

Nurse Recognition Award

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A magna cum laude graduate of the University of St. La Salle–Bacolod and a double alumna of New York University, Dr. Po has achieved in just two years as an advanced practice nurse what many strive to accomplish in a decade.

Beyond her clinical and academic excellence, her roles as PRO of PNANJ Bergen Passaic County Subchapter, co-Chair of the Emerging Leaders Committee of PNANJ, and Vice President of Community Development for Junior Chamber International Philippine - New York exemplify her dedication for representation, empowerment, upliftment of her peers, and support for the Filipino-American nursing community.

Her leadership, innovation, and determined dedication to patients and the nursing profession also made her the recipient of the 2025 PNANJ Nursing Excellence in Advanced Nursing Practice Award and a model for the future for advanced nursing practice

Dr. Po has made an indelible mark on the nursing profession through a combination of practice excellence, innovative educational strategies, and unwavering commitment to community health. Her impactful contributions span various areas, including research dissemination, community health engagement, and leadership in health policy advocacy.

Through presentations at national conferences, community health involvement, and impactful publications, Dr. Po not only advances nursing practice but also inspires others to engage in lifelong learning and service. Her dedication to addressing health equity, enhancing educational strategies, and fostering community health exemplifies the essence of nursing leadership.

Dr. Po is a beacon of excellence—someone who not only dreams of a better healthcare system but actively works to create it for communities both local and global.

A message from Patricia: *I'm deeply grateful to the Lord for blessing me with my parents, my mentors at PNANJ and PNAA, my professors and clinical mentors at USLS and NYU, my coworkers, and all my family and friends whose unwavering support and belief have shaped me into who I am today.*