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# THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING 2023!

As we welcome a new year, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of our supporters. Each one of you have been an integral part of the Filipino Young Professionals of Houston's journey. Your support has fueled our efforts and brought us closer to realizing our mission to share the Filipino culture, to empower each other through philanthropy and service, and to connect our community.

Together, we achieved remarkable milestones, from impactful initiatives to reaching out to those in need. Your generosity has made an important difference in the lives of many.

Looking ahead to 2024, I am filled with optimism and gratitude for the incredible community we've built. Thank you for your commitment to creating positive change, and I eagerly anticipate the continued impact we will make together.

Maraming salamat po!  
Clarissa Salazar, 2023-24 President



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The FYP Cultural Ambassadors (FYPCA) had a memorable year in 2023. They averaged one performance a month, and performed for more than 16,000 people combined. They performed at a wide variety of venues, including The Galleria, Constellation Field, Orange Show, Chevron Headquarters, Houston Museum of Natural Science, and Rice University. They welcomed several new dancers to the group, and are excited about continued growth and learning.



In April, FYPCA hosted Eric Solano, artistic director of Parangal. Parangal is a dance company from San Francisco whose mission is to give tribute to Philippine heritage by preserving and promoting ethnic attire, music, and dance through research, workshops, and performances. Eric led a public workshop where participants learned the Pangalay dance of the Ta'u Sug. He then worked closely with FYPCA to teach them a dance suite from Maguindanao.

In May, FYPCA was part of the very first AAPI night at Constellation field, where dancers performed Tinikling and Gaway Gaway in front of an audience of over 7,000 people.

In August, FYPCA finally created their very own Instagram account (@fypca.htx) to post practices and highlights (in addition to Facebook). They now have over 135 followers!

In October, FYPCA performed their Maguindanao suite at the Houston Filipino Street Festival. As part of this suite, they debuted Singkil, a famous folk dance from Mindanao which features fans and bamboo poles.

In November, FYPCA walked in the 74th annual H-E-B Thanksgiving Day Parade and featured attire from the main islands of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, alongside members from Ikalanga, BIBAK, UniPro, and FANHS.

In December, FYPCA performed for the Archdiocesan Simbang Gabi at St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in the Woodlands, with Cardinal DiNardo and over 800 people in attendance.

FYPCA ended 2023 strong and is ready to take on 2024 with a new slate of dance workshops, performances, and events planned for the new year. We genuinely appreciate the dedication of our members and the support of everyone who's followed and supported us, and we can't wait to see what the new year brings!



FYP Island Warriors  
Dragon Boat Team

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As we welcome a new year with open arms, we, the FYP Island Warriors, would like to extend our warmest greetings and wishes to each and every one of you.

The past year has been filled with challenges, but together, we have shown resilience and determination in the face of adversity. Our team spirit has grown, and our bonds have become unbreakable.



**LAUNCH PARTY 2024**

 02 March 2024, Saturday  
9:00 AM to 12 noon

 15400 Southwest Fwy,  
Sugar Land, TX 77478

@islandwarriorsdragonboat



In this coming year, we look forward to new adventures and achievements. We will continue to train hard, pushing our limits and striving for excellence. Our paddles will cut through the water with precision, our hearts beating as one, as we race towards victory.

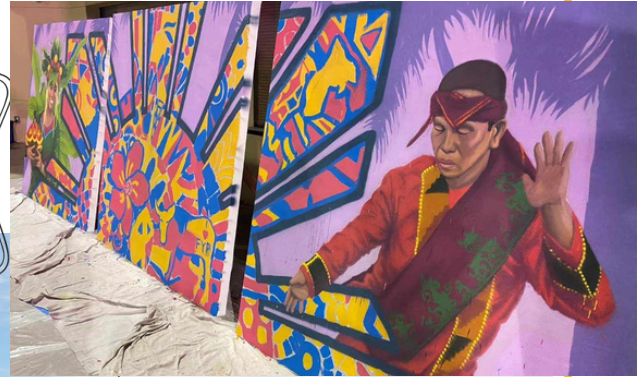
We are immensely grateful for your unwavering support throughout the years. Your cheers and encouragement have fueled our passion and motivated us to reach our full potential. You have stood by us, rain or shine, and we couldn't be more thankful.

May the new year bring you joy, success, and fulfillment in all your endeavors. May you find strength and inspiration in the face of any challenges that may come your way. And may our paths cross again, as we continue to share the exhilarating journey of dragon boat racing.

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The 2023 Houston Filipino Street Festival, held at Constellation Field in Sugar Land, Texas, on Saturday, October 21, celebrated unprecedented success, drawing a remarkable crowd of nearly 9,000 enthusiastic attendees. This year's event showcased a diverse array of talent with over 160 performers captivating the audience, an impressive showcase of over 60 vendors offering a wide range of products and services, 15 community partners, and generous support from 34 sponsors.



In addition to the entertainment and vendors, the community spirit was further highlighted with the presentation of three prestigious scholarship awards, recognizing outstanding students for their academic achievements and community contributions.

The Houston Arts and Cultural Stabilization Grant presented by the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs (MOCA) in collaboration with Mid-America Arts Alliance (M-AAA) grant, a significant acknowledgment of the event's positive impact on the local community, was a notable highlight. This recognition underscores the event's importance in fostering community engagement, supporting local businesses, and contributing to the cultural vibrancy of the city.

The overwhelming response to this year's Houston Filipino Street Festival is a testament to the community's enthusiasm and support. We are thrilled to have hosted such a successful event, bringing together thousands of people and creating lasting memories. Because of the tremendous support we received, we are able to increase our scholarship awards in 2024! The scholarships awards, support from our generous sponsors, and the hard work of our all-volunteer planning committee reflect our dedication to fostering education, community development, and collaborative efforts.

As the FYP Houston Filipino Street Festival continues to grow and evolve, the organizers express gratitude to all sponsors, attendees, vendors, performers, and partners who contributed to making this year's event an extraordinary success!

The organizers extend an open invitation for any interested individual to join the planning committee for future editions of the FYP Houston Filipino Street Festival. This invitation reflects a commitment to inclusivity and a desire to involve community members in shaping the event's continued success. For more information or to join our planning committee, please contact: [htownfilfest@fyphouston.com](mailto:htownfilfest@fyphouston.com).

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## MEMBERSHIP

2023 brought another year of fellowship and community. From reconnecting with old friends to meeting new ones, FYP found new ways to connect with our members and spread the Filipino culture. We started the year with the Mabuhay Mixer where we shared laughs over casual cocktails. FYP then shared games and food at our first-ever Board Game Night hosted at the Leonel Castillo Community Center featuring delicious treats from Godo's Filipino restaurant. I've never been more excited to play Mahjong!

Lastly, the family came together to celebrate the holidays for our annual holiday party. We again shared food (common theme) while we played White Elephant and had an ugly sweater competition. All in all, 2023 was a great year, and we're excited to continue to grow and spread the Filipino culture!



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In 2023, FYP had a blast with 4 volunteer opportunities – some in-person, some online – and a ton of love from our members and community. Big thanks for making 2023 a hit!

We kicked things off in March at Caritas Day in the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart by sorting out dog and cat food for home bound seniors. May took us to the Japanese Gardens at Hermann Park, getting down and dirty to clean up leaves and weeds. July brought the Back to School Supply Drive – donating pencils, crayons and glue, then handing out the backpacks full of essential supplies to the kids. Finally, November and December, we shared the joy of the holiday season with two adopted families by showering them with gifts. Cheers to a remarkable 2023 and the promise of an even brighter 2024!

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## SCHOLARSHIP

We are delighted to congratulate the recipients of our 2023 FYP Houston Scholarship. These individuals are a testament to the exceptional talent and dedication found within our community. They have demonstrated not only academic excellence but also a commitment to making a positive impact in their communities. The selection process was rigorous, and we are proud to recognize their achievements.



These scholarships aim to empower and support students in their pursuit of higher education, and we believe that the recipients will continue to inspire others with their passion, leadership, and unwavering commitment to excellence. And, some great news: because of the tremendous support we received at our 2023 Houston Filipino Street Festival, we are increasing our award amounts to \$2,000 for each 2024 scholarship recipient!

Congratulations to our 2023 Scholarship Recipients: Hannah Riel Vloria Seprio, Mackenzie Tan, and Jeremiah Palma! We look forward to witnessing their continued success on their educational journey.

Apply now and win \$2000 for your education!

### 2024 Scholarship

Scan here!



**Deadline**  
**September 23, 2024**

Download your application at  
<https://www.fypHouston.com/youth-outreach>



## WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2024

As we embark on another year of making a difference together, we're excited to announce that our team is hard at work planning a series of fun events and community building initiatives. We will have something for everyone to get involved in and contribute to our shared mission. Stay tuned for updates on dates, times, and ways to participate. Your continued support is invaluable to us, and we can't wait to see you all at our upcoming events! Follow us on social media for more updates.



**10 - Lunar New Year Festival at Asia Society**  
**18 - FYPCA Performance at Galleria Mall, 3pm & 4pm**



**2 - FYP Island Warriors launch Party, 9am - 12pm**  
**TBD - Meet & Eat with FYP and meet the Leadership Team**



**27 & 28 - Parangal Workshop hosted by FYPCA**



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