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Brooklyn's Amanda J. Bernardo, Esq. is the New York Philippine Consulate General delegate to this year's Filipino-American Young Leaders Program. (Photo by Pineapple Industries)

The Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C. has announced the 10 delegates to the Filipino-American Young Leaders Program (FYLPRO) 2017, including Brooklyn native Amanda J. Bernardo, Esq.

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She will be travelling with the cohort in an immersion trip to the Philippines to meet with leaders of government, industry, business, culture and social enterprise from Oct. 8 to 14, 2017.

An immigration attorney, Bernardo is the Chair of the Immigration Committee of the Asian American Bar Association of New York, and the Public Relations Chair of the Filipino American Lawyers of New York.

She recently collaborated with Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas to educate Filipino immigrants on their rights in the United States.

She has helped win asylum for refugees, and has assisted in transforming the experience of Filipinos and underrepresented communities in the immigration system.

For her FYLPRO legacy project, she plans to launch a U.S.-wide “Know Your Rights and Resources” program for new Filipino immigrants.

She joins 10 other FYLPRO alumni from the U.S. Northeast since the flagship program’s launch in 2012: Michael Vea (New York, 2012); Steven Raga (New York, 2012); Rachelle Peraz Ocampo (New York, 2013); Edward Santos (New York, 2013); Ryan Letada (New Jersey, 2014); Bernadette Contreras (New York, 2014); Nicole Ponseca (New York, 2015); Jennifer Coliflores (Massachusetts, 2015); Jhett Tolentino (New York, 2016); and Noel Joseph Aglubat (New York, 2016).