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Dear UPNAAI Alumni in California,

2026 has been an extraordinary year for the University of the Philippines Nursing Alumni Association International, Inc. (UPNAAI)—a year marked by meaningful accomplishments, renewed connections, and continued commitment to our shared mission.

This year, we proudly provided full scholarships to eight UPCN BSN students and recognized 24 outstanding individuals through our achievement awards. We celebrated the success of our 3rd Annual Balik-Turo, welcomed the UPNAA New England Chapter as our 8th living UPNAAI chapter in the United States, launched an upgraded UPNAAI website, and gathered in Detroit for a memorable 47th Annual Convention.

In 2027, we are bringing the celebration home to California, in the vibrant city of Burbank.

Returning to the birthplace of UPNAAI during our odd-numbered convention years is always a meaningful occasion. Yet, we believe next year can be even more special—not only because we are returning to where our UPNAAI journey began, but because it presents an opportunity to revitalize, rebuild, and reenergize the UPNAA California Chapter.

We recognize and sincerely appreciate Wendy Vaughn and her Board of Directors for their dedication, leadership, and willingness to step forward and serve the California nursing alumni community. Your commitment and efforts have helped keep the chapter moving forward, and we are deeply grateful for all that you have contributed.

As we look toward the future, we are now inviting UP alumni nurses and friends throughout California to come forward and be part of the next chapter. Whether through leadership, membership engagement, event planning, communications, mentorship, fundraising, or simply sharing your ideas and enthusiasm, every contribution matters.

This is an opportunity to reconnect with fellow UP nurses, strengthen our alumni community, and help create a vibrant California Chapter that reflects the spirit, excellence, and bayanihan that have defined UPNAAI for more than four decades.

California is where our story began. Let us come together to help write its next chapter.

If you are interested in joining the revitalization effort, serving in a leadership capacity, or simply learning more about how you can contribute, please reach out to me at <mailto:ldwyer.upnaai@gmail.com>. Your interest, ideas, time, and support would be warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Let us make our return to California in 2027 more than a convention—it can be a homecoming, a renewal, and a new beginning for UPNAAI in California.

With warmest regards and in the spirit of UPNAAI,

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