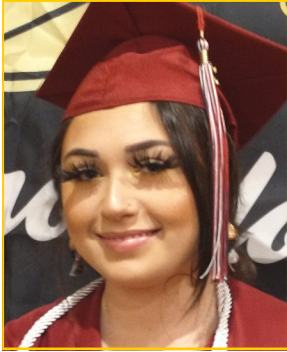


## Columbia FIL-AM Scholarship Program

### 2021 Recipients



**Emily Collins**



**Lara Tijing**

**A Columbia Fil-Am Youth Scholarship program** has been discussed often since the formation of the Association in 1991. Officially started in 2002 by the FAAGC Executive Board through the initiative of Peter Liunoras (FAAGC President, 2001-2003), the **Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship** awards are given to Fil-Am college-bound high school graduates whose families are currently paid FAAGC members and who (or their parents) have participated actively in Fil-Am activities. As specified by the Executive Board recently, current criteria are involvement in FAAGC (50%), academics (30%), and interview and essay (20%).

**F**unds for the scholarship program are generated from, among others, donations, raffles during FAAGC gala, Christmas and Valentine's Day events, food sales at basketball tournaments, and from 2004 to 2010, fund-raisers by the Ridge View High School (RVHS) **Fil-Am Youth Club** under the direction of Peter Liunoras. Starting in 2021, long-time member and supporter Dr. Francisco Sy has established and endowed the **Dr. Francisco S. Sy Scholarship Fund** of the FAAGC.

**F**AAGC presented the first **Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship** award at the 13th Annual Gala on September 13, 2003. Since then, award certificates (and checks) have been presented to deserving and qualified students every year during the annual gala or at special events. Interestingly, most of the past scholarship recipients had been **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe** performers at one time or another.

## Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship Recipients

2021	★ Emily Collins	★ Lara Tijing
	★ Taryn Clark	★ Brandon Edwards
2020	★ Casey Funderburk	★ Joy Mangacat
	★ Ashley Rabaca	★ Julia Szoke
2019	★ Laurence Lafuente	
	★ Shane Clark	★ Carlton Edwards III
2018	★ Jasmine Flora	★ Alisha Rabaca
	★ Andrea Robichaud	★ Chase Szoke
2017	★ Dyonn Dingman	★ Diego Luis Ignacio
2016	★ Kathleen Arevalo	★ Roy Balacanao, Jr
	★ Joan Rose Peña	
2015	★ Denise Daquilanea	★ Severina Lowder
	★ Angelica Robichaud	
2014	★ Jonathan Jacobsen	
	★ Darryl Arevalo	★ Justine Flora
2013	★ Khoi Nguyen	★ Michael Sanchez
	★ Shannin Scott	
2012	★ Elaiza Apan	★ Kirkwood Bautista
	★ Nicole Daquilanea	★ Douglas Miguel Tupas
2011	★ Christine Arroyo	★ Karen Magsino
	★ Nicole Phillips	★ Nicholas Roberts
	★ Joseph Szoke III	★ Nicole Victoria
	★ Andrew Whitmire	
2010	★ Paul Adcock	★ Nicole Anderson
	★ Fides Elamparo	★ Steven Do
	★ Sean C.A. Tupas	
2009	★ Jessamine Cuaresma	★ Jeffrey Noble
2008	★ Butch Deo Elamparo	★ Christian Ysmael Tupas
	★ Mark Allen Viray	
2007	★ Raquel Bagnal	★ Michelle Peña
	★ Aileen Leigh Alon	★ Jasper Lim
2006	★ Christian Elamparo	★ Marianne Magapan
	★ Fay Manapat	
2005	★ Justin Anderson	
	★ Danielle Glenn	★ Amanda Goyeneche
2004	★ Michaela Kenworthy	★ Michael McNulty
	★ Judith Peña	
2003	★ Raymund Elamparo	



**2020 Recipients**