



Asian American Federation

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Previous Award Recipients

2016

George C.K. Liu, MD, PhD
President & CEO, Chinese American IPA, Inc.

Charles Kim
Managing Director, China Renaissance Securities (U.S.)

Rodger Desai
CEO, Payfone, Inc.

Alandra Washington, PhD & W.K. Kellogg Foundation

2015

Grace Lyu Volckhausen
President Emeritus, Tiger Baron Foundation

Grace H. Park
Acting Prosecutor, Union County

Glenn Lau-Kee
President, New York State Bar Association

Time Warner Inc.

2014

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

2013

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

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

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

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

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

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

2008

Wayne Winborne
Then Vice President, Business Diversity, Prudential
Financial

David Ng,
Then Executive Editor, New York Daily News

Jacques d'Amboise
Founder, National Dance Institute

2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jeanette Chang
Vice President and Publisher, Harper's Bazaar

Gene Marcial
Senior Writer, Business Week

Karen Wada
Senior Editor, Los Angeles Times

1997

Amy Chow
Gymnastics

Dee Hamaguchi

Martial Arts

Kevin Han
Badminton

Sammy Lee
Diving

Elizabeth Punsalan
Skating

Kristi Yamaguchi
Skating

1996

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 Murono
Murono 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

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