



Michele Bumgarner Named Filipina Women's Network Global 100

San Francisco, CA – Michele Bumgarner was recently honored at the 10th Annual Filipina Women's Network Leadership Summit as one of the FWN's Global 100™. Honored in the *Emerging Leaders* category, Michele along with one hundred very accomplished and inspiring women from around the world, were recognized as the most influential Filipina women in the world during a black-tie gala at the Mark Hopkins InterContinental hotel in San Francisco.

The Most Influential Filipina Women in the World Award™ recognizes Filipina women who are influencing the face of leadership in the global workplace, having reached status for outstanding work in their respective fields and are recognized for their leadership, achievement and contributions to society. "Filipina women have migrated all over the world to seek economic empowerment – their collective stories will be the largest recorded diaspora of modern times. The Global 100™ Awards is historic and the most apt to celebrate FWN's 10th anniversary," stated Marily Mondejar, FWN CEO.

For Michele, the honor speaks to her entire career and historical accomplishments that have contributed to Philippine motorsports both at home and internationally. Michele was noticeably moved for the recognition and equally inspired to be among a truly impressive gathering. Michele stated, "I am so honored and humbled to be included in the FWN Global 100, to be the face of Pinoys in racing on the Mazda Road to Indy. I really look forward to working closely with all the women in the Filipina Women's Network to do my part to serve the Filipino community."

The Filipina-American Mazda Road to Indy Driver has broad support from her home country including that of Mazda Philippines, as she takes the next steps to further her career in open-wheel racing. Fellow honoree, Ms. Delle Sering, Chief Executive Officer of the Seven Seven Corporate Group commented, "Every woman would dream of acquiring Michele's personality and determination. She acts, speaks and most importantly thinks like a winner. Michele is truly a leader and a role model to all and is a woman I dearly respect!" Michele is gearing up for competition in the Pro Mazda Championship in 2014, the second step in a three-tier Mazda Road to Indy program that helps drivers earn their place in IndyCar. Michele is currently the only woman competing in Pro Mazda.

Michele joined honorees from a worldwide selection of Filipinas that are influencing their communities, organizations, their industries and their professions. Also honored with the 2013 Kapuso Award, Allan Pineda Lindo, better known as Apl.de.Ap, with the Black Eyed Peas. A fellow Filipino-American, Apl was honored for his extensive work on behalf of children in the Philippines.

Michele accepted the honor wearing a couture gown created by her brother, Filipino fashion designer Mark Bumgarner.

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Michele Bumgarner Accepts FWN Global 100 award
L to R: Susie Quesada, President; Marily Mondejar, CEO and Founder; Michele Bumgarner;
and Elena Buensalido Mangahas, Chair

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