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It is our collective privilege to celebrate the trailblazing women who strengthen our Filipino American and Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander communities across Nevada at the 2026 Women's History Month Awards. Today, we gather to honor achievement and pay tribute to the courage, compassion, and perseverance that exemplify selfless service.

Our honorees inspire us with their dedication to uplifting others, creating opportunities, and serving the greater good. We thank our supporters for believing in NaFFAA NV's mission of unity, empowerment, and representation. Special gratitude goes to The M Resort Spa Casino, Dr. Cherry Maglaya Jonston of IMAJ Skin & Wellness, Dr. Jun Yu of Neurology Center of Nevada, Minddie Lloyd, Dr. James Lally, Cardiologist; Atty. Richard Harris, Atty. Nadia and Engr. Romy Jurani of Catarata-Jurani Scholarship Foundation; Luz Sapin Micabalo of Philippine American Charity Foundation; Mimi Farinas Quirol of CAREMAX Equipment & Supplies; Olive & Joel Enriquez of Luna Design International, Anna Ladao of HUMANA, and Cynthia Landeros of Transpacific Multiservices. On behalf of the Executive Board and the Women's History Month 26 Working Committee, we extend our deepest gratitude to all. Mabuhay at Maraming Salamat!

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Awardee **DR. SIGRID BARRETT**



Sigrid Barrett, PhD, RN, PNP, CNE, FAAN, joined UNLV in September 2024 as Dean for the School of Nursing. Dr. Barrett is a certified nurse educator and nurse practitioner specializing in pediatric acute and chronic care. She has been a nurse for almost 30 years, and in academia for 23 years. Prior to joining UNLV, Dr. Barrett spent 10 years at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing.

As a tenured Professor, she served as the Chair of the Department of Family, Community and Health Systems and contributed to several university-wide interdisciplinary research centers, including the UAB Gregory Fleming James Cystic Fibrosis Research Center, Center for Palliative and Supportive Care, and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center. Her program of research in cystic fibrosis, reproductive health, and quality of life in adolescents and adults with chronic illness have been supported by extramural funding from the National Institutes of Health, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, among other sources.

She has a strong track record of scholarship with nearly 100 peer-reviewed publications and 300 presentations across local, regional, national and international venues. Her leadership in nursing education is reflected in various professional organizations, including the Philippine Nurses Association of America, where she has held several leadership positions at the national and local levels. For her impactful work in policy, research, education, and service, Dr. Barrett was selected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 2020. She has also received awards for her excellence in research, teaching, and mentorship. Dr. Barrett received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. She returned to the University of Pennsylvania for her Master of Science in Nursing, specializing as a pediatric acute/chronic nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist. In 2013, Barrett earned her Ph.D. in Nursing from the University of Central Florida.



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Awardee **PATRANYA BHOOLSUWAN**

Patranya Bhoolsuwan is the Founder and Principal of Patranya Media LLC, a Las Vegas-based communications firm dedicated to helping leaders, entrepreneurs, and organizations tell their stories with clarity, confidence, and purpose.



A three-time Emmy Award-winning journalist, Patranya spent years in television news as a reporter and anchor before launching her own agency to bridge the gap between media and business. Today, she combines her newsroom expertise with strategic storytelling to help clients elevate their visibility, strengthen their brand positioning, and connect authentically with their audiences. Through media training, public relations strategy, and message development, Patranya works with executives, small business owners, nonprofit leaders, and public agencies to prepare them for interviews, public speaking engagements, and high-stakes communications moments. Her approach is system-driven, practical, and rooted in the belief that every organization has a powerful story — it just needs to be told the right way.

Patranya is passionate about empowering others to become confident communicators and positioning businesses as credible, trusted voices within their industries and communities.

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Awardee **JHONE EBERT**



Superintendent Jhone Ebert brings more than three decades of experience, passion, and proven leadership to the Clark County School District (CCSD).

Her journey in education began as a math teacher at Von Tobel Middle School. Since then, she has dedicated her career to ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed.

A recognized leader in education, Ebert has a strong track record of improving student outcomes across Nevada. Her work is defined by a clear focus on expanding college and career readiness, advancing innovation and equity in classrooms, and fostering a culture where employees feel valued and students thrive.

Before joining CCSD, Ebert served as Nevada's Superintendent of Public Instruction, overseeing nearly 500,000 students across the state's 17 school districts. Under her leadership, Nevada overhauled its education funding formula to better meet the needs of students, made bold investments in teacher recruitment and retention, and expanded access to career and technical education opportunities.

Ebert holds a Master of Education in Instructional and Curricular Studies from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from California State University, Fresno. Her leadership has been recognized nationally with honors including the ISTE Impact Award, the National Community Builder Award, and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching.



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Awardee **DR. ROSALITA CHAN JURANI**

Dr. Rosalita Chan Jurani is from Cebu, Philippines and is a graduate Doctor of Medicine from the Cebu Institute of Medicine. She came to the United States in 1968 for further medical studies, going through rotating internship and residency in various hospitals in New York.



She got her American Board Certification of Family Practice in 1986. She has her successful private family medical practice and pediatrics for several years in Seneca and Morris, Illinois.

In 1993, her family, together with Dr. Paterno Jurani, her husband, moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, opening the Jurani Clinic to pursue their medical practice in Las Vegas. Dr. Rosalita Jurani is currently still an active practicing medical doctor. Her community services and leadership experiences include: president of Morris Hospital Medical Staff, chairperson of executive committee and department of Morris Hospital Pediatrics. In Las Vegas, she was affiliated with Valley Medical Center, University Medical Center and North Las Vegas Medical Center. She has been the Treasurer of the Philippine Medical Association of Nevada (PMAN) for the last 30 years. Among her greatest accomplishments is being the Chief of Medical Mission for Philippine Bisayan Society of Nevada (PBSN), a voluntary medical mission group offering free health care services to the poor people of the Philippines. Her consistent leadership and financial efforts, together with her late husband's, have been leading the Philippine Medical Mission for thirteen times since 2004 to the following Philippine indigent areas: Cebu in Bogo City, Malabuyoc and Daanbantayan; Bohol in Tubigon; Marikina Metro Manila; and Misamis Occidental in Aloran, Oroquita and Plaridel.

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Awardee **VIDA CHAN LIN**



Vida Lin is the Founder and President of the Asian Community Development Council (ACDC), one of Nevada's leading organizations advancing Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities. With more than 30 years of leadership and service in Las Vegas, Vida is known for turning vision into action and building systems that create lasting impact.

Under her leadership, ACDC established Nevada's first culturally tailored Asian food pantry, organized large-scale vaccination clinics, provided free citizenship assistance, and launched the Healthy Asian & Pacific Islanders (HAPI) Medical Center to expand access to culturally competent healthcare in Southern Nevada.

Vida began her professional journey in San Francisco helping run her family's small business before building a successful 20-year career as an insurance broker. Her lived experience as the daughter of immigrants fuels her passion for civic engagement, economic mobility, and leadership development.

In 2024, she was appointed as a Commissioner on the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, reflecting her national leadership in advancing AANHPI priorities.

Her leadership has been recognized locally and nationally. She received Bank of America's 2022 Neighborhood Builders: Racial Equality Award. The City of Las Vegas proclaimed January 18, 2023 as "Vida Lin Day," and Mayor of Las Vegas proclaimed July 12, 2025 as "Vida Lin Day." The Clark County Board of Commissioners proclaimed February 18, 2024 as "Vida Chan Lin Day" in recognition of her community impact.

Vida speaks nationally on leadership, community building, immigrant entrepreneurship, public-private partnerships, and advancing equity through action. Vida is not simply building programs — she is building infrastructure, influence, and opportunity that will transform communities for decades to come.



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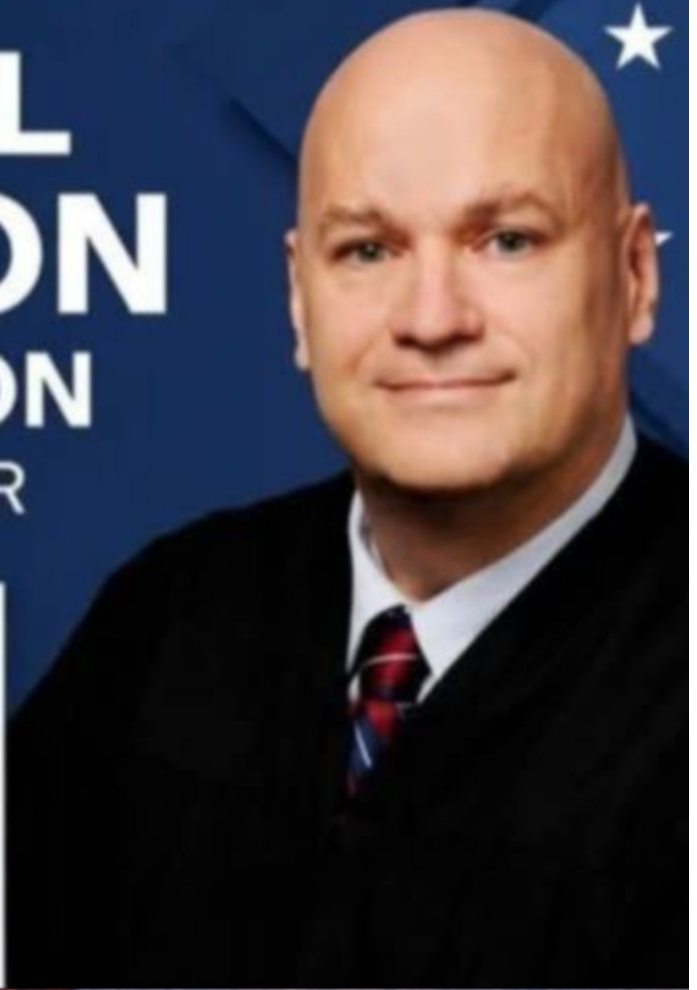
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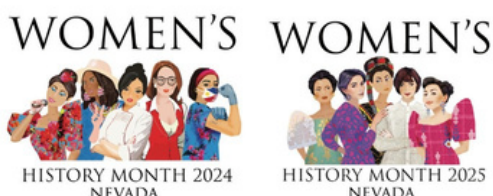
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