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Debra Aguinaldo Nakama, Ph.D., of Kula, Maui, Hawaii Unanimously Selected As One Of The 2008 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 11 (PinoyGlobal) - Debra Aguinaldo Nakama, Ph.D., an accomplished educator, a dedicated and champion of Filipino high school students affairs, is unanimously selected as one of the 2008 *Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)* by the TOFA Panel Board of Judges headed by *Nonoy & Aida Mendoza* of the **FILIPINO IMAGE MAGAZINE** and the **PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS**, and the **ROXANNE ANDREA MENDOZA (RAM) MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**.

The TOFA project was initiated in 1990 and have been commended by the governments of the United States, Canada and the Philippines. The bio-data and photograph of the 300 Past TOFA Awardees are found in the **PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS** : WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM, a 24/7 global web site.

The **CRITERIA**, **HISTORY** and other TOFA informations are found in the popular website. A complete copy issue of **FILIPINO IMAGE Magazine's 2007 Souvenir Journal**, detailing 116 pages of bio-data of the 2007 TOFA awardees and photographs; VIP Special Messages and including all the Congratulatory Messages and ADs, in full color, are in the website and free for all to read globally. An unprecedented feat in Filipino journalism.

The 3-day 14th annual event starts on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008 with an informal get-together for the 2008 awardees and their special guests. Followed by on Friday, Sept. 12 with a VIP Luncheon at the hotel. At night is at the Philippine Embassy. The following day, Saturday morning, Sept. 13, 2008, a VIP photo Opps at various historic spots and a Dim Sum lunch. At night is the formal gala Banquet and Ball Award Ceremony; and the traditional Filipino breakfast immediately after the ball. All 2008 TOFA Awardees are Special Guests of Honor to all the activities. Guests wishing to attend any functions are asked to donate entrance fee. **Net proceeds to all the TOFA functions are donated to charitable Filipino organizations.**

Debra Aguinaldo Nakama is the daughter Bernaldo R. Aguinaldo of Puunene, Hawaii, and Toshimi N. Nemoto of Pala, Hawaii. The Aguinaldos have a son and three daughters. Debra graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa acquiring her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1974; her Master's Degree in Educational Administration; in 1988; and her Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Education in May 2005. She and her husband, Lawrence M. Nakama, a self-employed plumber, have an adult son, Johnston. One of Debra's mission is to work Filipino high



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school students in Hawaii who face many unique issues and problems. "We Filipinos need to come together to build inclusive communities for ourselves and to continue and expand our involvement in our lives in our communities," she said. Debra Aguinaldo Nakama's complete bio-data is in the web site: WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM.

The TOFA 2008 Awardees are: Mr. Bob Dacanay of Falls Church, Virginia; Zenaida Ferry Kharroubi of Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Dr. Edmundo Relucio of Coal City, Illinois; Debra Aguinaldo Nakama of Maui, Hawaii; Dante Raul "DR" Teodoro of New York, New York; Dr. Francis Talangbayan of Penn Valley, Pennsylvania; Rozita V. Lee of Las Vegas, Nevada; Ambassador Phippe J. Lhuillier of Rome, Italy; Dr. Jun Anthony Quion of McLean, Virginia; Dr. Mark Asperilla of Port Charlotte, Florida; Sonny Ungco of Jersey City, New Jersey; Eddie Calderon of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Dolores Ortal of Honolulu, Hawaii; Carmencita Quesada Fulgado of Jamaica Estates, New York; Dr. Eusebio C. Kho of Scottsburg, Indiana; Leby Paler of Norfolk, Virginia; Elvira G. Phelps of Reno, Nevada; Em Legaspi Ang of Bacolod City, Philippines; Dr. Peter L. Yu of Granger, Indiana; Nena Nera of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. #



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TOFA 2008 Planned Schedule of Activities

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008

8:00 p.m. - Mendoza Suite

- Awardees & spouses are Special Guests
- Informal get together to introduce each other
- Limited Number of Guests

Friday, September 12, 2008

11:30 a.m. - VIP Luncheon

J.W. Marriott Hotel

- Honoring & Formally Welcoming the TOFA 2008
- Welcome Address by VIP
- Limited Number of Guests Are Welcome

6:30 p.m.

Philippine Embassy

- Courtesy Call with Philippine Ambassador • Photo Opps
- Limited Number of Guests Are Welcome

Saturday, September 13, 2008

8:30 a.m. - City Historic Tour

Photo Opps & Luncheon

- Photo Opps • Washington Historic Monuments
- Limited Number of Guests Are Welcome

11:30 a.m. - Lucky Three Restaurant

Dim Sum & Seafood VIP Lunch

Saturday, September 13, 2008

6:30 p.m. - JW Marriott Hotel

- Grand Ballroom Banquet & Ball • Awarding Ceremony
- Limited Number of Guests Are Welcome

Sunday, September 14, 2008

12:15 a.m. - Mendoza's Suite

- Traditional Filipino Breakfast Honoring Current & Past Awardees
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