

2015 UPAAA Distinguished Alumni Awardees



Mary Anne Alabanza-Akers, PhD

Award Category: **Community Service and Educational Administration**

Current Position: Dean and Professor, School of Architecture and Planning, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

UP Degrees: BA Sociology, 1979, and MA Urban & Regional Planning, 1983



Teresita Davide Amore, PhD

Award Category: **Agricultural Science**

Current Position: Assistant Researcher, Department of Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

UP Degree: B.S. Agriculture, *magna cum laude*, 1982



Annette M. David, MD, MPH

Award Category: **Global Health**

Current Positions: Public Health Consultant in Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Preventive Medicine and Tobacco Control, Health Partners, Guam, and Clinical Associate Professor, University of Hawai'i Cancer Research Center, Honolulu, HI,

UP Degrees: BS Psychology, *summa cum laude*, 1982, and MD, 1986



Jose M. David, MD

Award Category: **Family Medicine**

Current Positions: Clinical Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Albany Medical College; Medical Director, Belvedere Addiction Center; Medical Director, Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center, and President, New York State Academy of Family Physicians Foundation

UP Degrees: BS Psychology, *magna cum laude*, 1979, and MD, 1983



Francis L. de los Reyes, III, PhD

Award Category: **Environmental Engineering**

Current Position: Professor, Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

UP Degree: BS Agricultural Engineering, *magna cum laude*, 1990



Arnel M. Joaquin, MD

Award Category: **Medical Education**

Current Positions: Assistant Clinical Professor, UCLA School of Medicine, and Medical Director, Ideal Health Care and Medical Clinic, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

UP Degrees: BS Zoology, *cum laude*, 1984, and MD, 1989



Michael A. Palis, PhD

Award Category: **Education Leadership and Computer Science**

Current Position: Provost and Professor of Computer Science, Rutgers University, Camden, NJ

UP Degrees: BS Electrical Engineering, *cum laude*, 1979, and BS Physics, *magna cum laude*, 1980



Jose D. Peczon, MD

Award Category: **Ophthalmology**

Current Position: Ophthalmologist (retired), Dove Canyon, CA

UP Degree: MD, 1957



Mary Rose Peralta, MS

Award Category: **Leadership in Education**

Current Position: Principal, Chula Vista High School, Chula Vista, CA

UP Degree: BA Comparative Literature, *cum laude*, 1987



Dennis T. Quinto, PhD

Award Category: **Science and Technology**

Current Position: President and Chief Technology Officer, Beta Nanocoating Philippines, Inc., Calamba, Laguna, Philippines and San Francisco, CA

UP Degree: BS Metallurgical Engineering, 1962



Abraham T. Rasul, Jr., MD

Award Category: **Community and Health Care Services**

Current Position: Physician, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Sierra Vista Neuro-Spine Institute, San Luis Obispo, CA, and Co-Chair, Philippine Humanitarian Coalition, Washington, DC.

UP Degree: MD, 1983



William H.E. Romero, MD, MS, CNS

Award Category: **Leadership and Public Health**

Current Positions: Physician, Private Practice in Bariatrics, Nutrition, and Aesthetic Medicine, Dix Hills, NY, and President, UP Medical Alumni Society in America (UPMASA)

UP Degrees: BS Zoology, 1977, and MD, 1981



Robert Shroder

Award Category: **Leadership in Music**

Current Position: Music Director & Conductor, Filipino American Symphony Orchestra (FASO), Los Angeles, CA

UP Degree: Bachelor of Music, 1986



Fr. Arnold E. Zamora

Award Category: **Culture and Arts**

Current Positions: Pastor, Holy Name of Jesus Church, Archdiocese of San Francisco, and Music Director, Filipino Clergy of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, CA

UP Degree: Bachelor of Music, 1994

2015 UPAAA Outstanding Alumni Groups

Beta Epsilon Fraternity Alumni Association in America

UPAA New York