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# Who's Who in CEHA

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## Muhammed Khan



### EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

County of Alameda: Land Use  
Senior EHS

Greetings, colleagues. My name is Muhammed Khan and I am the current President of CEHA. I have been working as an REHS for 11 years now. In these 11 years, the field of environmental health has helped me in cultivating myself personally and professionally, and I have had to overcome many challenges in this process. The biggest challenge has been that of continuing to educate myself as the field of Environmental Health is constantly changing with new technologies, regulations, research, and ideas. As a CEHA member and an Executive Board member, my goal this year is to help CEHA move forward in gaining financial independence and creating a better partnership with CCDEH. I think this will help facilitate bringing the environmental health community together, and it is together that we can make the ultimate difference.

## Jahniah McGill



### EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT-ELECT

UC Riverside: Bachelor's  
Walden University: Master's  
County of Solano: Environmental Health  
Supervising EHS

I love Environmental Health!

Originally I became an REHS because it worked well with my personality and I could be very direct. Later, I found that I really respect what the intent is of what we do. I'm on the board to inspire others to be passionate about what we do and to show that Environmental Health is a profession, not a job.

## Graciela Garcia

### EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

CSU Northridge

Bachelor's: Environmental and Occupational Health

County of Ventura: Environmental Health

Supervising EHS

I strongly believe in CEHA's Mission Statement: "Dedicated to improving the quality of life and health through environmental education and protection."

I am very passionate and committed to the environmental health profession and am continually looking for ways to become more involved in enhancing it. I have been an active CEHA member since 2001. I have served four terms as Mission Chapter President and have been involved in several of CEHA's Annual Educational Symposium Planning Committees and several of CEHA's Educational Update Planning Committees. In addition, I am currently serving my second term representing CEHA within the Environmental Health Specialist Registration Committee. I am honored to have been elected CEHA's Vice-President for the 2017-18 Executive Board.

I encourage all environmental health professionals to become members of CEHA and to actively participate in the organization. It is critical that Environmental Health Specialists take interest in promoting and enhancing our profession. There is no better way to do this than through a reputable organization like CEHA committed to provide professional growth and development of the environmental health profession.



## Stephanie Percival

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

B.S.: Community Health Education

MPH: Hospital Administration

I recently retired as the Palm Springs Area Supervising Environmental Health Specialist after 31 years of service. I spent many years in various aspects of Environmental Health: food and pool inspections, plan check review, mobile home parks, organized camps, jail inspections, tobacco decoy program, temporary events, and employee training. I helped design and administrate a countywide food worker training program, as well as create public information bulletins and conduct policy review. I have served on many county, community, and joint agency committees, as well as conducted industry training classes in pool operation, food handling, camp operation compliance, and regulations to the California Mobile Home Park Act. I spent many years assisting in writing departmental policy and guidelines and spearheading numerous task force groups combating illegal vending. I served on the statewide Food Inspection Standardization Committee and helped implement food-borne illness response guidelines. I received a commendation from the Riverside County District Attorney's office for my work on environmental health guidelines and procedure for misdemeanor case filings.



## Ric Encarnacion



### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Bachelor's: Medical Technology/Preventive Medical Technician (US Navy)

MPH: San Diego State University

County of Monterey: Assistant Director, Environmental Health Bureau

CEHA members exemplify the best in our profession. Aside from the range of technical expertise from all things Environmental Health, you will find motivated EH professional leaders who strive to uphold and elevate the quality standards of what we do. The cooperation and collaboration between rural and urban counties, cities, industry, and academia are highlighted in our Publications, Annual Educational Symposium, Updates and the many local chapter events which often result in long-term relationships that produce positive health and sustainable outcomes. We have even forged solid partnerships with our counterparts at the federal and state agencies as well as our military service-members. On the international scene, through the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) we share expertise and professionals with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) North Western Region in the United Kingdom. With CEHA you have the opportunity to expand your professional outlook by networking with others who face the same challenges as you do, and most of all become part of a bigger legacy of those who choose to do what is right for the benefit of all!



## Deepa Dillikar

### EXECUTIVE TREASURER

MPH: Environmental & Occupational Health

County of Santa Clara

Environmental Health Specialist

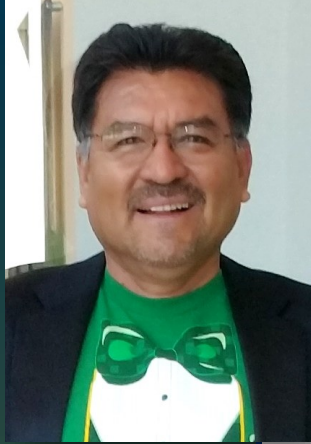
I have extensive background and research experience in Environmental Health specializing in food safety, lead poisoning intervention, and molds. I conducted pilot studies for childhood lead poisoning prevention, molds, and asthma, and I presented award-winning posters and oral presentations on childhood lead poisoning, indoor air quality, and molds at annual American Public Health and Florida Environmental Health Association conferences. My publications include topics such as motor vehicle air pollution and asthma in children, a meta-analysis in an environmental research journal. I have written successful grants on childhood lead poisoning intervention, asthma research, and food inspections. My most recent accomplishment includes a self-assessment grant for the County of Santa Clara for the FDA voluntary retail program standards. I also secured FDA grant funding of \$300,000 for the Pasadena Health Department in 2012 for a food inspection tablet system.



## Ricardo M. Serrano

### **SOUTHWEST CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

National Trujillo University, Peru  
 University of San Francisco  
 County of San Diego: Local Enforcement Agency  
 Supervising EHS



I have been a CEHA member since 1991 and served in all leadership positions of the CEHA-Redwood Chapter. I have over 27 years of experience in the Environmental Health field. I am the Past CEHA Technical Section Chair in Hazardous Materials and the current CEHA Technical Section Chair in Solid Waste. I believe that environmental and public health protection can be achieved while fostering the economic development of the community.

## Darryl Wong

### **NORTHERN CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

UC Berkeley  
 County of San Benito: Environmental Health  
 Director



Why Environmental Health? A fellow college alumnus became an REHS and told me this was a job suited for me. She was correct as I have never looked back or for something new after becoming an REHS! However, this job is not for everyone from what I've seen over the years.

I want to help CEHA grow and flourish and feel my experience can help the organization. CEHA has done much for me in my career, and serving on the board is my way to give back to CEHA and its membership.



## Melisa Custer

### **MISSION CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

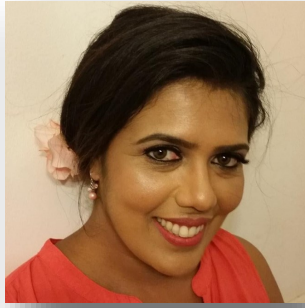
Loma Linda University  
 Master's: Environmental and Occupation Health



I am convinced that the most successful and efficient path towards protecting public health and the environment lies in preventive action. Taking on the role of President for Mission Chapter allows me to pursue my goal of promoting preventive action by supporting continuing education and participation in the Environmental Health community.



# Shannon Ariyaratne



## SOUTHERN CHAPTER PRESIDENT

UCLA: Bachelor's Biology  
 La Verne: Master's Leadership and Management  
 County of Los Angeles: Environmental Health

I enjoy the dynamic and diverse nature of the profession. Every workday comes with a unique set of experiences and challenges. Having been exposed to environmental health in the United Kingdom and Zambia, I have learned that all environmental health officers speak one language. Being able to network with such professionals is extremely rewarding. I enjoy teaching public health principles to the public and making a difference in the community. The greatest satisfaction and appreciation I receive is when I hear "Thank you" from the community I serve.

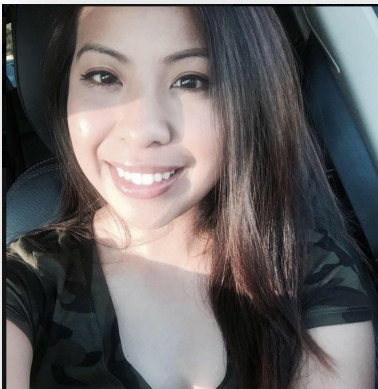
CEHA is an excellent professional network and learning opportunity for all. I welcome all environmental health professionals to the Association and encourage them to become brighter stars of the profession.



# Melissa Nano

## CITRUS CHAPTER PRESIDENT

UC Riverside  
 Cal State University Fullerton  
 County of San Bernardino: Local Enforcement Agency  
 (Solid Waste, Medical Waste, and Body Art)



My father was an Environmental Health Specialist. As a child, I knew of only two things he did—he'd go to restaurants, and his car had boxes of grade cards. For a good portion of my childhood, I always thought he'd eat at these restaurants and grade them according to taste. I thought, "this is cool, I want to do that," but after becoming an Environmental Health Specialist myself, I quickly learned that was the opposite of what we do. I enjoy the growth and challenges...I enjoy being part of the bigger picture of protecting our environment and communities.

I have been attending CEHA meetings and events since I was an intern. I want to continue my growth in CEHA not only because I appreciate the networking aspect of CEHA, but also because I enjoy being surrounded by people who genuinely care about their profession and its growth. It has been an encouraging and empowering experience, and I am excited for all the great things CEHA has for this year!

# Ana Daniels



## **SUPERIOR CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

CSU Sacramento  
 B.S.: Dietetics  
 Sacramento County: Environmental Management

As a student of Dietetics, I was introduced to environmental health by one of my professors. Soon, I began working for Sacramento County as an intern. Although the work that environmental specialists perform is most always in the shadows, the prospect of impacting the health of those who live in and visit Sacramento motivated me to change my career.

I've attended several AES's over the last few years and they've given me the opportunity to meet a lot of amazing people who dedicate their personal time to bring those in our field support and educational opportunities. I decided to join CEHA because I want to take part in paying back to those who have already given so much.



# Sharyn Jupp



## **REDWOOD CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

Bachelor's: Biological Science, San Jose State  
 Santa Clara & Marin counties: Environmental Health

I worked in two counties inspecting food and pools for 31 years—Still love it!! I am the President of the Redwood Chapter because I am passionate about Environmental Health and I want this organization to succeed and to continue to be a great resource.



# Marissa Castillo



## **CENTRAL CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

UC Santa Cruz  
 California Department of Pesticide Regulation

I enjoy keeping the public safe and contributing positively to my community. I want to be on the CEHA board to provide a voice for the Central Chapter and to ensure a wide variety of trainings are made available to CEHA members.



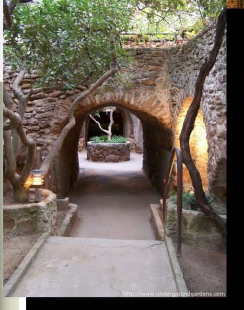
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