

Dear UCSF Community:

As we celebrate National APP Week, September 21–25, we are honored to recognize the extraordinary contributions of advanced practice providers across UCSF.

This year’s national theme, **“The Pulse of Progress: APPs Powering Tomorrow,”** reflects something we see every day across our organization. APPs are caring for patients and families across the continuum, expanding access to care, advancing clinical practice, educating the next generation, leading teams, contributing to research and innovation, and helping shape how care will be delivered in the future.

Across our hospitals, clinics, procedural areas, and specialty practices, nearly 1,000 nurse practitioners, physician assistants, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and certified nurse-midwives bring extraordinary expertise, judgment, compassion, and leadership to our patients and communities.

During this year’s celebration, we are especially pleased to recognize the 2026 Exceptional APP nominees, whose contributions reflect the breadth and impact of advanced practice across UCSF:

Roxana Benavides, NP	Meaghan Jung, NP	Lisa McNey, NP	Hermil Claire Torreda, NP
Trese Biagini, NP	Kelly Kim, NP	Grace Osborn, PA	Katrina Unpingco, NP
Meagan Chan, NP	Daniel "Danny" Langston, NP	Vasean Patel, NP	John Conrad Uy, NP
Michele Evans, NP	Candacean Louise Lansenderfer, CRNA	Rebecca Ratcliff, NP	Robert Wallace, NP
Caroline Farless, NP	Helen Lau, NP	Matthew Sachs, NP	Angela Wen, NP
Sydney Gressel, NP	Melissa Lincks, NP	James Sardelis, NP	Lily Whitaker, NP
Zena Harvill, NP	Victor Liang, NP	Chrissy Smith, NP	Alix Wilson, PA
Simone Ippoliti, NP	Oscar Lleva, NP	Jessica Thai, NP	

Their recognition is also an opportunity to celebrate the larger APP community and the many ways each of you contributes every day. We hope you will join us throughout the week as we come

together to recognize our colleagues, celebrate our profession, and connect with one another.



To every APP across UCSF: thank you for the expertise you bring, the care you provide, the colleagues and learners you support, and the many ways you continue to move our organization and our profession forward. During National APP Week, we are proud to celebrate you, for the progress you are helping create for tomorrow and for the difference you make for our patients, families, colleagues, and communities today.

With gratitude and appreciation,

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