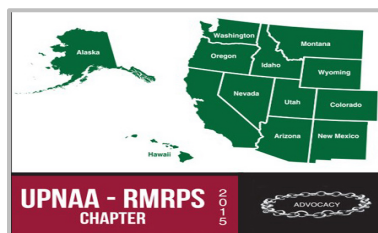


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,

Congratulations to UPNAAI on its 47th Annual Education Conference and Convention to be held from July 31 to August 1, 2026, at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, 400 Renaissance Drive, Detroit, MI 48293. This year's theme, "Nurses: A Force Amidst Challenging Issues and Emerging Trends in Health Care," resonates deeply with our collective mission.

I am humbled to have been recently elected as the President of the UPNAA-RMRPS Chapter for the 2026-2027 term. While I am new to this leadership role, I have been actively involved in various capacities since our inception in 2015.

I would like to honor two iconic personalities who passed away this year: Mrs. Floresinda "Mama Flor" Sison-Castelo, GN'50, UPNAAI Founder and First UPNAAI President, and Nelson L. Borrero, UP College of Law, '73. Their invaluable contributions shaped this organization. Together with other deceased alumni and associate members, may perpetual light shine upon them, and may they rest in peace.

On a lighter note, please join me in congratulating all the 2026 UPNAAI Awardees – JVSotejo Medallion of Honor Awardee; UEA Awardees; UpROSE Awardees; and especially to my classmate, Norma A. Yabut, GN'68, for her well-deserved Excellence in Humanitarian Service Award. For the Jubilarians, enjoy the Gala, especially as you receive the UPNAAI Legacy Medallion, a symbol of your enduring legacy of kindness, generosity, and camaraderie.

I feel very fortunate to be mentored by senior officers as I navigate my new role. This chapter remains committed to supporting our two perennial donees: Casa de Luz, Las Vegas, NV, which provides essential food and career services to the community, and IHHELPP, which works to improve health, housing, education, and livelihood of the poor in the Philippines. In alignment with our sister chapters, we continue to support UPNAAI through yearbook ad solicitations, convention attendance, assistance to the UPCN undergraduate students, fundraising projects, and dedicated volunteer service which reflects our mission and vision.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our profession and our local and international communities. I look forward to working together to make this upcoming year a success and seeing many of you at the convention.

Sincerely,

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