

FALEO

Scholarship Dinner

LA and San Francisco Filipino-American law officers association gather for gala dinner.



Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

On April 7, two chapters of the Filipino-American Law Enforcement Officers (FALEO) Association came together for their second annual scholarship and awards fundraiser dinner. The dinner was hosted by FALEO's San Francisco Chapter at Greenhills Country Club in Millbrae. The LA chapter of FALEO was well represented.

The opening ceremonies included the Posting of the Colors by the Color Guard, the singing of both the American and Filipino National Anthems, and the song "Prayer," all three sung by Tracy Sarmiento. The invocation by Fr. Mike Healy was followed by a moment of silence for the fallen Officers in the line of duty and then an elegant dinner.

After dinner, it was time for the awards ceremony presentations, which included the Nick Birco Scholarship Award, the Bryan Tuvera Fellowship Award, the Perlita Mendoza-Becker Humanitarian Award, and Promotional Acknowledgment Awards.

The ceremony was topped off with an exciting raffle drawing and dancing.

Special thanks go to Glen Sylvester, President of FALEO/San Francisco Chapter, and Peter Tran, President of FALEO/Los Angeles Chapter.



The Club's Arlene Herrero, Products Manager, "Sunshine Director" of FALEO LA selling limited edition women's FALEO T-shirts. Proceeds benefited the FALEO LA Chapter's January 2013 trip to the Philippines.



The four awardees of the Senate Certificate of Recognition.



Sgt. Inspector Glen Sylvester, SFPD, Retired, 32 years of service, and President, FALEO Association, presents the Officer Bryan Tuvera Fellowship Award to Officer Arldwin Flores, LAPD, 14 years of City service, Club Member, and Treasurer, FALEO LA.



From left: Christian Buado, Investigator, California DMV, Club Member, Director, FALEO LA; Officer Arldwin Flores, LAPD, 14 years of City service, Club Member, Treasurer, FALEO LA; the Club's Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor, Honorary Member, FALEO LA; the Club's Arlene Herrero, Products Manager and "Sunshine Director" of FALEO LA; Officer III Peter Trance, Airport Police, 12 years, Club Member, President, FALEO LA; and Officer Jordan Espiritu, Airport Police, 6 years, Club Member, Sergeant-at-Arms, FALEO LA.



Christian Buado, Investigator, California DMV, Club Member, and Director, FALEO LA, presents a check to the host of ABS-CBN for the victims of Typhoon Sendong.



Officer III Peter Trance, Airport Police, 12 years of City service, Club Member, and President, FALEO LA.



From left: Officer Roel Dilag, SFPD, 14 years of service; Officer Arldwin Flores, LAPD, 14 years of City service, Club Member, Treasurer, FALEO LA, with his wife, Minny; Officer Annie Valenzuela, SFPD, 14 years of service; and Janette and Officer Peter Trance, Airport Police, 12 years of City service, Club Member, and President, FALEO LA.



From left: Officer Jordan Espiritu, Airport Police, 6 years of City service, Club Member, and Sergeant-at-Arms, FALEO LA; Officer III Peter Trance, Airport Police, 12 years, Club Member, and President, FALEO LA; the father of Mayra Hernandez; Mayra Hernandez, scholarship winner; Officer Arldwin Flores, LAPD, 14 years, Club Member, and Treasurer, FALEO LA; the Club's Arlene Herrero, Products Manager, and "Sunshine Director," FALEO LA; Christian Buado, Investigator, California DMV, Club Member, and Director, FALEO LA.

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Airport Police's First Cadet

High school student becomes Airport Police's first cadet graduate of the LAPD cadet academy.

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police; Photo by Officer Harold Caycedo, Airport Police

Jherred Charles, a 15-year-old Los Angeles high school student, became the first cadet in the new Airport Police Cadet Program when he graduated June 10 from the LAPD's Cadet Academy.

Cadet Charles will be assigned to LAX, where he will ride as an observer on patrol with Airport Police officers, learning how they deal with many different law-enforcement situations. He may also direct traffic at the scene of accidents, assist with security details while working with traffic and security officers, and provide information and directions to airport visitors.

"It has been an honor to introduce this program to the Airport Police Division and to have Cadet Charles represent the first of many cadets who will become a part of our great police family," said Airport Police Chief Michael Hyams. "Airport Police is committed to providing safety and security to the nearly 200,000 passengers, visitors and workers who

come to LAX every day. We are pleased to be able to mentor today's youth – and tomorrow's professionals – in law enforcement and public service."

Cadet Charles is a ninth grader at Alliance College-Ready Academy High School No. 7 in Los Angeles. He intends to complete high school and college, and seek a career in law enforcement. "More than anything, I want to help people in my community," he says.

His mother is Shamara Charles, a five-year civilian communications operator with the Airport Police. "He is very excited about graduating and getting started with his responsibilities as a cadet," she said.

The Airport Police Cadet Program is open to youths between the ages of 13 and 20. The goal of the program is to help instill leadership, academic excellence, life skills and discipline into its participants. The program also seeks to empower students into maximizing their personal, scholastic and life potential as well as providing early insight into what a career in law enforcement would be like at LAX.



After the graduation ceremony, front row, from left: Sgt. Belinda Nettles; Assistant Chief Brian Walker; Shamara Charles, civilian Airport Police employee and mother of the graduate; Cadet Jherred Charles; Chief Michael Hyams; Capt. Latasha Wells Amerson; and Chief Communications Operator Dawn Smith. Back: Sgt. Daniel Romo; Lt. Mario Patrick; and Officers Cipriano Montes and Joseph Ricksecker.