



# Philippine Nurses Association of Central California

**PNACC ELECTION 2024  
CANDIDATES PROFILE**

# President-Elect



**Rizza Elep**  
**BSN, RN, PCCN**

## **Rizza Elep**

BSN, RN, PCCN

**Professional Profile:** Staff Nurse IV, Telemetry  
Elected PPC – Professional Performance Committee Chair  
Kaiser Permanente Medical Center

**PNACC Position:** Assumed different roles with PNACC, I started as Board of Directors in 2014-2016, worked my way up as Secretary, PRO, and Vice President. Currently as Secretary 2022-2024. Served as Chairperson for Education Committee, speaker on PNACC's educational events x2, collaborated with CNSNA – California Nursing Student Association of Fresno State for educational event via Zoom. Supported all activities/events of PNACC. Recipient of CSJVC – Central San Joaquin Valley Coalition RN of the Year in Education category 2022. PNAA iLDP – Leadership Development Program graduate in 2021. Joined the PNAA Western Region Camp Aruga Leadership Bootcamp 2023. Attended the PNAA National Convention in Long Beach July 2024.

**Personal Statement:** Engage, Encourage and Empower Nurses through application of knowledge and experiences as evidenced by healthy individuals in society.

# Vice President



## Laura de Vera

BSN, RN, LL.B.

**Professional Profile:** Nurse Manager – 2W Medical Oncology Unit/Outpatient Infusion Center. Saint Agnes Medical Center.

**PNACC Position:** Current PNACC Asst. Secretary. Perpetual liaison for PNACC's events/affairs. Volunteers at HGFFA "Daniel's Pantry" Food distribution drive. Recognized as a graduate of PNAA iLDP – Leadership Development Program at the National Convention in New York 2023. PNACC's nominee for CSJVC - Central San Joaquin Valley Coalition RN of the Year in Innovation Category 2024. Recipient of the PNACC's Excellence Awards in Nursing Administration in 2022.

**Personal Statement:** Promote and support the vision, goals of PNAA and PNACC events, activities and platforms. Show commitment and dedication to serve PNACC by working collaboratively with the Executive Board.

**Laura de Vera**  
**BSN, RN, LL.B.**

# Secretary



**Jenniver M. Westfall**  
**BSN, RN**

## **Jenniver M. Westfall**

BSN, RN

**Professional Profile:** Staff Nurse II – Medical-Surgical Unit  
Kaiser Permanente Medical Center.

**PNACC Position:** PNACC Secretary in 2016-2018, headed the Decoration Committee during those years. Attended the PNAA International/Global Convention in Manila, Philippines 2016. Supported all annual events, community outreach programs, education and fundraising events of PNACC.

**Professional Statement:** If elected as Secretary, I will do my best to serve PNACC in all my capabilities effectively. I will strive to uphold the positive image of the organization and actively participate in professional and cultural activities that help promote professional excellence and the welfare of all its members.

# Treasurer



**Cherry Alacar-Moore**  
BSN, RN, CMSRN

## **Cherry Alacar-Moore**

BSN, RN, CMSRN

**Professional Profile:** RN III - Clinical Practice and Development  
Community Health System

**PNACC Position:** Current Treasurer and past Executive Board member 2022-2024. Served as Chairperson of the Scholarship Awards and Co-Chair of the Nurse Excellence Awards Committees. Continuously supports PNACC's annual events, educational, community outreach and fundraising events.

**Personal Statement:** My commitment to this Association is equivalent to my commitment to Nursing. I am a growing nurse leader that wants to inspire others to grow into the best nurse that they can be. I am a proud Filipino nurse in the Central Valley, and I am proud that for the past 4 years, I have served such a prestigious organization through Philippine Nurses Association. I have learned a lot through my previous roles, and I would love to continue to learn from my amazing colleagues because all of them are a wealth of knowledge. I stand with our organization's vision, and I'd like to continue to serve as long as I can. If I were elected Treasurer, I'd like to push myself more in this next term. I'd like to attend conferences and more leadership activities. I'd like to participate in a different committee aside from the ones I serve and previously served. It will hopefully be a term for more growth.



# Auditor



**Jennifer S. Martizano**  
**BSN, RN**

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BSN, RN

**Professional Profile:** Professional Development Practitioner - PACU.  
VA Central California Healthcare System

**PNACC Position:** Current Executive Board member. Co-Chaired Nurse Excellence and Scholarship Awards Committee 2022-2024. Joined the PNAA Camp Aruga Leadership Bootcamp in October 2023. Attended Western Region Conference in Maui and the International/Global Conferences in Iloilo January 2024. Facilitated Medical Mission in Iloilo in collaboration with PNAOW and PNAH.

**Professional Statement:** Over the past 2 years, it has been my privilege to serve the Philippine Nurses community as the Nurse Excellence and Scholarship Awards Chairman. During this time, I have been deeply committed to recognizing and celebrating the outstanding contributions of our fellow nurses, as well as supporting the educational advancement of our future leaders. The work we've done together, honoring excellence and fostering growth was incredibly rewarding. Witnessing the impact of these awards on the lives and careers of our recipients has strengthened my belief in the importance of this role. With this in mind, I would like to express my desire to continue serving in the capacity of being an Auditor. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to such a vital cause. I look forward to continuing this journey and building on the successes we've achieved together.

# PRO – Public Relation Officer



**Athena M. Oliquiano**  
**BSN, RN, NP**

## **Athena M. Oliquiano**

MSN-AGNP, RN,

**Professional Profile:** Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, Community Living Center  
VA Central California Healthcare System

**PNACC Position:** Current Executive Board member, active member in the events committee, spearheaded the “Zumbathon” in May 2023. Joined the “Fun Run” in 2021. Recognized by PNACC as Nurse Excellence in Advance Practice in 2019. Joined the PNAA Western Region Camp Aruga Leadership Bootcamp in October 2023.

**Professional Statement:** My nursing philosophy as a nurse practitioner is to give tailored care to the veteran's I serve by recognizing their unique circumstances, educating patients and their families, and giving unwaveringly compassionate, high-quality care. The same holds true in all my endeavors including my aspiration to be in the PNACC board to achieve success, I must be a strong advocate for PNACC members and a good representative of advance practice in nursing. My leadership and connections inside the VA will assist PNACC in expanding and being proactive in community outreach, in which I am so frequently engaged.

# Board Member



**Carolyn S. Perez**  
**BSN, RN, CCRN**

## **Carolyn S. Perez**

BSN, RN, CCRN

**Professional Profile:** ICU RN - Intensive Care Unit  
Saint Agnes Medical Center

**PNACC Position:** Active member 2019-2022, Board of Directors 2022 up to the present. Helped develop PNACC website, Chairperson and Co-Chair of the Website and Education Committee 2020-2022. Speaker on Sepsis Updates x2 PNACC educational events in collaboration with CNSA – California Nursing Students Association of Fresno State. Joined all the activities, initiatives and major events of PNACC. Recipient of PNACC's Excellence Awards in Education.

**Professional Statement:** As an educator with a deep commitment to the nursing profession, my philosophy centers on the belief that continuous learning and knowledge-sharing are key to advancing our field. In my role with the PNACC, I am dedicated to serving by continuing to be a speaker in educational seminars and actively supporting our education committee. By doing so, I hope to inspire and empower our members to pursue excellence in their practice, ensuring that we, as a community, continue to grow and thrive together.



# Board Member



**Raumelia S. Bautista**  
BSN, RN

## **Raumelia S. Bautista**

BSN, RN

**Professional Profile:** Staff Nurse – CPCU, Cardiac Progressive Care Unit.  
Clovis Community Medical Center

**PNACC Position:** Executive Board member in 2020-2022. Supported all activities of PNACC including annual events, community outreach programs, educational and fundraising events.

**Professional Statement:** Committed to promote, advocate for and protect the health, safety and rights of people from all walks of life regardless of gender & ethnicity. PNACC upholds the same dedication through its well-planned projects & outreach programs. Thus, I am truly grateful and fully support this organization.

# Board Member



**Marie M. Baybay**  
**BSN, RN, NP**

## **Marie M. Baybay**

MSN-AGPCNP-BC, RN

**Professional Profile:** Primary Care

VA Central California Healthcare System

**PNACC Position:** Active member and fully supported all the programs and fundraising activities of PNACC. Nominee for Excellence in Clinical Nursing category 2023.

**Personal Statement:** I possess the knowledge and skills necessary to provide the highest quality standard of care, cost effective and individualized care and positive patient and family outcomes in a variety of health care settings. Possesses supervisory experiences and leadership skills that I can leverage to recruit members of PNACC and develop retention strategies. I identify myself as a diligent individual who is professionally accountable, compassionate and possesses well honed interpersonal skills that are applicable to both patients and colleagues. A team member who is dedicated to delivering the highest quality of patient care to a diverse population and is dedicated to excellence.

# Board Member



## **Bernard V. Payongayong**

MSN-Ed, RN, CNOR

**Professional Profile:** Nurse Manager – Community Living Center  
VA Central California Healthcare System.

**PNACC Position:** Active member and supported all the activities of the year and provided monetary support to all the initiatives. Recipient of PNACC's Excellence in Nursing Education Award in 2023.

**Professional Statement:** Approximately 5 years ago, I became a member of PNACC while collaborating with Cecilia Utleg in the VA hosp. I was the educator for the Critical services and the perioperative services during that period. Currently, in a different capacity as a Nurse Manager in the Community Living Center. I was an OR nurse with exceptional clinical proficiency and leadership skills. I am able to elicit respect from my peers and exude confidence. PNACC holds a special place in my heart, and I am confident that I can make a significant impact on the community and its members by demonstrating my dedication and education.

**Bernard V. Payongayong**  
**MSN-Ed, RN CNOR**

# Board Member



**Analie C. Antero**  
**BSN, RN, CCRN**

## **Analie C. Antero**

BSN, RN, CCRN

**Professional Profile:** Cardiovascular Unit RN  
Saint Agnes Medical Center

**PNACC Position:** Executive Board member in 2020-2022, Supported all PNACC events and affairs including annual Dinner Dance, fundraising events and other community services.

**Professional Statement:** As an elected officer and board member of PNACC, my commitment is to foster unity, collaboration and professional growth within our community. I believe in empowering Filipino nurses by providing them with the resources, support and opportunities they need to excel in their careers and positively impact healthcare. My goal is to actively recruit new members by promoting the value of PNACC, highlighting the benefits of membership, continuing education and networking that our association offers. I am dedicated to creating an inclusive and supportive environment where all members feel valued and are motivated to contribute to the advancement of our profession and community. Together, we can strengthen the legacy of Filipino nurses in Central California and beyond.



# Board Member



**Ma. Victoria De Castro**  
**BSN, MAN, RN**

## **Ma Victoria De Castro**

BSN, MAN, RN

**Professional Profile:** Patient Care Coordinator, Case Manager – Case Management & Utilization Review Department. Kaiser Permanente Medical Center

**PNACC Position:** Active member since 2009. Supported all annual and special events of PNACC and participated in the community outreach programs especially the monthly food distribution at HGFFA.

**Professional Statement:** Nursing is a diverse profession. Nurses in every setting demonstrate their commitment, continually improve their nursing practice by engaging in different aspects of Nursing. I am committed to continue my love of nursing and every aspect that comes with it. Being a case manager/coordinator provides me with opportunity to advocate for patients and their families to experience quality nursing care in appropriate level and use every resources available appropriately.

# Board Member



**Guia Arceo**  
**BSN, RN**

## **Guia Arceo**

BSN, RN

**Professional Profile:** Clinical Nurse II – 4N Med-Surg  
Clovis Community Medical Center

**PNACC Position:** Board of Director 2016-2018. Recipient of PNACC's Nurse Excellence Award in Community Service in May 2022. Active in the monthly community service/food distribution "Daniel's Pantry at HGFFA – Holy Ground Family Fellowship of America. Supports PNACC's annual Dinner Dance as the "Master of Ceremony"

**Professional Statement :** I am committed in supporting the advancement of the Nursing profession and enhancement of patient care through active participation in the nursing organization. As an elected Board member of PNACC, it is my duty to encourage and cultivate the cooperation and partnership among fellow nurses advocating for change in nursing policies that will benefit our patients and the nursing profession. I am confident in the voice of our organization in ensuring that the highest standard of care will be implemented in our practice and in the care of the community that we serve.

# Board Member



**Shelly Reyes**  
**BSN, RN, CPN**

## **Shelly Reyes**

BSN, RN, CPN

**Professional Profile:** Charge Nurse – Day Surgery  
Valley Children's Hospital

**PNACC Position:** Active member. Supports PNACC's annual events. Nominated and received the Excellence Awards in Clinical Nursing 2023.

**Professional Statement:** As a passionate advocate and dedicated leader, I am committed to using my experience and expertise to serve as a board member. With a background in nursing, autism advocacy, and as the founder of a globally recognized program that supports special needs children, I have developed a deep understanding of the importance of inclusive, compassionate leadership. My mission is to ensure that every individual is valued and supported. I am driven by a strong belief that leadership is about serving others, empowering voices, and creating meaningful change. With the knowledge I have gained through personal and professional experiences, including mentorship and team-building through my participation at the SMD Academy, I am deeply committed to promoting inclusion, fostering resilience, and advancing opportunities for all, especially the most vulnerable. I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate, lead with integrity, and make a lasting impact on the communities I serve.

# **PNACC Nomination and Election Committee**

**Submitted by:**

**Mila E. Nino**

**PNACC Past President 2020-2022  
Chairperson - Nomination and Election Committee**