

Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino



■ **Feb 8, 1960:** Born in Manila. Only son of **Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino** – shot dead on his return from exile in 1983 to lead democratic opposition against dictator **Ferdinand Marcos** – and late former president **Corazon Aquino**, who took oath after 1986 “People Power” revolt

■ **1981:** Earns degree in economics from elite Ateneo university in Manila before joining family in exile in U.S.

■ **1983:** Returns to Philippines, jobs in several positions in private sector

■ **1987:** Survives coup attempt against his mother – one of five bullets to hit him still lodged in his neck

■ **1988:** Elected to Congress, wins re-election in 2001 and 2004

■ **2007:** Elected to Senate

■ **Jun 30, 2010:** Sworn in as president after landslide election victory on anti-corruption platform, promising to investigate alleged wrongdoing of outgoing President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo