

The Micronesia Conservation Trust Congratulates 2020 BRMC Graduate

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The Micronesia Conservation Trust and partners of the Micronesia Challenge (MC) are proud to congratulate, Lincy Lee Marino, for completing her graduate program as a recipient of the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge (BRMC) Scholarship.

The Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge (BRMC) Scholarship Program was inspired by William (Bill) Charles Raynor (Feb. 22nd, 1957-Sept. 1st, 2015), one of Micronesia's lead conservation pioneers. He engaged in significant and meaningful conservation work in Micronesia for over 30 years. He helped to establish/strengthen several non-

governmental organizations that are now leading conservation and sustainable development efforts in Micronesia. He supported and mentored emerging environmental leaders who have the passion and the potential to continue the conservation initiatives and maintain the Micronesia Challenge commitment, which he was instrumental in establishing. His initial contributions to the BRMC now allows two students from the region each year to be supported in their graduate education. The scholarship fund aims to contribute to the development of effective conservation of Micronesia's biodiversity and the promotion of sustainable livelihoods across the region.

In 2019, Lincy Lee Marino, the sixth graduate of the BRMC, from Palau, was one amongst the 3 students awarded the) Scholarship. In the Fall of 2020, she completed her Master's in Sustainable Management from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Over the course of her academic year, she successfully balanced her full-time job as a researcher at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) with being a full-time graduate student. She also serves as Palau's core member to the Micronesia Challenge Socioeconomic (SEM) measure's group.

After graduating, Ms. Marino will continue to carry her roles as a researcher at PICRC and as a core member of the Micronesia Challenge SEM team. She is passionate about ensuring that Palau does not endanger their pristine environment in exchange for better economic standing. Thus, she sees a greater need to integrate sustainable management practices to preserve the environment along with Palau's cultures and traditions.