

PAA NEWSLETTER

Meet the New Leadership Team

President

Andre Khachaturian



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“My goal for the next year is to help set-up and implement a strategic framework in order to build the infrastructure of PAA and the board of directors. Additionally, my goal is to engage with current PAA members and those members-in-waiting to initiate programming that help to positively impact their learning experience as DH students and future public leaders.”

- Andre Khachaturians

Greetings Fellow Toros,

Welcome to the second edition of the PAA newsletter. A special thanks to all of you who gave us feedback and nominated folks to join our board. I am particularly excited to write to you this month as we celebrate the appointment of our new board members. Congratulations! I look forward to our collaboration.

Last month, I wrote to you about the importance of ethical and democratically focused leadership in the public sector. As protests over the terrible killing of George Floyd and other unarmed African Americans erupted in many parts of the country and the world, we, as public administrators, must re-dedicate ourselves to the values that builds and reinforces communities of color; honesty, humanity, accountability, and a moral slant towards social justice. It is up to us to create institutions that acknowledge the ugly, racist past of our nation and as such works towards a public sector that operates with integrity, fairness, and equality for all. That is, after all, what an ethical and democratically focused society needs to do.

Respectfully,

Andre Khachaturians is the Senior Director for Annual Campaigns & Advancement Services at CSUDH. He is an experienced fundraiser with 15+ years in higher education development and philanthropy. He specializes in comprehensive annual/individual giving programs and advancement services operations, staff management, compliance, budget development/management, and administrative oversight. Andre has raised millions of dollars for scholarships, campus improvements, and several other high priority initiatives at various colleges and universities in Southern California. Additionally, Andre helps operate the CSUDH Philanthropic Foundation (the university’s fundraising auxiliary); navigating yearly audits, setting and implementing policies and procedures, and day-to-day operations. Andre earned his BS degree in Business Administration and a minor in Economics from Cal State LA and his MPA from CSUDH. He was inducted into the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society in 2018. Andre is married to his college sweetheart, Maria, who is also a CSU alumna.

Vice-President

Germán Sánchez Acero



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Germán Sánchez Acero is a Front Office Supervisor for Providence Medical Institute where he has served since 2014. He is a subject matter expert overseeing a full-range of activities related to administrative facility operation and as a think-tank in health and advertisement. Germán attributes his professional accomplishments to his father and aunt who provided many opportunities to engage with local and international governments, as well as business affairs between Mexico and the United States. In addition to his service in school clubs, Germán has traveled internationally to serve the poor and vulnerable. Moreover, he is a mentor to teenagers, as well as a business entrepreneur. Germán received his BS degree in Health Care Management from CSUDH, graduating Cum Laude and his MPA with a specialty in Health Care Policy Administration. He was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha in 2020.

“As your Vice President of the PAA-CSUDH, I am committed to serve with distinction, commitment, and Veracity. I have developed outstanding experience as of the 4th grade when I was elected treasurer of our school cafeteria. Since then, I have contributed to the growth of the groups I have served and will continue to do so. I will support our President and

help our PAA-CSUDH have a stronger presence with student and local growth, cooperate with the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), an opportunity that will open doors at the national and international level for our PAA-CSUDH. Go Toros!” – Germán Sánchez Acero

Secretary

Suzan G. Robinson

Suzan G. Robinson is the Management & Program Analyst for the Security and Hazardous Materials Safety (ASH), Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (AXH), at the Federal Aviation Administration. Since 2009, she has served as subject matter expert overseeing a full range of activities for numerous administrative operations. Suzan attributes her professional accomplishments to her willingness to continue to grow and develop and to seek out opportunities. She is a Greater Los Angeles Federal Executive Board alumna (2010) and served as the local chapter President of Toastmasters (2015-2016) and Toastmaster Secretary (2014-2015); Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy Executive Planning Committee member and volunteer; ASH Change Champion for Organizational Improvement Project (OIP) (2016-2017). Suzan received her MPA with Public Management Concentration from CSUDH in 2017 and a BS degree in Finance from the University of Southern California in 1992. She was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha in 2017.



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“As the Secretary of the PAA-CSUDH, I am committed to serve with excellence, commitment, and integrity. I will work with other leadership team members to further the engagement of our fellow PAA members and build a stronger connection between the PAA-CSUDH and the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).” – Suzan G. Robinson

Treasurer

Johnny Thomas

Johnny Thomas is an adjunct faculty member in the College of Business Administration and Public Policy (CBAPP) at CSUDH. He teaches at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in the Department of Public Administration, including PUB301 Administrative Leadership and Behavior, PUB371 Health services Administration and Public Policy, PUB373 Health Policy, PUB570 Administration of Health Care Organizations, and PUB572 Legal Issues in Health Care Administration. Johnny currently holds a full-time position at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California. He serves as a Data Manager, Performance Improvement Facilitator and Interventional Services Project Coordinator for the Department of Surgery Administration, where he has worked since 1988. Johnny holds a bachelor's degree from CSUDH in Health Care Administration with a Minor in Public Administration. He also earned a Master of Public Administration from Dominguez Hills, graduating with academic honors. Johnny was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha in 2006. He loves spending time with family and has loads of interest including watching sports, outdoor gardening, fishing and playing golf.



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Rui Sun is an Associate Professor in the CSUDH Department of Public Administration. She received her Ph.D. in Policy Studies from the University of Maryland in 2009 and MPA from Auburn University in 2004. She also holds a MA and a BA degree in International Relations from Peking University, China. Dr. Sun's research focuses on government budgeting, public and nonprofit financial management, and social media utilization in nonprofit organizations. She has published in peer-reviewed journals and books. Dr. Sun has more than 10 years' experience in face-to-face and online teaching and is committed to High Impact Practices that encourage students to be lifelong learners. Dr. Sun has been serving on the Department Assurance of Learning Committee, CBAPP Teaching Policy Committee, University Education Policy Committee, and University Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee. She also serves on the board of ASPA Southern California Chapter and Student Engagement Committee of the California Society of Municipal

Finance Officers. Dr. Sun is the President-Elect of the China-America Association for Public Affairs, and Deputy Secretary of the Peking University School of International Studies North America Alumni Association. Dr. Sun was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha in 2004 and has been serving as the faculty advisor to the PAA-CSUDH since 2015. She is happily married and loves spending time with her husband and son when she is not working.

