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**Filipina First in Alphabetical Order**

<b>Pacita Abad</b>	<b><i>First Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Awardee in the Field of Arts</i></b>
<b>Sister Maria Rosalina Abejo</b>	<b><i>First Music Conductor</i></b>
<b>Honorina Acosta-Sison</b>	<b><i>First Physician</i></b>
<b>Guadalupe Adaza</b>	<b><i>First Governor of a Province</i></b>
<b>Estefania Aldaba-Lim</b>	<b><i>First Minister of Social Services and Development</i></b>
<b>Natividad Almeda-Lopez</b>	<b><i>First Associate Justice</i></b>
<b>Emily Altomonte-Abrera</b>	<b><i>First Chief Executive of a Major Advertising Company</i></b>
<b>Rosa Sevilla Alvero</b>	<b><i>First Head of a Non-Sectarian School for Women</i></b>
<b>Encarnacion Alzona</b>	<b><i>First Historian</i></b>
<b>Juanita Dy Amatong</b>	<b><i>First Executive Director of the World Bank</i></b>
<b>Josefina Phodaca Ambrosio</b>	<b><i>First Filipino Women President of the Federacion Internacional de Abogadas</i></b>
<b>Corazon Cojuangco Aquino</b>	<b><i>First President</i></b>
<b>Gloria Macapagal Arroyo</b>	<b><i>First Vice President</i></b>
<b>Claire Baltazar</b>	<b><i>First Entomologist</i></b>
<b>Helen Benitez</b>	<b><i>First President of Philippine Women's University</i></b>
<b>Paz Marquez Benitez</b>	<b><i>First Short Story Writer</i></b>
<b>Consuelo S. Blanco</b>	<b><i>First President of a State University</i></b>
<b>Carmen A. Buyson</b>	<b><i>First Consul of the Philippines</i></b>
<b>Aurora Amada Carandang-Gloria</b>	<b><i>First Commercial Pilot</i></b>
<b>Minita Chico-Nazario</b>	<b><i>First Woman Justice of the Sandiganbayan Court</i></b>
<b>Solita Collas-Monsod</b>	<b><i>First Director General of the National Economic and</i></b>

***Development Authority***

<b>Mercedes Concepcion</b>	<b><i>First Demographer</i></b>
<b>Carmen Concha</b>	<b><i>First Film Producer</i></b>
<b>Nieves Confesor</b>	<b><i>First Secretary of Labor</i></b>
<b>Bong Co</b>	<b><i>First to be Included in the International Hall of Fame in Bowling</i></b>
<b>Albina Manalo Dans</b>	<b><i>First Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission</i></b>
<b>Virginia Oteyza de Guia</b>	<b><i>First Mayor</i></b>
<b>Arlene de la Cruz</b>	<b><i>First Filipino Woman to Graduate Valedictorian of the Philippine Military Academy</i></b>
<b>Corazon Santos de la Paz</b>	<b><i>First Elected to the World Board of a Major Accounting Firm</i></b>
<b>Honorata "Atang" de la Rama</b>	<b><i>First to Appear in the Movies (Silent Films)</i></b>
<b>Corazon Alma de Leon</b>	<b><i>First Member of the International Civil Service Commission of the United Nations</i></b>
<b>Fe del Mundo</b>	<b><i>First National Scientist</i></b>
<b>Nora Deslate</b>	<b><i>First Ultra Marathoner</i></b>
<b>Maria Luisa Dimayuga</b>	<b><i>First Police General</i></b>
<b>Genoveva Edroza-Matute</b>	<b><i>First to Win the Palanca Award for Short Story in Filipino</i></b>
<b>Narcisa de Leon Escaler</b>	<b><i>First Permanent Representative to the United Nations</i></b>
<b><u>Belen Farbos-Calderon</u></b>	<b><i>First to Hold a Seat in the Philippine Stock Exchange</i></b>
<b>Girme M. Fontanilla</b>	<b><i>First International Chess Master</i></b>
<b>Raquel del Rosario Fortun</b>	<b><i>First Forensic Pathologist</i></b>
<b>Maria del Pilar Francisco-Villaceran</b>	<b><i>First Lawyer</i></b>
<b>Jovita Fuentes</b>	<b><i>First Opera Singer to Gain International Renown</i></b>

<b>Celia Gallego-Bantegui</b>	<b><i>First Meteorologist</i></b>
<b>Griselda Garcia-Bausa</b>	<b><i>First Geologist</i></b>
<b>Betty Go-Belmonte</b>	<b><i>First Newspaper Publisher of a National Daily</i></b>
<b>Filomena Francisco Guerrero</b>	<b><i>First Pharmacist</i></b>
<b>Belen Enrile Gutierrez</b>	<b><i>First Certified Public Accountant</i></b>
<b>Pilar Hidalgo-Lim</b>	<b><i>First Filipino Woman to Graduate with Honors from the University of the Philippines</i></b>
<b>Daisy Hontiveros-Avellana</b>	<b><i>First to Found a Theater Group</i></b>
<b>Magdalena Jalandoni</b>	<b><i>First Filipino Published Woman Novelist</i></b>
<b>Josefa Jara-Martinez</b>	<b><i>First Social Worker</i></b>
<b>Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc</b>	<b><i>First Editor of a National Daily</i></b>
<b>Corazon Juliano-Agrava</b>	<b><i>First Judge of the Court of First Instance</i></b>
<b>Agueda Iniquinto Kahabagan</b>	<b><i>First General in the Philippine Revolutionary Army</i></b>
<b>Norberta Lapuz-Laurea</b>	<b><i>First Professor of Law</i></b>
<b>Lourdes Lauchengco-Sanvictores</b>	<b><i>First Board Member of the Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines</i></b>
<b>Trinidad Fernandez Legarda</b>	<b><i>First Ambassador</i></b>
<b>Cecile Licad</b>	<b><i>First Pianist to Win an International Music Award</i></b>
<b>Narzalina Zaldivar Lim</b>	<b><i>First Secretary of Tourism</i></b>
<b>Alicia Llamado-Reyes</b>	<b><i>First Governor of the Development Bank of the Philippines</i></b>
<b>Rosario Lopez</b>	<b><i>First Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission</i></b>
<b>Leah Lorenzo</b>	<b><i>First Summa Cum Laude of the Philippine Military Academy</i></b>
<b>Severina Luna-Orosa</b>	<b><i>First Newspaper Columnist</i></b>
<b>Victoria Mendiola-Ela</b>	<b><i>First Agriculturist</i></b>
<b>Elvegia Ruiz Mendoza</b>	<b><i>First Brigadier of the Armed Forces of the Philippines</i></b>

<b>Maria Paz Mendoza-Guazon</b>	<b><i>First Doctor Educated in the Philippines</i></b>
<b>Pelagia Mendoza-Zamora</b>	<b><i>First Sculptor</i></b>
<b>Cecilia Munoz-Palma</b>	<b><i>First Associate Justice of the Supreme Court</i></b>
<b>Thelma Navarrete-Clemente</b>	<b><i>First President of the Philippine Hospital Association</i></b>
<b>Carmencita Noriega-Reodica</b>	<b><i>First Secretary of Health</i></b>
<b>Perla Santos Ocampo</b>	<b><i>First President of the International Pediatrics Association</i></b>
<b>Elisa Sanchez Ochoa</b>	<b><i>First Filipino Congresswoman</i></b>
<b>Leonor Orosa-Goquingco</b>	<b><i>First Choreographer</i></b>
<b>Consuelo Padilla Osorio</b>	<b><i>First Film Director</i></b>
<b>Loreto Paras-Sulit</b>	<b><i>First Secretary General of the Philippine National Red Cross</i></b>

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<b>Lourdes Paredes-San Diego</b>	<b><i>First Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals</i></b>
<b>Cristina Parel</b>	<b><i>First Statistician</i></b>
<b>Carmen Planas</b>	<b><i>First Councilor</i></b>
<b>Kerima Polotan-Tuvera</b>	<b><i>First to Win the Palanca Award for Short Story in English</i></b>
<b>Camellia Posoncuy</b>	<b><i>First Neurosurgeon</i></b>
<b>Lourdes Sevilla Quisumbing</b>	<b><i>First Secretary of Education</i></b>
<b>Purificación Valera Quisumbing</b>	<b><i>First Chair of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights</i></b>
<b>Emerita S. Quito</b>	<b><i>First with a Doctorate in Philosophy</i></b>
<b>Leticia Ramos-Shahani</b>	<b><i>First United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanities</i></b>
<b>Engracia Cruz Reyes</b>	<b><i>First Restaurateur</i></b>
<b>Francisca Reyes-Aquino</b>	<b><i>First National Artist in Dance</i></b>

<b><u>Lea Salonga</u></b>	<b><i>First to Win the Sir Lawrence Olivier Award and the Tony Award for Best Actress</i></b>
<b>Tecla San Andres-Ziga</b>	<b><i>First Bar Topnotcher</i></b>
<b>Leonora Paraan San Agustin</b>	<b><i>First Chemical Engineer</i></b>
<b>Miriam Defensor Santiago</b>	<b><i>First Secretary of Agrarian Reform</i></b>
<b>Salud Santos-Tesoro</b>	<b><i>First Entrepreneur of Native Handicrafts</i></b>
<b>Teresita Cruz Sison</b>	<b><i>First President of the Philippine Bar Association</i></b>
<b>Mercedes Tan-Gotianum</b>	<b><i>First Bank President</i></b>
<b>Gliceria Rustia Tantoco</b>	<b><i>First Owner of a Retail Chain</i></b>
<b>Geronima Tomelden-Pecson</b>	<b><i>First Senator</i></b>
<b>Carolina Flores Trinidad</b>	<b><i>First Major Radio Personality</i></b>
<b>Teofila Aquino Varsovia</b>	<b><i>First Veterinarian</i></b>
<b>Alicia Vergel</b>	<b><i>First to Win the Filipino Academy of Movie Arts and Sciences (FAMAS) Award</i></b>
<b>Carmen Wilson-Ylanan</b>	<b><i>First Basketball Coach</i></b>
<b>Haydee Yorac</b>	<b><i>First Commissioner of the Commission on Elections</i></b>
<b>Esperanza Araullo Zamora</b>	<b><i>First Hotelier</i></b>

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