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## New Jersey native new FYLPRO pick from US Northeast



Consul General Claro Cristobal (center) congratulates Ms Lauren Lalicon (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) for qualifying as one of the FYLPRO delegates for 2018. From left: Vice Consul Khrystina Corpuz Popov, FYLPRO President Dondi Quintans, and FYLPRO alumnus from Chicago John Paul Ferrer. (PGNY Photo)

NEW YORK, 18 October 2018 – Ahead of her FYLPRO immersion trip to the Philippines on 18 – 23 November, New York delegate Lauren Lalicon paid a courtesy call on Consul General Claro Cristobal last 11 October. Accompanying her were FYLPRO President Dondi Quintans and FYLPRO alumnus from Chicago John Paul Ferrer.

MsLalicon, Director for Policy of New Jersey First Lady Tammy Murphy, expressed her excitement for the upcoming trip to the Philippines, especially in meeting with the government officials. She was a staff member of Pilipino American United for Progress (UniPro) and Vice President of The College of New Jersey Barkada student organization.

Lauren revealed her plans after FYLPRO to create a "community where there is no community." She related her experience in building Asian American Women's Networking Group, a mix of women professionals from different fields in Trenton, New

Jersey. She mused, "The group connected me to the right people, and raised my profile within New Jersey politics, which ultimately led me to my job with the First Lady."

On his part, Consul General Cristobal encouraged more young people to introduce their ideas and "disrupt" the community with their youthful vibe and perspective. The Consul General enlisted FYLPRO to help re-energize the established organizations and programs of the Filipino community. END



FYLPRO President Dondi Quintans (rightmost) introduces Lauren Lalicon (2<sup>nd</sup>frm left) to the Consul General. (PCGNY Photo)