

## Notable Filipino Americans

(The following achievers are among the notable Filipinos Americans (past and present) in different fields of endeavor included in Part IV of the book *The Filipino Americans: Their History, Culture, and Traditions*, Second Edition, by Veltisezar Bautista):

### **Pacita Abad: International Artist**

Gil B. Abelita, M.D.: Clinical Associate Professor

Byron Acohido: Pulitzer Prize Winner

Peter Aduja: Former Member, Hawaii House of Representatives

Benny Agbayani: New York Mets' Slugger

Joshua C. Agsalud: Hawaii Cabinet Member

Daniel D'Umuk Aguila: Cartoonist, Painter, and Sonwriter

Emilio Alcon: Hawaii State Representative

Reynaldo G. Alejandro: Dancer, Choreographer, Chef, Author, and Columnist

Alberto M. Alfaro: Editor-in-Chief, Manila Mail

Domingo T. Alvear: Pediatric Surgeon, Speaker, and Prolific Writer

Constantino Amores, M.D.: Presidential Appointee on Arts Committee

Jon Amores: West Virginia State Representative

Artist, The: Singer (See Prince)

Tai Babilonia: Former World Ice Skating Champion

Bobby Balcena: 1956 Cincinnati Reds' Baseball Player

Bernie Ballao: Alaska Council Member

Diosdado Banatao: Engineer and Inventor of Computer Chip.

Genara Banzon: Nature Artist

Angela Perez Baraquio: Miss America of 2001

Maniya Barredo: Atlanta and the Philippines' First Prima Ballerina

Anna Bayle: International Model

Samanta Marie Becker: Actress

Feilani Bennett: Filipino American Beauty

Bernaldo D. Bicoy: Member, Hawaii House of Representatives

Cecilia Manguerra Brainard: Award-Winning Writer

Thelma Buchhold: Alaska State Representative

Cielo Buenaventura: Metropolitan Section Editor, The New York Times

Carlos Bulosan: Outstanding Filipino Writer

Robert Bunda: Hawaii State Senator

Romy Cachola: Hawaii State Representative

Annette Calud: Sesame Street Dance Instructor

Tia Carrere: Movie Actress and Singer

Benjamin N. Cayetano: Governor, State of Hawaii

Reggie Chavez: Councilman, Tacoma Park, Maryland

Bobby Chouinard: Baseball Player

Howard Chua: Time Magazine Senior Editor

Philip S. Chua: M.D.: International Cardiac Surgeon, Writer and Renowned Medical Leader

Lilia Calderon Clemente: International Money Manager

Wil and Zen Coronado: Cosmetics Magnates

Speedy Dado (Diosdado B. Posadas): Flyweight Boxing Champion

Rolando A. De Castro: D.M.D., M.S.D.: Well-known Dental Professor-Artist

Pedro dela Cruz: Member, Hawaii House of Representatives

Ananias C. Diokno: Urological Surgeon, Medical Scientist, International Lecturer, Clinical Professor, and Author  
Ofelia Dirige, Ph.D., R.D.: Nutritionist/Dietitian, Professor, and Founder of Kalusugan Community Services, San Diego, CA  
Vicky Manalo Draves: U.S. Diving Champion  
Julie R. Duldulao: Former Hawaii State Representative  
Jocelyn Enriquez: Queen of Free Style  
Ernesto M. Espaldon: M.D.: Plastic Surgeon, Six-Term Guam Senator  
Jose L. Evangelista: M.D.: Member, National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA)  
Stella Evangelista, M.D.: Former Member, Michigan State Board of Medicine  
Juventino "Ben" Fajardo: Mayor, Glendale Heights, Illinois  
Pete Fajardo: Mayor, Carson, California  
Roman Gabriel: Former Los Angeles Rams' Quarterback  
Pat Gacoscos: Member, School Board, Union City, California  
Ceferino Garcia: Middleweight Champion of the World  
Nestor R. Garcia: Hawaii State Representative  
Tita Dioso Gillespie: Newsweek's General Editor  
Dennis Gonzales: Postmaster, Daly City, California  
Reynaldo Graulty: Hawaii State Senator  
Michael Guingona, Jr.: Mayor, Daly City  
Jessica Hagedorn: Famous Novelist  
Maria Luisa Mabilangan Haley: High-Ranking Filipino American Official in Clinton's Administration  
Sumi Sevilla Haru: Actress, Activist  
Venancio Igarta: Master Colorist  
Larry Iltiong: Labor Leader  
Radmar Agana Jao: Up and Coming Actor  
Jaya: Singer  
Josephine Jimenez, CFA: Money Manager  
Donna Mercado Kim: State Senator, Honolulu, Hawaii  
Alfred Lareta: Lawyer, Hawaii Judicial Circuit Judge  
Loida Nicolas Lewis: Lawyer, Author, and CEO of TLC Beatrice International Holdings, Inc.  
Gene Canque Liddel: First U.S. Filipino American Mayor  
Glen Madeiros: Singer  
Henry Manayan: Mayor, Milpitas, California  
Evelyn Mandac: International Lyric Soprano  
G. Monty Manibog: Three-term Mayor, Monterey Park, California  
Eduardo G. Manuel: Former Mayor, Hercules, California  
Gene G. Marcial: Senior Writer, Business Week  
Eleanor Concepcion Mariano, M.D.: President Clinton's Personal Physician  
Salvador (Dado) Marino: Flyweight Boxing Champion  
Neal McCoy: Up-and-Coming Country Music Singer  
Ron Menor: Hawaii State Representative  
Paolo Montalban: Television Movie Actor/Singer  
Irene Natividad: Noted Political Activist  
Josie Cruz Natori: International Fashion Magnate  
Enriquez M. Ostrea: Famed Pediatrician, professor, Inventor  
Andy Paras: Member, City Council of Hercules, California  
Frank Paras, Jr.: Movie and Stage Actor  
Veronica Pedrosa: CNN News Anchor

Libertito "Bert" Pelayo: Publisher and Editor of Filipino Reporter  
Nia Peeples: Actress and Singer  
David A. Pendleton: Hawaii State Representative  
Lou Diamond Phillips: Movie Actor  
Prince (The Artist): Singer  
Elizabeth Punsalan: U.S. Ice Dance Champion  
Ronald E. Quidachay: California Municipal Judge  
Mel Red Recana: Presiding Judge, Los Angeles Municipal Court, California  
Josephine "Banig" Roberto: Singer  
Manuel Rodriguez: Father of Philippine Graphic Arts  
Jose Romero: World-Renowned Acrylic-Impressionistic Artist  
Ninotchka Rosca: Award-Winning Novelist and Short Story Writer  
Lea Salonga: Actress/Singer  
Teresita Santiago: Former Mayor, Delano City, CA  
Bienvenido Santos: Well-known Writer of Fiction and Poetry  
Cesar C. Sarmiento: Superior Court Judge, Los Angeles County, California  
Pilar Schneider: School Board Member, Pacifica, California  
Rob Schneider: Movie Actor  
Eulalio Bueno Silva: Internationally Renowned Artist  
Edward Soriano: First Philippine-born Soldier to Become a General in the U.S. Armed Forces  
Antonio Taguba: Second Philippine-born Soldier to Become a General in the U.S. Armed Forces  
Neonilo Tejano, M.D: Well-Known Orthopedic Surgeon  
Alex Tizon: Pulitzer Prize Winner  
Emme Tominbang: Hawaii TV Personality  
Tamlyn Tomita: Movie Actress  
Emelio Uy: Outstanding Businessman and Civic Leader  
David Mercado Valderrama: Deleete, Maryland General Assembly  
Velma R. Veloria: Member, Washington State House of Representatives  
Philip Vera Cruz: Labor Leader  
Jose Garcia Villa: Foremost Filipino poet  
Pancho Villa: Foremost Filipino Boxing Great  
Mona Lisa Yuchengco: Magazine Publisher

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