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2017 TOFA Awardees and former TOFA awardees with Consul General Ma. Theresa Dizon-De Vega (6th from right) and TOFA Founder Elton Lugay (1st from left). (Photos by NYPCG)

As part of the commemoration of Filipino-American History Month, 15 Filipino-Americans were honored as The Outstanding Filipinos in America (TOFA) for 2017 at the historic Carnegie Hall in New York on Oct. 28, 2017.

The event, co-founded by Elton Lugay and Cristina DC Pastor of the Filipino-American Community in New York, recognizes the contributions of the Fil-Ams and their role in elevating the presence of the Filipinos in America in various fields such as arts and culture, community service and advocacy, women empowerment, business and entrepreneurship, health care, sports, fashion, research and technology, senior and youth advocacy, media, entertainment, and public service and politics.

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Consul General Ma. Theresa Dizon-De Vega and Philippine ambassador to the United Nations Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr. handed out the awards to the honorees from throughout the United States.

In her message, De Vega thanked the honorees and the organizers for further raising the profile of the Filipino-American Community and for their trailblazing achievements and advocacies.

She further enjoined all the guests to set higher goals and definite timetables to ensure that more Filipino-Americans are represented in different fields and policy-making platforms.

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