



**Asian American Federation**

**SPIRIT *of* ASIAN AMERICA GALA**

**Previous Award Recipients**

**2014 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA**

Stella Aquino

*Director, Actuarial Valuation and Forecasting, Empire BlueCross BlueShield*

Kyung Hee Choi

*Vice President, Korean Medical Program, Holy Name Medical Center*

Don Lowery

*Then Senior Vice President, Government and Public Affairs, The Nielsen Company*

Ted Teng

*President and Chief Executive Officer, Leading Hotels of the World*

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**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

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**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*

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**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*

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**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*

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**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*

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**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*

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**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*

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**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*

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**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*

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**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*

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## **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*

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## **2002 – RECOVERY & REBUILDING AFTER SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

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*

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## **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*

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## **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*

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## **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

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## **1998 – PUBLISHING**

Jeanette Chang  
*Vice President and Publisher, Harper's Bazaar*

Gene Marcial  
*Senior Writer, Business Week*

Karen Wada  
*Senior Editor, Los Angeles Times*

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### **1997 – SPORTS**

Amy Chow  
*Gymnastics*

Dee Hamaguchi  
*Martial Arts*

Kevin Han  
*Badminton*

Sammy Lee  
*Diving*

Elizabeth Punsalan  
*Skating*

Kristi Yamaguchi  
*Skating*

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### **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 Muroto  
*Muroto Financial Consulting*

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

Paul Allen Wan  
*IBJ Schroder Bank & Trust Company*

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### **1995 – FASHION DESIGN**

Troa Cho  
Han Feng

Hanae Mori  
Josie Natori  
Anna Sui  
Vivienne Tam  
Yeohlee Tang  
Zang Toi  
Vera Wang