

# BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

## VICE PRESIDENT (ELECT ONE)



### Gloria Chan DNP, CRNA



I am honored to be a candidate for the office of Vice President. I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), providing anesthesia for all types of procedures and surgeries. I state this with a huge amount of pride, as I first and foremost consider myself a strong nurse clinician.

I have maintained my clinician side while serving leadership roles in Sigma on the local, national, and international level. On the chapter level, I served as president for the Upsilon Chapter, helping to obtain our first Chapter Key Award. I served as the Region 14 Coordinator, aiding chapters in my region while also serving as a UN Youth Representative to the Nightingale Initiative for Global Health (NIGH), working in tandem with Sigma UN Youth Representatives toward understanding and educating nurses regarding UN issues and goals. Currently, I serve on the Board of Directors for the Foundation of Nursing understanding the business and charitable arm of Sigma.

A primary goal I have has been to support and guide nurses who are younger and newer to the profession. Mentorship is near and dear to me, inspiring me to establish a mentorship program in the Rutgers University nurse anesthesia program and guiding me toward researching mentorship in the nurse anesthesia community. Just as Sigma has always supported me through my career from novice nurse to expert clinician, I strive to give back to our nursing community.

Sigma is a strong international organization consisting of members from more than 100 countries, representing the very best that nursing has to offer. As we have seen and always known, diversity matters. Inclusivity matters. As a global organization, Sigma's executive board should be diverse and inclusive with board members

reflecting various backgrounds and nursing experiences.

Members are the most important part of Sigma, and as such we should listen to their wants and their needs from this global organization. The age-old question Sigma and its chapters are always presented is: how can we be the organization for nurses of ALL backgrounds and get them to be involved? As a Chinese American staff CRNA with 13 years of nursing experience—that is a challenging proposition, one which I would work diligently to advocate for.

If elected as Vice President, my priorities would be:

- Promoting diversity and inclusivity within our organization.
- Championing Sigma to understand and have real time responses to social activism issues that occur around the world.
- Encourage further social engagement online due to our now digital reliance.
- Continue our global outreach with other nursing organizations that strengthen the field of nursing.
- Create new strategies and focus on different topics to engage our clinician focused members to increase their involvement with Sigma.

It is a privilege to be considered for the office of Vice President and thank you for your continued involvement with Sigma.