

IKAW LAMANG

— DEFINE YOUR DESTINY —

FACT CORDINATORS

To all of our Delegates,

We'd like to welcome you to the 27th Annual Filipino Americans Coming Together Conference! We would like to give thanks to all of you for travelling all the way to the Urbana-Champaign area; whether you're from the Midwest or either of the coasts, we are more than excited that you are able to be part of this year's FACT. From the 80+ Facilitators to the 40+ Workshops, every aspect of this conference is designed for the purpose of uniting each and every one of you to this campus. We hope that this opportunity allows you to cultivate an experience that you will carry on throughout the rest of your life.

This year, the UIUC Philippine Student Association is proud to celebrate the 100th Anniversary. We would like to thank you all for joining us in celebrating this important moment in our history. In 1919, 23 members of the UIUC community came together to form one of the first collegiate Asian-American organizations. Their founding motto was "United for One Purpose and One Country". We believe that, 100 years later, FACT carries on that legacy; however we choose to ensure Filipino/Fil-Am/Non-Filipinos are all able to share in this opportunity. No matter the background, they too can share in the legacy created by our founders.

This year's theme is "Ikaw Lamang: Define Your Destiny". Ikaw Lamang translates to "Only You" in Tagalog. This theme was created with the purpose of giving delegates the chance to build a future from themselves; whether it be learning something about yourself through the workshops, or building a network by meeting someone new, this conference presents a plethora of opportunities to fulfill this theme. Overall, although however, it is in your hands to utilize these resources to the fullest extent. Only you can Define Your Destiny.

We hope that you enjoy the product of countless hours of work put forth by us, our FACT Pack, Team FACT, advisors and PSA Officer Board. Thank you for joining us, and we'd like to welcome you to the 2019 FACT Conference!

Anthony Mendez, Denzel Ryan Cruz and Erika Marie Saligan
FACT 2019 Coordinators
#DenzErikAnt



PSA PRESIDENT



To the Delegates of FACT 2019,

On behalf of the Philippine Student Association at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus, it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 27th annual Filipino Americans Coming Together (FACT) conference. We are proud to say that FACT is recognized as the largest AAPI conference in the Midwest. Additionally, we are even more thrilled to have everyone join us for this event because this year marks a very important milestone in UIUC PSA's history. We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of our organization this very weekend!

I would like to acknowledge all the hard work that our FACT coordinators (Denzel Cruz, Anthony Mendez, and Erika Saligan) have put in to make this conference possible. A shoutout to their FACT Pack is also necessary to thank them for the work they put in to make the coordinators' ideas into a reality. We also have Team FACT volunteers running around this weekend to help with making sure everything goes smoothly. A big thank you to all the facilitators, alumni, and advisors that are here to present workshops as well as helping with logistics.

The theme for this year is "Ikaw Lamang: Define Your Destiny". The phrase "Ikaw Lamang" translates to "Only You". The hope is that this conference will help educate and empower all delegates to find inspiration and guidance in their own paths to make their future what they want it to be. College can be a time of uncertainty, but setting your own goals and discovering your passions can help you navigate this.

With all that said, take advantage of your opportunity to be here and absorb as much knowledge and experience from your workshops as possible. Get excited to learn about Filipinx/Filipinx-American culture, even if it's not your own, and expand your awareness of current issues. Build relationships with the people you meet and be a part of something bigger than yourself. Take what you gain from this weekend and use it in the real world to make change in your community.

Brittany Amawan
President 2019-2020
UIUC Philippine Student Association

November 2, 2019

Welcome! On behalf of the University of Illinois, I would like welcome you to the 27th annual Filipino Americans Coming Together (FACT) Conference. We hope attendees will enjoy this year's conference theme, "Ikaw Lamang: Define Your Destiny." Our Asian American Cultural Center is proud to support the Philippine Student Association (PSA) in hosting one of the largest Filipino American student conferences in the country.

This year, we are particularly excited to highlight the accomplishments of PSA, as they celebrate 100 years since the founding of their organization. Established in 1919, PSA is known as the oldest chartered Asian American student organization on our campus. Throughout this time, their growing membership has increasingly committed itself to educating others about Filipino American identity, culture, and social justice. PSA has historically played a significant role in promoting Asian American awareness on our campus and has been recognized numerous times for their outstanding student leadership, programs, and events.

The FACT conference is a prime example of PSA's successful efforts to foster empowerment, community-building, and identity exploration. This year's conference will explore a variety of Filipino American issues through topics such as sociopolitical challenges, media, art, and personal and professional development. In line with the conference theme of "defining your destiny," we hope that you will be able to explore your identities and passions, develop leadership skills, and connect with various speakers and fellow attendees throughout the weekend.

It is our sincere hope that you enjoy this year's conference and return to your own campuses with an increased understanding of yourself and Filipino American issues, as well as continue to promote awareness in your communities.

Best wishes for a great weekend,



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WEEKEND SCHEDULE



Friday

4:00pm - 10:00 pm | Registration (AACC)
7:00-9:00 pm | Opening Ceremonies (GH 112)

Saturday

8:30 - 9:30 am | Late Registration (YMCA)
9:00am - 9:40 am | Opening Session (LH THEAT)
9:50am - 11:00 am | Session 1
11:15-12:20 pm | Session 2
12:20 - 1:30 pm | Lunch Session
1:45 - 3:00 pm | Session 3
3:15-4:15 pm | Wristband Pick-Up/ Meet the Facilitators at AACC
5:00 - 7:00 pm | FACT 2019 Variety Show presented by Kollective Hustle

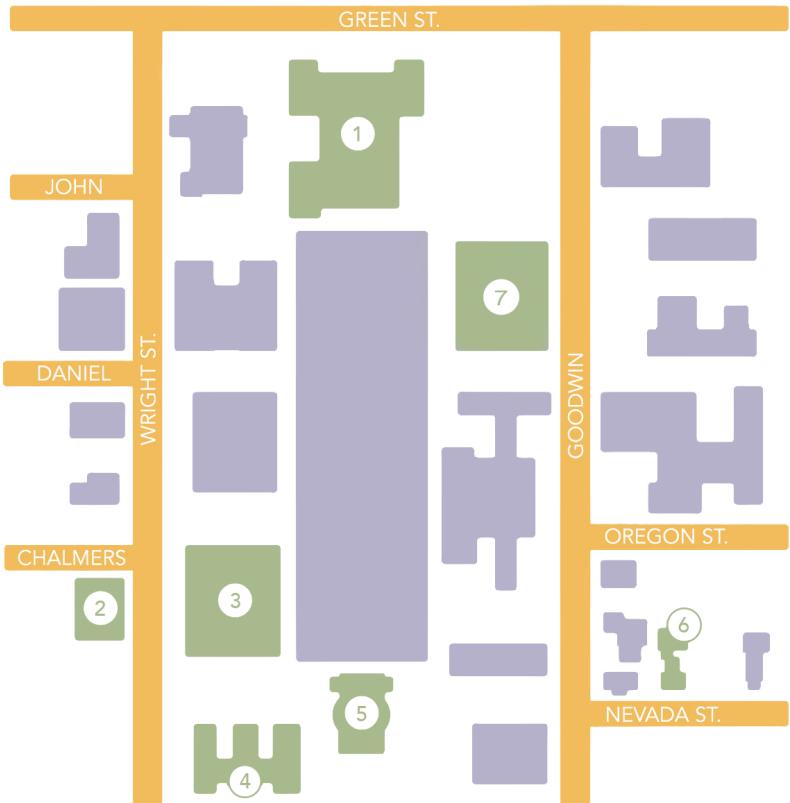
Announcements & Pricing:

Doors for Variety Show will open at 4:30PM at Foellinger Auditorium

Entrance: \$7 with name tags with 3 punches, \$8 normal fee
UIUC Students: Free with iCard

General Delegate Wristband Pick-Up: Asian American Cultural Center

Performer Wristband Pick-Up: Foellinger Auditorium



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| 1. Illini Union | 2. YMCA | 3. Lincoln Hall (LH) |
| 4. Gregory Hall (GH) | 5. Foellinger | 6. AACC |
| 7. Noyes Laboratory | | |

Free Parking Lots (Friday after 5PM to Monday at 2AM):

Lot C-9 on Sixth and Chalmers
 Lot D-6 on Goodwin and Illinois

Lot D-1 on Goodwin and Illinois
 Lot D-9 on Illinois and Lincoln

Overnight parking (2AM to 6AM) is prohibited.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Robert Banez is the founder of the P.U.S.O. Foundation. The PUSO Foundation is an established 501(C)(3) Nonprofit Organization that has partnered with hundreds of volunteers worldwide to provide purposeful unconditional service to others. At the time of founding, Robert was a 22-year-old, James Madison University alum and IT consultant living in Alexandria, Virginia. He was at work one day sharing with a colleague that he was gearing up for a vacation to the Philippines where he intended on doing a little bit of service work while visiting his father, Bobby Banez. Robert was caught off guard when that same conversation unanticipatedly led to a \$20 donation. It was in this very moment that the foundational vision of P.U.S.O. began to take shape. Since 2017, PUSO has served over 10,000 lives across five countries, providing basic life necessities and facilitating community renovation projects to enrich and empower the lives it serves. Follow his instagram @boobah!

Romeo Marquez Jr. is a sought-after international speaker, trainer, and coach who empowers the Now Generation to maximize their greatness so they achieve extraordinary results. He has delivered more than a 1,000 speeches, performances, and presentations to over 200,000 audience members worldwide, covering topics of Leadership, Motivation, Being an Effective Public Speaker, Video, and the Success Principles. Speaking on the TEDx platform in India to engaging student leaders in Alabama to performing his inspirational one-man show in Las Vegas and New York, Romeo's diverse talent to combine humor, authenticity, and enthusiasm with a mission to making a positive difference has made him a favorite among many organizations and schools. Romeo is currently the Program Manager of TFCU, a subset of ABS-CBN that strives to connect, inspire, and empower Filipino-American millennials helping them realize their full potential in relation to their cultural identity. Follow his instagram @romeomarquezjr!



SESSION 1 WORKSHOPS



Mental Health and Self-Empowerment
CoffeeWithJR | GH 223

Creating Value and Leadership: Understanding Engagement
Jared-Peter Lavengco | LH 1027

What to Focus on Financially after College to Set You Up for Future Success

Gian Deguzman | PUSO Foundation | GH 215

Seeing past 'Walang Hiya'
Sergio Cadiena & Cat Taylo | GH 213

Subtle Filipino Traits: Disrupting Stereotypes
Michelle Macrohon | Subtle Filipino Traits LH 1092

Our Migration Story
Migrante Chicago | LH 1066

Conference Within A Conference (CWAC)
Midwest Association of Filipino Americans (MAFA) | Union 314 B

Adulting 101: Intro to Goal Setting
Jess Bautista & Tia Mangahas | LH 1065

Burning Man, EDC, and the Takeaways towards Building Community
Christina Carpio | GH 311

Walang Makakatigil: How Youth and Students are Resisting Repression in the Philippine
Gilary Valenzuela (Anakbayan Chicago) | GH 219

BAKLA: Filipinx Queer and Trans Identity
Gericault De La Rose | GH 319

Itukoy Ang Kapalaran Ng Mandirigma: FMA Introductory Workshop

Jose Concepcion / Filipino Student Society of Wayne State University | GH 317

Dios Natin: "Our God"
UIUC Kapwa | LH 1022

Tsismis: The Tea on U.S. Colonialism in the Philippines
Julianne Sim / University of Toledo's Filipino American Association | GH 321

Inspiration, Growth, and Prosperity with the Mari's
Marianne Reyes and Marielle Gamo | GH 217

Out of Many, One: The Creation and Maintenance of National Identities in Multi-ethnic Societies; the Lessons of Filipinos from America, Canada, and the Philippines
Eric Ordoñez and Daniel Andrade | GH 331

Jasper Sanchez: Through The Lens
Jasper Sanchez | LH 1060

Speak Your Dreams into Existence
Melorie Serrano Masacupan | Union 404

Rooted in Culture: Our History in the Fil-Am Diaspora
Edward Raya, Marko Dacpano, Kevin Tee | LH 1024

The FilAm Millionaire Next Door
Robert Daradar | GH 221



SESSION 2 WORKSHOPS

The 'Fit Bit

Nathan Almaria, Mark Gomez, Chris San Juan, and Patrick Cayanan | LH 1024

Mental Health and Self-Identity

CoffeeWithJR | GH 223

How to become an Ally for those who are affected by current immigration policies

Gioconda Guerra Perez / Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion | GH 217

Cultivating Solidarity: Untold Stories of the Bukid

Raphie Torralba and Edmund Buni / Kabataan Alliance | GH 215

Real Talk, With The PUSO Foundation

The PUSO Foundation | GH 213

Microaggressions: A Case Study

Shane Carlin / Asian Student Achievement, LLC | GH 319

Create Your Own Adventure Crisis Sim

Unipro Chicago | LH 1092

The People's Resistance: Land & Human Rights Defenders in the Philippines

Chicago Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines (CCHRP) | LH 1090

From Marcos To Duterte, Filipinas Are Marching And Rising For Change.

GABRIELA Chicago | LH 1065

Asian Pacific Islander Civic Engagement

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Louie Tan Vital | LH 1027

Prism Kru K-Pop Dance Workshop

Prism Kru | YMCA Latzer

You Belong: Navigating Societal and Cultural Pressures To Fit In

Jennifer Mendez / Asian American Cultural Center Assistant Director | LH 1068

Dance2eXpreSS: Defining yourself through dance

Dance2XS UIUC | Union 210

Fearing the Tsinela

Daniel Jefferson / PSA - Minnesota | GH 311

The Fight Against Violence Against Women

Alpha Phi Gamma - UIUC Chapter | GH 219

Are you _____ enough?

Lily Hurt - University of Kentucky FASO | GH 307

UIUC iJourney: A Campus Divided

Heena Kuwayama, Sarah Adegoke and Jacqlyn Anguiano | GH 331

UIUC iJourney: Sexual Racism

Megan Habbal and Te'Ja Jackson | GH 327

Speak Your Dreams into Existence

Melorie Serrano Masacupan | Union 404

Decolonize Your Mind: Colonial

Mentality In Education

ANAKBAYAN Detroit | LH 1060



SESSION 3 WORKSHOPS



Freshman Workshop

Cathlyn Ferolin & Jayana Tabbilos | LH
Theater

Define Your Destiny: STEM

Kevin Tee, Janais Peace, Edward Sacris
| Noyes 100

Define Your Destiny: Business & Finance

Shane Carlin, Gian DeGuzman, Charles
Federico | LH 100

Define Your Destiny: Healthcare

Katrina de Guzman, Brian Guerrero,
Gio Manguerra | GH 112

Define Your Destiny: Education &

Politics

Louie Vital, JR Kuo, and Christina
Carpio | GH 112

Define Your Destiny: Media & The Arts

Jon Taala, Jenilee De La Fuente, Mi-
chelle Macrohan | Union 404

Full workshop descriptions available at:

<https://fact.psauic.org/workshops>



VARIETY SHOW



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HEADLINERS



Jeremy Passion Manongdo is a singer/songwriter/producer known for his soulful, melodic voice, and delivers his music with messages on love, life and faith. Born and raised in San Francisco, California, he grew up with an immense appreciation and love for music. At age 4, he taught himself to play piano and, at 15, started songwriting. By the following year he was self-taught on the guitar and developed his talents into his signature style today. Considered a "YouTube sensation" to his fans and musical peers, he is acknowledged as a pioneer of the acoustic R&B /soul movement on the internet. Passion was one of the first Asian-Americans to go viral online with his famous original songs "Lemonade" and "Well Done," and his acoustic covers of "So Sick" and "Cater 2 U" featuring Melvin Gutierrez, aka, MelvinSings. His subscriber base has exceeded 287,000 followers and has over 37 million channel views. Check him out on Facebook and on Instagram: @jeremypassion.

Born and raised in the California Bay Area, Gabe made a name for himself with his catchy originals and acoustic renditions of popular music - taking a song down to its very essence and performing it with a style that has continued to inspire hundreds of thousands of people around the world. He lives with his wife and two children in the San Francisco Bay Area where he leads worship at his local church. Gabe Bondoc's newly released EP entitled "ONE" is a revisit and fresh new spin on a collection of his most favorite songs. It's available on all streaming platforms. Gabe will release a series of EP's in 2020 - collectively called the 1279 project. He's currently finishing up a tour w/ MPG in North America and plan to tour internationally in 2020. Check him out on Facebook and on Instagram: @GabeBondoc.

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Caitlin Daza | UIUC

Caitlin is a junior at UIUC pursuing a Dual Degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology and Family Studies with a concentration in Child & Adolescent Development on the pre-med track. When she's not studying, she is busy choreographing, teaching, and performing traditional Filipino cultural dances as one of PSA's Cultural Chairs.



Madeleine Azcueta | Master of Ceremonies

I feel blessed to MC my last FACT & celebrate with UIUC on their 100th anniversary. This conference makes me nostalgic because it shaped my college experience. FACT 2016 was the 1st time UW-M gathered as Filipinx/Asian American community. This experience gave me the opportunity to grow as a leader as we helped establish Filipino Awareness on UWM's campus (ykwctd, FSU). Through MAFA, I found my Filipinx American identity and I'm thankful for all the experiences this community gave UWM & me. What Ikaw Lamang means to me is remembering my history to continue creating our Filipinx American grand narrative.



Jade Oribello | UIUC

I'm a sophomore at UIUC majoring in Speech-Language Pathology! I am an active member in PSA, the Illini Women's Water Polo Club, and a sister of Alpha Phi Gamma National Sorority Inc.. I'm very proud of being a Filipina and FACT is definitely one of my favorite things about PSA.



Erwin Tubillara | Master of Ceremonies

Erwin is Junior at UIUC studying Finance in Agribusiness looking to do Private Equity after I graduate. Born and raised on the north side of Chicago, he grew up in a diverse community and never really thought about his Filipino identity. As he gets older, he wants to be more in touch with his culture & where he came from. PSA has allowed him to learn more about what it means to be a Filipino American.



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Theta Lambda Beta Fraternity, Incorporated | UIC



Our performance, stepping, is a historically African tradition in which one performs synchronized stomps and claps, creating a unique dance that produces its own music. Destiny in our terms is something that is not predetermined, it is something you create on your own aka "Ikaw Lamang". We, the brothers of Theta Lambda Beta all share the same ideas and values meaning we all believe we are one, acting as a collective unit. With that being said, we like to think of our fraternity as being our collective identity and through our step on the FACT stage, we shall continue along our path and fulfill our destiny.

Rylan Santos | Purdue PFA

Since the age of four, singing and writing music has been my main escape and source of self-expression. As a college student, my studies are a primary focus, but I refuse to limit myself and let that overshadow my dreams. I will never stop singing, never stop creating, and never stop wanting to stand on a stage in front of millions. I love singing and performing, and that is the destiny that I have chosen for myself.



Timothy Ramos | UIUC

Currently a junior here at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign studying Chemical Engineering. My performance is an original spoken word piece titled, "Date a Filipino" that is heavily inspired by Chris Sanders and her piece "Date a Filipina." Speaking as a Filipino-American, I think it'd be inspiring for a lot of Filipinos who struggle with what I'm going through by seeing me on stage trying to define my own destiny instead of fitting into whatever mold people think I should be in.



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Kawayan | OSU

Kawayan is a Filipinx-American performance group that was inspired by the Filipino martial art, Arnis. It was created as a blend and hybrid to combine the Filipino and American cultures. The dance showcases rhythmic beats played on bamboo sticks along with choreography to tell our narratives in a powerful and exciting way. Our performance is centered around the Filipinx historical figure, Gabriela Silang. She is known as the first female leader of the movement for independence from Spain. Her husband was killed in battle, but that did not stop her from taking his position and leading her people to victory. She defined her own destiny against the odds.



Alyssa and Jymie | MAFA's Got Talent

Alyssa Buena and Jymie Dapog are both sophomores at Saint Louis University. Alyssa is an education major and Jymie is a Health Sciences major on the pre-Med track. They will be performing a mashup of Ikaw by Yeng Constantino and Forevermore by Side A, demonstrating the theme "Ikaw Lamang" because these songs illustrate the happiness of finding the one that you want to be with and finding happiness within yourself.

Barkada is the Philippine Student Association's dance troupe that strives to uphold Filipino culture through traditional cultural dancing. Through Barkada, we aim to unite members of diverse backgrounds and celebrate Filipino heritage, emphasizing and practicing the true meaning of "Barkada". In this year's performance, we depict the Waray community through a medley of the Igorot suite and Eastern Visayan dance. The story showcases the strength, resilience, and unity of the community as they combat Abats: creatures who resemble beautiful maidens by day in order to live closer to human communities.



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Bangko | UToledo

The University of Toledo Filipino American Association was founded in October of 2009. FAA has been dancing sayaw sa bangko since 2012. Every year we continue to challenge our abilities, making bangko one of the most anticipated dances at our PCN. We are very excited to steal the stage at FACT for the first time in FAA history! Sayaw sa bangko is a courting dance that shows the trust one must have in their partner. Our performance embodies *Ikaw Lamang: Define Your Destiny*, because all it takes is a jump of faith!

Angela Perez | UWM

Angela Perez is a sophomore at UW-Milwaukee and a member of FSU (you know what we came to do!) Music has always been a big part of her life (You could say performing is her destiny... ;P). Anyone and everyone that knows her knows how much music means to her. For V-Show, she decided to compose a medley of well known songs that play off of the theme of Define Your Destiny. What are the songs? Just wait to find out! She hopes you all enjoy her performance and maybe even sing along! insta: @angelacperez



Prism Kru



Prism Kru is a K-Pop and Urban Dance team established in 2013 in Chicago, IL. They have opened up for Korean artists such as HyunA, San E & Mad Clown, and Nada, and have performed and competed all over the midwest. Their performance is a combination of powerful and intricate choreography. How we "define our destiny" is to always seek ways to better ourselves and grow stronger as a team.



PERSONAL THANKS

"Well, sometimes the end of one adventure is just the beginning of another."

It's been a long road, and honestly, there's so many people I'd like to thank for getting me to this point. I'd like to first and foremost thank my family. Mom, Dad, and Chris, you all have always been my greatest source of support. Whether it be putting food on the table, talking to me when I'm stressed, or any of the things each of you has done for me, I'm eternally grateful. I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for everything you've done.

To my amazing girlfriend Katrina; you've been my rock, and you were my biggest source of support in stepping up and believing in myself to run for this position. I love you, and the way you have inspired me has made me grow into a better person.

To my adings Maria, Michael, Ronell, Vincent and Ayrah, thank you all so much. You are without a doubt one of the greatest gifts this organization has given me; having you 5 in my life has made me strive to do my best for this organization and have given me a sense of home and family on campus.

To my Gdings, I'm so grateful to see my family has grown so much. I'm especially grateful to those of you I've gotten close with over the past year; it warms my heart to see how much you've grown. To my GG's, I still haven't gotten to know all y'all yet, but best believe imma make sure you feel welcome to my ever growing family.

To my PSA Board, it's been one heck of a ride. Thank you all for giving your all to this organizations. Thank you to execs for the consistently hard work. To my Core and F babies, seeing the younger generation consisting of people filled with passion and purpose makes me feel well assured that this organization will continue to thrive for generations to come; you are the future of this organization.

To my FACT Pack, this conference most certainly would not have been possible without you. Since day one, working with each of you has been an absolute pleasure. Being a co-coordinator for this conference has been a dream of mine for years, and I couldn't imagine having done this with any other team.

To my co-coords, I am extremely grateful for everything you have done, and proud of everything we have done. It's been a hectic few months, but I'm just so happy to see that we've been able to put forth our best work to make this conference possible. I'm eternally grateful to you guys.

Last but not least, thank you to my very own UIUC PSA. This organization has given me more than I ever could've hoped. It's given me a family on campus; a space to grow out of my shell; and most of all, a place to call home these past few years. Giving back to this organization these past few years has made me feel complete, and I'm incredibly amazed that after 100 years, we're thriving more than ever. No matter what destiny holds, you'll always hold a special place in my heart.

To the delegates, I leave you with these last words. To those who ever have a hint of doubt in themselves, never let them stop you from reaching your potential; in fact, let it help you. You'll encounter mistakes, but that's a beneficial part of life. After all:

"The only way to get it right, is to get it wrong."

~ Anthony Mendez



PERSONAL THANKS



To all of the people who have helped me get to where I am today, thank you. First and foremost, thank you to my family for always encouraging me to do my best and supporting me in everything I do. To my friends, sorority sisters, and AKAs, thank you for checking in on me when you can and letting me relieve any stress I had. I am able to do what I do now with confidence because I know I have all of you cheering me on every step of the way. Thank you to PSA Board and Advisors for being there whenever Denzel, Anthony, and I needed your help. You always guided us in the right direction. A huge thank you to all volunteers, workshop facilitators, co-sponsors, and performers for sharing this experience with us and help us make FACT happen and continue its legacy. To FACT Pack, you are one of the most hardworking and creative people I have met. It has been a great pleasure to work with you, and I'm so proud of each and every one of you. Thank you to the delegates for joining us this weekend. We hope that this year's FACT has inspired you to step outside your comfort zone and chase your dreams. Lastly, thank you to my co-chairs, Denzel and Anthony, for being my A1's since day one. We were once just delegates and now I have the privilege to say that I was on this amazing journey with the two of you. I wouldn't have had it any other way.

~Erika Marie Saligan



PERSONAL THANKS



I would like to express my appreciation to my ever-loving family. Mom and Dad: thank you for supporting me, guiding me, and pushing me to be the best version of myself. Your actions and words have greatly inspired the person I am today. Daena and Danica: you remind me to be the best older brother I can be, and I hope my own advice and experiences can help you in your own future paths. I love you guys. Go Cruzinators!

To my AKAs: you all have been a great influence in my life, being there for me through the ups and downs of my college experience. To my Ates Cindy, Clarissa, and Kristy, and Kuyas Anthony, Buggsy, Eric, and JP: you all are role models to me. I have learned a lot about life whenever we hang out, and I hope your guidance continues even after I graduate. To my Denzinodings Alyssa, Caitlin, Linh, Maria, Priscilla, Raymond, and Reggie: I hope I have been the Kuya you have been looking for. Whether we're talking about our lives, eating out, or staying up late, it has always been a treat spending time together. I will always be there for you all. To Erika, thank you for always being there for me from the start. As someone who loves me for who I am, every moment with you makes everything I've worked for worth it.

To FACT: it has been one heck of a ride. As a former delegate, former facilitator assistant, former FACT Pack, and current FACT co-coordinator, you have reminded me how strong of a Filipino-/Asian-American community we have in the Midwest. To PSA Board and Advisors: thank you for supporting me with your help and resources to make this conference possible. To our Team FACT volunteers, AACCC and YMCA staff, workshop facilitators and performers, and co-sponsors: thank you for making the conference an enjoyable experience for over a thousand delegates. To FACT Pack: THIS IS IT! Thank you for making our jobs a little easier, putting time and effort into your positions, and overcoming all the obstacles. Thank you all for joining us in this rewarding journey.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my co-coordinators, Anthony Mendez and Erika Marie Saligan. No words can describe how thankful I am to have you both by my side. It has been a long and arduous journey preparing this weekend, but I'm very glad we were able to reach the light at the end of the tunnel. I appreciate you both so much. This adventure would not have been the same without you both!

~ Denzel Ryan Cruz



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PERSONAL THANKS



I would like to thank my co-chair, Sonica (Caitlin) for encouraging me to take this position in the first place. This has been an interesting learning experience I am grateful to have. It's been a wild ride since the summer, but omg yes it's finally over! Thank you for being you-- you're creativity really helped me and this organization. Even if it's frustrating trying to contact you everytime I call and your phone goes straight to voicemail at like 3pm haha, I'm glad I got to know you better and I'm proud of everything you're doing this year as Secretary and as a student. Keep it up!

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~ Carmel Elyssia Bumaa

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To Kusakin: thank you for letting me your Fam Head. I would never let us dissolve. :)

~ (Caitlin) Sonica Battung



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1992	Jeremy Bautista & Paul Magsombol
1993	Evelyn Lim
1994	Melissa Serna
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1996	Christine Feliciano Estacio & Christine Mindo Santiago
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1999	Justin Estacio & Perry Singleton
2000	Valerie Garcia Hong, Catherine Macapagal, & Ian Mendoza
2001	Romel Cunanan, Catherine Macapagal, Christine Paran, & Gemma Marcelo
2002	Paul de la Cruz, Jennifer Giron, & Christine Paran
2003	Christopher Agdeppa & Ryne Dionisio
2004	Rubie Ruvivar & Erlinda Garcia
2005	Stephanie Gonzales & Erwin Paderanga
2006	Rachelle De La Cruz & AJ Rivera
2007	Rovee Fabi & Phyllis Ferrera
2008	Abet Lardizabal, Jeffrey Mabilangan, & Angelica Vargas
2009	Jemma Rose Lopez, Brenan Salgado & Louie Sevandal
2010	Allyson Adriatico, Alexander Roussos, & Ariel Hugh
2011	Megan Mangahas & Stephanie Camba
2012	Rose-Ann Aragon & Mark Pagatpatan
2013	Grace Geremias & Jessica Obina
2014	Shannen Bueno, Katreena Casallo, & Edward Salinas
2015	Sarah Bueno & Annalyn Mendoza
2016	Jess Bautista, Reed Cabral, & Crystal Ponce
2017	Maria Climaco & Chelsea Tuvilla
2018	Clarissa Mae Hernandez and Angela Serrano
2019	Denzel Ryan Cruz, Anthony Mendez, and Erika Marie Saligan

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