

**A PNA-IN CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION OF ITS 'OFFICERS, MEMBERS, NURSING LEADERS,
LEGISLATORS AND SUPPORTERS**

By Mattie Upano, MSN, RN

Photos by Van Gaviola



PNA-IN held its' first in-person induction after the pandemic on August 27, 2022 at the Murat Shriners Arabian Room in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. It was a very sunny warm day and despite the traffic created by the bike race and the final preseason game between the Indianapolis Colts vs Tom Brady & the Buccaneers, PNA-IN dignitaries, awardees & guests came in record numbers and on time to celebrate the 12th PNA-IN Induction, Awards and Fundraising event.



2022 – 2024 PNA-IN Executive Board Inducted into office by Dr. Gloria Lamela Beriones, PNAA President



Dr. Gloria Lamela Beriones, Inspirational Guest Speaker.



Mattie Upano, PNA-IN President



2022 MSN Education Grant Awardee
With Dr. Gloria Lamela Beriones



Maricris Barrientos, BSN, RN
Josie Jimenez, and Michelle McKee



PNA-IN Outstanding Member of the Year Awardee Eleanore Wilson, MA, RN, NE-BC



The PNA-IN Induction was a celebratory event to recognize and honor outstanding PNA-IN members and significant leaders who contributed to the successful passage of HB 1003 into law.



Governor Eric Holcomb was presented by PNA-IN with Healthy Indiana Advocacy Award!
At the Governor's Residence on Monday August 1st, 2022



Representative Ethan Manning, author of HB 1003 Healthy Indiana Advocacy Awardee

with Mattie, Karleen & PNAA President Dr. Gloria Beriones



Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's Distinguished Hoosier Award was presented to Dr. Jason Gilbert by IU Health President & CEO Mr. Dennis Murphy;
PNA-IN Healthy Indiana Award was presented to Dr. Jason Gilbert by Mattie Upano



Dr. Jason Gilbert, IU Health Vice President & CNE & Mr. Dennis Murphy, IU Health President & CEO
With six (of 200) new Filipino nurses at University Hospital at IU Health. L – R: Patricia Inesoria, Melode
Cabrera, Kizell Canono, Cherry Bisaya, Ellen Castellano, and Stephanie Tan



Dr. Sharron Crowder, Nursing Policy Advocacy Awardee with Dr. Beriones & Rep. Manning



Dr. Katherine Feley, ISNA Executive Director, PNA-IN Nursing Policy Advocacy Awardee with
Mattie & Chuchi Esteleydes, PNA-IN President-Elect



Far right: ISNA Executive Director Dr. Katie Feley, PNA-IN's Nursing Policy Advocacy Awardee received the Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's Distinguished Hoosier Award and PNA-IN's Nursing Policy Advocacy Award on behalf of Mr. Blayne Miley, ISNA Director of Policy and Advocacy, a long enduring collaborator/supporter of PNA-IN in its' legislative advocacy for FENs' RN licensure in Indiana.

Health Workforce Advocacy Awardees from IU Bowen Center Health Workforce Policy

Courtney Medlock, MPH
Assistant Director Policy/Strategy

Hannah Maxey, PhD, MPH, RDH
Bowen Center Director/IU Associate Professor



Nursing Policy Advocacy Awardees:

Jean Putnam, DNP, RN, CPHQ, NEA-BC
EVP, CNO Community Health North



Rachel Spalding, DNP, RN, NEA-BC
CNO, Good Samaritan Hosp. Vincennes



In conclusion, as a testimony to the long-standing legislative advocacy of PNA-IN, please refer to the “Message of Rep. Manning to PNA-IN” below:



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The Philippine Nurses Association of Indiana (PNA-IN) has been a fantastic resource for not only their own members, but for all nurses across the state. Their support of House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1003 – 2022 extended far beyond their support during the legislative session. When the provisions of the bill were applied incorrectly, PNA-IN and I worked to make sure that the implementation of the legislation matched the intent behind it.

PNA-IN is an incredibly valuable resource for their members and focuses on collaborating with other organizations in their field. They work with some of Indiana's largest healthcare advocates and providers, like the Indiana State Nurses Association and IU Health. PNA-IN has experienced lots of growth and demonstrated that they are a strong voice for their

members and the rest of the Asian American community. The PNA-IN has also been very good about acknowledging achievements as they work towards their goals. They have been active in recognizing those who make big impacts by securing several of the Governor's Sagamore of the Wabash Awards, one of the highest honors that the State can give to Hoosiers.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic can still be felt in the nursing community. The PNA-IN and I both agree that HEA 1003 – 2022 is a step in the right direction and helps address some needs of the incredible nurses we have here in Indiana! HEA 1003 – 2022 looks to address Indiana's current and future nursing workforce shortage by implementing multiple solutions; including extending temporary medical licensure, attracting more foreign nurses to the state, and enhancing the ability for the state's various nursing student programs to graduate more nurses. My hope is that HEA 1003 – 2022 helps lighten the burden of those working hard to become a nurse while making sure nurses are achieving the high standards their field requires.

I am grateful that I can work towards the same goals as PNA-IN and that they have been such a strong ally. It is exciting that we can use both of our efforts to benefit Indiana's increasingly diverse nursing population in a tangible way!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ethan Manning', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ethan Manning
State Representative
House District 23



Sunday Brunch day after the PNA-IN Induction Gala at the Courtyard Marriott Indianapolis to cap off the celebratory event before out of town guests head back home. A town hall meeting with Dr. Beriones left one and all with food for thought!. With grateful hearts PNA-IN salutes you and bid you adieu till the next Induction and NCR Conference in Indy in 2024!

Additional Induction photos:



Dr. Crowder, Dr. Beriones & Mattie



PNA-IN Exec. Director Redd Knotts & Dr. Beriones



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2022 MSN Awardee Maricris “Kring” Barrientos – Award funded in Memory of Violeta McKee w/ Mattie, Janet & Dr. Gilbert & IUH Pres./CEO D. Murphy, Kring’s employer, Husband Mharlon, & Michelle McKee, PNA-IN Secretary & daughter of Violeta McKee.



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PNAA NCR VP Bong Dayon leading the “Dancing Queens”



NCI Pres. Marlon Alfonso w/ Barangay



PNA-CinNKy officers N. Mathur, D. Maquidato

Pres. Marife Callender & Board: Alex, Nati & Michael Romel Padillo & Richard w/ Bong



PNA-IN Donors, & family w/ new Filipino Nurses at IU Health
L-R: Drs. Lillie Mae Padilla & Gopal Krishna, Rep. Manning, Mattie, & Nicole, Barb & Erv Herman & Mattie's son in law Andy Zwickel; Chuchi, Dr. Beriones, IUH FENs, Ghaby & Bong