



Passport to Prosperity Honorees

2019

Johnny Alcivar, Assistant City Planner for the City of Des Moines
Elizabeth Balcarcel, Latino Service Specialist at Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault (IowaCASA)
Atul Gupta, Founder of Advanced Technologies Group
Robert Nishimwe, Iowa City City Council and co-founder of the Center for Worker Justice
The Conlin Family, recipient of the Dr. Judith Conlin *Welcoming the World Award*

2018

Barwaqo Aden, Assistant Director at Nisaa African Family Services
Mirza Kudic, Owner of Mirza Kudic Photography
Albert Liu, Director of International Business Development at Kent Pet Group
Robert Nishimwe, Emerging Leader Award, student at Georgetown University
Trudy Holman Hurd, recipient of the Dr. Judith Conlin *Welcoming the World Award*

2017

Sadagat Aliyeva, author, Library Assistant at the Clive Public Library
Nancy Mwiroti, Founder at PI 515
Sanjita Pradhan, Program Director at the Greater Des Moines Partnership
Harold and Carol Hill, recipients of the Dr. Judith Conlin *Welcoming the World Award*

2016

Jane Agyeman, Director of Upward Bound at Iowa State University TRIO
Kenia Calderon Ceron, Client Relations Director at Coopera
Alex Duong, Marketing and Communications Specialist at Mediacom
Lomoro Moses Santino
Samra Uzunovic Hiros, Health Promotions Coordinator at the American Lung Association

2015

Mone Aye, board president of EMBARC
Alejandra Vidal Soler Graham, Owner of South American Beef
Nu Huynh, Executive Director of Iowa Asian Alliance
Serkan Usta, Artistic Director, Ballet DSM; School of Classical Ballet
San Wong, Director of the Iowa Department of Human Rights

2014

Tej Dhawan, Chief Data Officer at Principal
Aiddy Phomvisay
Claudia Schabel, President of Schabel Solutions
Li Zhao Mandelbaum, Owner, China Iowa Group

2013

Himar Hernandez Santana, Community & Economic Development, ISU Extension
Dekow Sagar, Lecturer at the University of Kansas
Sandra Sanchez, Iowa Immigrants' Voice Program Director at American Friends Service Committee
Grace Zhenhaun Yang, Marketing Specialist at Bankers Trust

2012

Sachiko Murphy, educator, retired
Rizwan Shah, Physician, retired
Hicham Sibouih, Vice President of Programs at the Refugee Resource Center
Phoukham Tran, DSM Police, retired

2011

Ahmed Merchant, CEO of Merchant Investments, Inc

Alejandro Orozco, VP Fair Banking Officer at Bankers Trust

2010

Cyndi Chen (deceased)
Zeljka Krvavica, Case Manager with the Iowa Bureau of Refugee Services
Shazia Manus, Chief Strategy & Business Development Officer at AdvantEdge Analytics, CUNA

2009

Suku Radia, Bankers Trust, retired
Ying Sa, CEO/Managing Partner at Community CPA
Yogesh Shah, Director of Palliative Care at Broadlawn Geriatric and Memory Center
Sol Varisco-Santini, Assistant General Manager at H&K Manufacturing

2008

Penny Furgerson, Executive & Artistic Director at Gateway Dance Theatre
Doua Lor, Sergeant/Asian Outreach Resource Officer at Des Moines Police Department
Rohey Sallah, Iowa College Aid
Alma Reed Coon, Independent Associate at LegalShield

2007

Eric Idehen, VP Community Development Consultant at Wells Fargo
Alba Perez, retired
Swallow Yan, Executive Director for the Chinese Association of Iowa

2006

Luca Berrone, President of SACMI USA
Swati Dandekar, Owner at Thirty Ninth Street Strategies, LLC
Wangmeng Lee, Hmong Lao Foundation

2005

Juliet Cunningham
B.J. Do, CEO of ABC Virtual Company
Joe Gonzalez, Executive Director of Iowa's Latino Heritage festival
Sonia Parras-Konrad, Law Office of Sonia Parras
Liansuo Xie, Global CAD Manager at Marel Meat Processing Inc.

2004

Deniz Franke, financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
Dau-Shen Ju, Psychologist at Iowa City VA
Vinh Nguyen, ELL Assessment & Accountability Specialist at the Des Moines Public Schools
Surasee (See) Rodari, VP Consumer Services Manager at Bankers Trust
Claudius M. Sillah, Senior Internal Auditor at University of California Santa Cruz

2003

Som Baccam, Claims Medical Specialist RN at Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Company
Karuna Sayeed, Physician, retired
Isak Sivi, CEO of Real Optics, Inc.
Alicia Stessman
Fred Lorber (deceased)

2002

Sahar Al-Shash
Fasil Kebede, Utility Specialist at State of Iowa
Elizabeth Salinas-Newby, author
Kumsan Song, physician, retired
Mario Soria (deceased)

