

NANAY is Nominated for the Banaag Award

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On January 6, 2021, NANAY was officially acknowledged as a nominee for the Banaag Award by the Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO). The nomination was submitted by Florida's Honorary Consul Henry Howard and endorsed by the Philippine Embassy – Washington D.C.



Banaag Award is one of four awards given every two years to honor and recognize the immense contributions of Filipino individuals and organizations overseas in promoting the interests of the Filipino diaspora or advancing the cause and interest of overseas Filipino communities. The other three awards are Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (Linkapil) Award, Pamana ng Pilipino Award, and Kaanib ng Bayan Award.

The term “Banaag” means gleam or glimmer or in Filipino translation - kislap or sinag. It depicts shining a ray of light to one’s outstanding contributions to advance the welfare of fellow overseas Filipinos and/or Filipino migrant communities.

In 1988, former President Corazon C. Aquino issued Proclamation no. 276 declaring December of every year as “Month of Overseas Filipinos”. The proclamation is a recognition of the valuable contributions to the Philippine development of overseas Filipinos, as well as encourage their participation in the development activities in the country. In line with this, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO), conducted various activities to honor overseas Filipinos for their exemplary achievements and contributions.

In 1991, President Aquino issued Executive Order no. 498 institutionalizing the awards, naming it the Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO). This awards system serves as a continuing manifestation of the government’s recognition of the immense contributions of Filipinos and private organizations overseas in national development efforts and the promotion of the interests of the Filipino diaspora.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic afflicting countries across the globe, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) the submission of nominations to the 2020 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organization Overseas (PAFIOO) was extended from 31 December 2020 to 31 May 2021.