



Asian American Federation

SPIRIT *of* ASIAN AMERICA GALA

Previous Award Recipients

2013 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Jorge G. Puente

President, Asia Pacific & Canada-Oncology Business Unit, Pfizer Inc.

Veronica D. Wong

Director of Marketing & Associate General Counsel, Moon Capital Management LP

Japanese Medical Society of America

2012 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

David L. Cohen

Executive Vice President, Comcast Corporation

SungEun Han-Andersen

Founder & President, The G. Chris Andersen Family Foundation

Khee Lee

Head of Agency Business Development, Google New York

Anderson Cooper

Host & Executive Producer, “Anderson”, Warner Bros. Domestic Television Distribution

2011 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Linda Lam

Managing Partner, Northeast Sub-Area Assurance, Ernst & Young LLP

Yong Hwa Ha

President, Solomon Agency Corporation

President, Korean American Association of Greater New York

Judge Judith Sheindlin

Presiding Judge, Judge Judy, CBS Television Distribution

2010 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Don H. Liu
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Xerox Corporation

Robert Yi
Senior Vice President, Northeast Zone, State Farm

Mehmet C. Oz, MD
Host of The Dr. Oz Show and Vice-Chair and Professor of Surgery, Columbia University

2009 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Yung Duk Kim, Ph.D.
President & CEO, Hyundai Corporation (USA) (Retired)

Irene Y. Hirano Inouye
Executive Advisor, Japanese American National Museum

2008 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Wayne Winborne
Vice President, Business Diversity, Prudential Financial

David Ng,
Executive Editor, New York Daily News

Jacques d'Amboise
Founder, National Dance Institute

2007 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Arvind Raghunathan
Managing Director and Head of Global Arbitrage, Deutsche Bank

Sung-Joo Kim
Chairperson, MCM Worldwide

Farooq Kathwari
Chairman, President and CEO, Ethan Allen Interiors Inc.

Haruko Smith

Founder and Chairperson, September Concert Foundation

2006 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Dinyar S. Devitre
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Altria Group, Inc.

Dow Kim
Executive Vice President, Merrill Lynch

Gina Lin Chu
Philanthropist

2005 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Chan Suh
Founder and CEO, Agency.com

Dr. C. J. Huang
Founder, C.J. Huang Foundation

Dr. Jeanette Takamura
Dean, Columbia University School of Social Work

2004 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Andrea Jung
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Avon Products, Inc.

Dr. Navin C. Mehta
Otorhinolaryngologist, New York Eye and Ear Infirmary

Lolita B. Compass
President, New York State Nurses Association

2003 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Ralph Dickerson, Jr.
President, United Way of New York City

Mallika Dutt

Executive Director, Breakthrough: Building Human Rights Culture

David Henry Hwang
Playwright

Anthony D. Romero
Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union

2002 – RECOVERY & REBUILDING AFTER SEPTEMBER 11TH

Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, USA

Tran Dinh Truong
Proprietor, Hotel Carter

William Volckhausen, Esq.
Board Trustee, Asian American Federation of New York

Andrew Yoon
Proprietor, Variety Café

2001 – MEDIA

Diosdado Banatao
CEO, Tallwood Venture Capital

Chris Lee
President, Chris Lee Productions

Jeannie Park
Executive Editor, InStyle Magazine

Midori Shimanouchi Lederer
Board Trustee, Asian American Federation of New York

Dennis Swanson
President & General Manager, WNBC-TV
Co, Chair, NBC Olympics

2000 – LEADERSHIP, CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

Eliot Kang
President & CEO, Kang & Lee Advertising

Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi
Board Trustee, Asian American Federation of New York

Loida Nicolas Lewis

Chairman and CEO, TLC Beatrice International

Joseph Park
Co-Founder, Chairman & CEO, Kozmo.com

1999 – PHILANTHROPY

Chong-Moon Lee
The Chong-Moon Lee Foundation

Yoko Ono Lennon
Spirit Foundation

Francis Y. Sogi
The Sarah and Francis Sogi Smithsonian/Hawai'i Fellow Scholarship

Oscar L. Tang
The Tang Fund

The Yanong Family

1998 – PUBLISHING

Jeanette Chang
Vice President and Publisher, Harper's Bazaar

Gene Marcial
Senior Writer, Business Week

Karen Wada
Senior Editor, Los Angeles Times

1997 – SPORTS

Amy Chow
Gymnastics

Dee Hamaguchi
Martial Arts

Kevin Han
Badminton

Sammy Lee

Diving

Elizabeth Punsalan
Skating

Kristi Yamaguchi
Skating

1996 – FINANCE

Joanne de Asis
Founder & Chair, Asia Pacific Capital Partners

Sam Chung
President & CEO, Broadway National Bank

Lilia C. Clemente
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Clemente Capital

Seiki Muroso
Muroso Financial Consulting

Theodore P. Shen
Chair of the Capital Markets Group (now retired), Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette

Paul Allen Wan
IBJ Schroder Bank & Trust Company

1995 – FASHION DESIGN

Troa Cho
Han Feng
Hanae Mori
Josie Natori
Anna Sui
Vivienne Tam
Yeohlee Tang
Zang Toi
Vera Wang