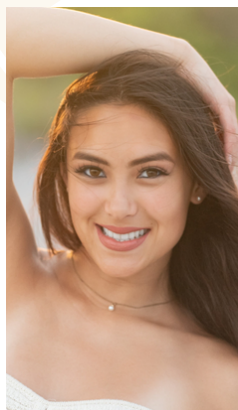


PINOY PERSPECTIVES



A FILIPINO AMERICAN SOCIETY BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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Congratulations Scholarship Recipients



Raelyn Lund plans on attending Iowa State University with a major in Communications. Raelyn has performed at Fil-Am groups in Omaha and Des Moines. She has volunteered her time with food and clothing drives and visiting nursing homes.



John Penalbar plans on attending the University of Texas at San Antonio with a major in Public Health leading to Pre-Medicine. John has been involved with the Filipino Culture Club, Philippine Nurses Association, and the Filipino American Chamber in San Antonio. He graduated with high honors in Health Careers High School!

Recent Event: Scholarship Potluck



Raelyn and John were recognized at the most recent Scholarship event.

The fundraiser event included fun raffle prizes like Reiman Gardens tickets, gift cards to the Filipino store, Top Golf, and more! We hope to see you at the next event!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Filipino Fiesta

June 14 - 11 a.m - 7 p.m.

Living History Farms
11121 Hickman Road,
Urbandale, IA

SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 13 - FAS Annual Gala

Dec. 6 - FAS Annual
Christmas

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Where are you from?

"I was born the Baguio City, Philippines, but was raised here in Knoxville, Iowa after being adopted. I currently reside in Ankeny."

When/ how did you join FAS?

"I joined shortly after attending the 11th Annual Filipino Gala and also talking to Melodie Barlaw about it; she approached me about my interest in the group."

What does FAS mean to you?

"FAS is more than just an organization—it's a family. It represents culture, connection, and community. It's a place where we celebrate our heritage, support one another, and create opportunities for the next generation of Filipino-Americans. Through my work in FAS, I hope to preserve our culture and encourage future generations of Filipino-American men and women to be proud of their heritage and take on leadership roles."

What are your interests/hobbies?

I love playing basketball when I'm not watching it. I love singing karaoke with friends, and I love the arts - from photography, videography, to acting, and dancing! But most of all, I love being with my family and friends.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you ready for an unforgettable vibrant fiesta with fellow Filipino members?

On June 14, 11 a.m. at Living History Farms In Urbandale, there will be food, music, and live performances!

We're also still looking for volunteers for the event! If you're available, sign up [here](#).



DONATIONS APPRECIATED



We're excited to host our upcoming Filipino Fiesta with the community! To make this event a success, we're kindly asking for donations.

We have to put together an [Amazon gift list](#) where you can find our biggest needs.

If you prefer to send money, you can find the "Donate" button on our website. Any contribution - big or small - will make a meaningful difference.

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