that." It's a nice feeling to create something you can be proud of.

Mechanical Engineering is the major I will pursue and I believe my past experiences have shaped my career choices.

### Phia Rabaca



My parents have been a profound source of inspiration and motivation throughout my life. Both of them worked so hard to get to America for the open opportunities to build a better life for themselves and their family. ...This strong work ethic has instilled in me the values of perseverance and compassion.

When it came to deciding on my major, I found myself naturally drawn to nursing like my mother. The desire to help and care for others has always been a fundamental part of who I am, and I believe that pursuing a career in nursing will allow me to embody these values while making a meaningful impact in the lives of those in need.



# CULTURAL PERFORMANCE



## **Binasuan**

Meaning “**with the use of drinking glasses**,” Binasuan is a dance of remarkable balance and artistry. Dancers gracefully spin and sway while balancing glasses filled with liquid on their heads and in each hand, performing with precision so that not a drop is spilled. **Choreographer and Performer Apple Constantino Scott.**

## **Bulaklakan**

A vibrant folk dance where performers use **garlands to mimic the gentle swaying and blossoming of flowers**. Its name comes from Bulacan, a province known for its abundant blooms. Traditionally offered in honor of the Virgin Mary, Bulaklakan is widely performed in May as part of the Flores de Mayo festivities. **Choreographer Reyna Funderburk.**





# CULTURAL PERFORMANCE



## ***Dayang Dayang and Katsudoratan (Katsu)***

This performance fuses two folk dances from the Maranao people of Mindanao. Dayang Dayang, meaning “**lady**” or “**noblewoman**,” celebrates grace and femininity. poise.

Katsudoratan, or Katsu, depicts the majestic gait of royal court ladies, danced with elegance, colorful attire, and scarves. Together, they embody both nobility and poise.

**Choreographer and Performer Yani Gould.**





# CULTURAL PERFORMANCE



## ***Rabong (Bamboo Shoots)***

A traditional dance from Ilocos in northern Philippines, Rabong tells the story of **bamboo shoots** – treasured for their unique taste and cultural value. Through their movements, dancers express that bamboo shoots are irreplaceable, performing in pairs that face each other or the audience in joyful interpretation. **Choreographer Helen Alon.**





# CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

## Tinikling

Recognized as the **national dance of the Philippines**, Tinikling is named after the “tikling” bird, native to the islands. The dance imitates the bird’s swift movements as it escapes traps set by farmers. Performers step in and out of clapping bamboo poles, which are rhythmically tapped and slid against the ground, creating a lively interplay of timing, agility, and grace. Choreographer Mary Ann Steven & Brian Rodriguez.







## *Modern Dance*





# ***Our Dancers***

## **TINIKLING**

**Audrey Wanner**

**Janaya Cing**

**Julia Antonio**

**Shane Danielle Aganon**

**William Massie**

**Ethan Sosa**

**Juan Andre Vejerano**

**Joaquin Andre Vejerano**

**Alana Harris**

**Olivia Harris**

**Sabrina Wanner**

**Richard Hendy**

**Mary Ann Steven\***

**Brian Rodrigues\***

**\*Choreographer**

## **Clickers**

**Che and Eric Vejerano**

**Cherill Montes**

**Mariko Maja**

**Matthew Alaisa**

**Alma Robichaud**

## **RABONG**

**Dhel and Butch Elamparo**

**Diana Dingman**

**Alan Matienzo**

**Lynn and Ted Fugrad**

**Tess and Walt Hill**

**Helen Alon\***

**\*Choreographer**

## **DAYANG DAYANG- KATSODURATAN**

**Janet Harris**

**Jello Hendy**

**Richel Jamera Vaules**

**Cherill Montes**

**Yani Gould\***

**\*Performer & Choreographer**

## **BINASUAN**

**Apple Constantino Scott\***

**Performer & Choreographer**

## **BULAKLAKAN**

**Amy Marie Lewis**

**Anna Baysden**

**Carina Balacanao**

**Dora Wanner**

**Jennica Walters**

**Leah Cuaresma**

**Loren Gambaloza**

**Nadia Salazar**

**Reyna Funderburk\***

**\*Choreographer**

## **PRACTICE VENUES**

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**Anna Baysden's Residence**

**Carina Balacanao's Residence**

**Funderburk's Residence**

**Tess & Walt Hill's Residence**

**TriCity Leisure Center**

## **MODERN DANCE**

**Amy Marie Lewis**

**Anna Baysden**

**Carina Balacanao**

**Cherill Montes**

**Dhel Elamparo**

**Diana Dingman**

**Dora Wanner**

**Evelyn Liester**

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**Lizelle Bell**

**Terry Espiritu**

**Reyna Funderburk\***

**\*Performer and Instructor**



# CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

## *House of Gongs and Lydia Querian Fashion*



House of Gongs, founded by **Ron and Lydia Querian**, brings Filipino traditions to life through the hypnotic sounds of the Kulintang, traditional dance, and a fashion showcase where Lydia reimagines traditional textiles as modern streetwear. They connect communities through the celebration of the artistry and heritage of the Philippines. Presented by the Filipino American Association of Greater Columbia (FAAGC) with support from the South Carolina Arts Commission, this marks the first event of its kind in South Carolina.



# ***Volunteers and Contributors***

## **CULTURAL AMBASSADOR**

**Chiara Cox**

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**Julia Antonio  
Yana Lei Gould  
Clover Robichaud  
Brayden Sosa  
Ethan Sosa**

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***"Congratulations to the Filipino American Association of the Greater Columbia for preserving our heritage and fostering love and unity in our community!"***

*- Dr. Rosen Lawsin M.D.*



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*Congratulations FAAGC!!!*  
**FROM THE PEÑA FAMILY**



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***“Greetings to all and best wishes to FAAGC and  
Executive Board!”***

*– Matienzo Family*



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***Judy and Ranjel Asis***



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to the current officers  
to their exceptional  
dedication and hard  
work in serving the  
FAAQC.”***

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***"Best wishes to the members and officers of the FAAQC!"***

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***"Congratulations, FAAQC to your 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gala."***

***Miah Price and friends***



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***“Having a place to go is a home. Having someone to love is a family. Having both is a blessing.” In this Fil - Am family, we are surrounded with people that became our friends and we are grateful to be part of it. This year, our niece Althea visited us. She is a scholar from Manila. We had a great summer! God is good and we are truly blessed. God bless you all!***

*- Josephine, David, Althea, Daniel, and Andrew Etheridge*



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***“Mabuhay!!!  
Congratulations, FAAQC  
on its 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gala!  
Wishing the association  
and its amazing  
members another  
successful year!!!”***

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Congratulations to FAAGC on another remarkable year! Your unwavering commitment to community, culture, and service continues to inspire.

Mark and Prescy Ramirez



*Mark and Prescy Ramirez*



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Mabuhay!  
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FAAGC on another  
great year!  
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*Pete and Olga Liunoras*



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***"Congratulations, FAAQC on another great year!  
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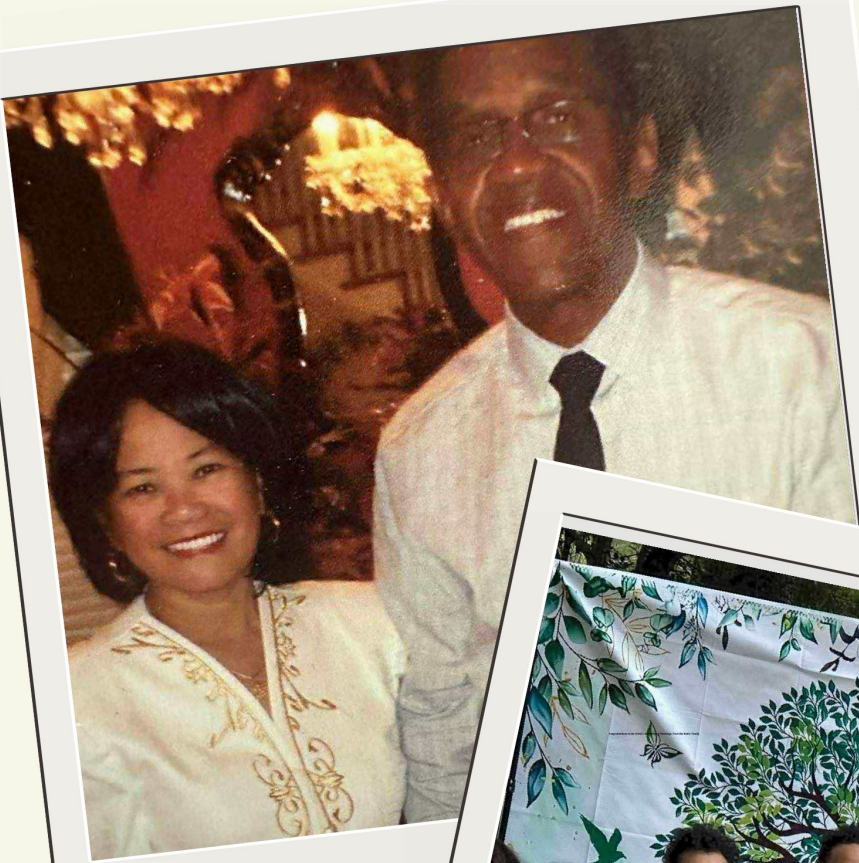
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**Greetings from the Noble Family**



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***A heartfelt thank-you to **Mary  
Hendrix** for leading the artwork  
on our Jeepney mural, to  
**Eamon Callahan** for his  
framing craftsmanship, and to  
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Yvonne Drilon Brown, and  
Nieves McNulty.*****







## INTERNATIONALS

Come join us on Sundays for:

Bible Study- 9:15 am

ESOL Classes- 9:15 am

Worship- 10:30 am

Come join us on Wednesdays for Midweek:

Bible Study- 6 pm

Check our church website at [www.fbccola.com](http://www.fbccola.com) for activities and events for Internationals. Also, follow us on Facebook as First Baptist Columbia International Ministry.

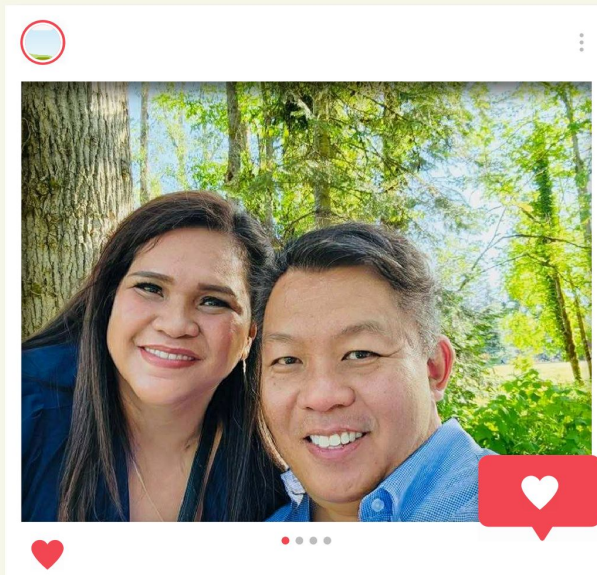
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**Congratulations to the  
FAAQC!  
Best Wishes!  
Greetings from Daisy and  
Alain Dimasuay**

## Welcome to our NEW Lifetime Members

**Greg & Divian Bundick**  
*Member since 2022*

**Gerald & Florencio Baker**  
*Member since 2018*



# Lifetime Charter Members

## Accomplishments, Achievements & Moments In Time As Columbia FIL-AMs Make An Impact In The Community

At the 20th Anniversary Gala on Sept. 10, 2011, the Columbia Fil-Am Association honored those who had steadfastly supported and continuously sustained FAAGC from its beginning through its first TWENTY (20) years by recognizing them as LIFETIME MEMBERS. Others have or can become Lifetime Members if they have paid or willing to pay the equivalent of 20 years of membership. At the 25th Anniversary Gala on Sept. 24, 2016, the Columbia Fil-Am Association honored those who were instrumental in establishing and guiding FAAGC during its early years by recognizing them as HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS.

### LIFETIME CHARTER MEMBERS

*Continuous Members since 1991*

Rita Houston ALCANTARA  
Noel & Helen ALON  
Edith ALSTON  
Lulu ANDERSON  
Ruben Matias BAGNAL  
James & Edith BARKER  
Linda BROWN  
Grace COLLINS  
Manny & Leah CUARESMA  
Tony & Tessie DeCASTRO  
Gene & Sally ELLIS  
Jim & Tessie KENERSON  
Juliet MARTIN  
George & Nieves McNULTY  
Marvin & Beth NOBLE  
Alfonso & Susana PASICATAN  
Naty AKANA ROBERTS  
David & Cindy TEFFT

### LIFETIME MEMBERS

*Members for 20 years or more*

Charles & Bev GOYENECHÉ (since 1991)  
Lee & Polly PEARSON (since 1992)  
Ranjel & Judy Salvador ASIS (since 1992)  
Joy CLARK (since 1993)  
Jim & Juvie LOWDER (since 1993)  
Imelda GO (since 1993)  
Jojo & Joette FLORA (since 1993)  
Ben & Aida DAQUIOAG (since 1994)  
Butch & Dhel ELAMPARO (since 1995)  
Peter & Olga LIUNORAS (since 1995)  
Charles & Precy WALKER (since 1995)  
Terry & Judy BERENDS (since 1996)  
Philip & Anna RABACA (since 1997)  
Brian & Cecile STRICKLAND (since 1997)

### HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS

Eva RIGNEY (FAAGC President, 1991-1992)  
Remie MORALES-SARMIENTO+ (FAAGC Treasurer, 1991-1992)  
Minerva WHEEDLETON (FAAGC President, 1992-1994)

### LIFETIME MEMBERS

*Members for 20 years or more*

Warren & Myrna WHITMIRE (since 1997)  
Alan & Cecilia GEOGHEGAN (since 1999)  
Lu & Merlyn BAJAMUNDE (since 2000)  
Edsel & Marj PEÑA (since 2000)  
Dan & Tess ADCOCK (since 2001)  
Ronald & Faye COLLEY (since 2001)  
Jon & Gina CASTANEDA (since 2002)  
Don & Evelyn LIESTER (since 2003)  
Art & Cecille BOMAN (since 2004)  
David & Odess BRINKMAN (since 2004)  
Alan M. MATIENZO (since 2004)  
Richard & Tessie BANNISTER (since 2005)  
Carlton & Carmelisa EDWARDS (since 2006)  
Terry & Reyna FUNDERBURK (since 2006)  
Pete & Cecille JACOBSEN (since 2006)  
Carlton, Jr. & Amy EDWARDS (since 2007)  
Joseph & Celyn SZOKE (since 2007)  
Neil & Bambi TIJING (since 2007)  
Ed & Yani & Yana Lei Gould (since 2008)  
Mark & Prescy RAMIREZ (since 2008)  
David & Alma ROBICHAUD (since 2009)  
Maria SILVER (since 2009)  
Kermit & Candida Thomas (since 2011)  
Walter & Tess HILL (since 2012)  
Praxedes S. SEBASTIAN, M.D. ( since 2022)  
Ronald and Faye COLLEY ( since 2013)  
Rosen J. LAWSIN, M.D. ( since 2019)  
Diana T. DINGMAN ( since 2016)  
Dr. Erwin & Anne MANGUBAT ( since 2019)





# Association *in* ACTION!

## **FALL 2024**

- Oct 5 – Screening of \*Mangyan Ambahan: Wisdom to Our Filipino Soul\*
- Oct 6 & 12 – FAAGC Support for Hurricane Helene Victims (NC)
- Oct 11 – Walk for Life & Famously Hot Pink Half Marathon + 5K
- Oct 17 – Pop-Up Filipino Cooking: Pork Lumpia & Chicken Adobo (Northeast Library)
- Oct 18 – VA Medical Center: FilAm History Month Celebration
- Oct 24 – Film Screening: K'na, The Dreamweaver (Nickelodeon)
- Oct 25 – Pagsasama: USC FASA FilAm History Month Celebration
- Oct 26 – Rondalla Workshop
- Oct 27 – Kundiman Concert w/ Maestro Michael Dadap (Winthrop Univ.)
- Nov 16 – EdVenture Celebration of Stories
- Nov 21 – USC Flavors of the Globe Food Festival
- Dec 5 – Travel Around the World in a Day (Lexington Main Library)
- Dec 7 – FAAGC Holiday Celebration & Scholarship Fundraiser
- Dec 14 – Harvest Hope Food Bank

## **WINTER 2025**

- Jan 11 – Santo Niño Fiesta (St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Columbia)
- Jan 28 – Tuesday Bites: Filipino Desserts w/ Patrick & Mimi Robinson
- Mar 27 – Richland International Gala (Columbia, SC)

## **SPRING 2025**

- Apr 4 – CIF Global Education Day
- Apr 5–6 – Columbia International Festival
- Apr 19 – FAAGC Spring Picnic & General Membership Meeting
- Apr 25 – Pleasant Hill Elementary International Fair
- Apr 26 – DIA Celebration of Diversity SC (Southeast Library)
- May 1 – Artifact Exhibit: First Thursday at Main
- May 7 – Tour of Tea: Every Sip Tells a Story (Columbia Museum of Art)
- May 13 – Film Screening: A Long March (Nickelodeon)
- May 17 – Portrait Exhibit: Faces to Remember (Richland Library)
- May 29 – Open Mic: A Taste of AAPI Voices & Bites (Northeast Library)
- May 31 – CEO Biz for Kids Workshop & Storytime (Mota Crosslinking Business Academy)

## **SUMMER 2025**

- July 19 – PAASE Meeting & Symposium (USC Science & Technology Building)
  - Aug 2 – Harvest Hope Food Bank
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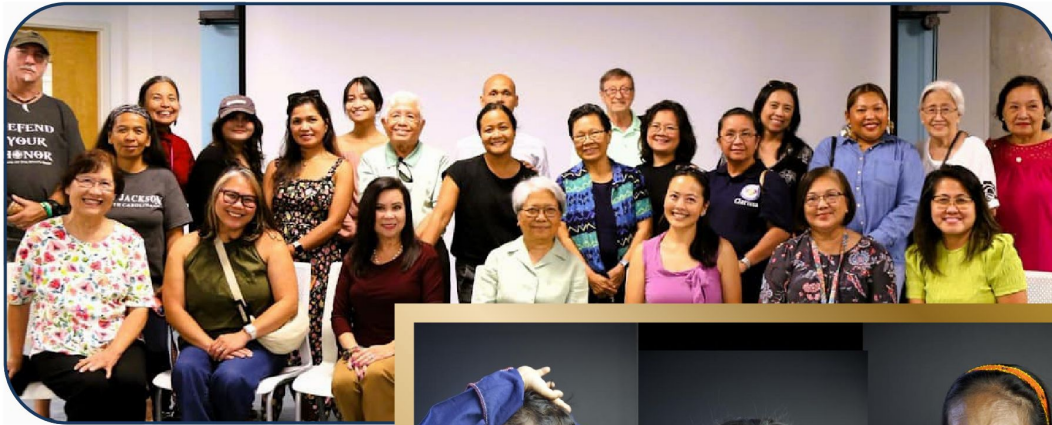
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**Oct 26, 2024 – Rondalla Workshop**

