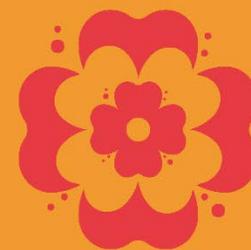


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## Khine Arthur



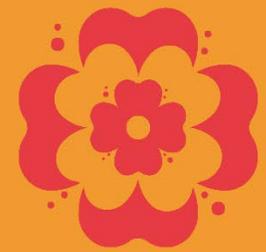
Khine Arthur is passionate about creating connections~ connection between our mind and body, connection between our goals and challenges, connection between people that are meant to create amazing collaborations.

Circumstances brought her to the Lehigh Valley in 2013 after she received her Ph.D and had just started at Mitsui & Co. headquarters in Tokyo. Circumstances brought her an opportunity to help women, children and labor migrant workers with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Jakarta and then back to the Lehigh Valley in 2015.

She founded a small business in 2016 with a sole intention of helping women in her community that survived domestic violence and sex trafficking. Between 2016 and 2020, the small, homemade skincare company based in Pennsylvania reached more than 22 countries and connected with over 2 million people. Khine also became a yoga teacher and a reiki practitioner while pursuing more education in anatomy science, FMVA and ERM in between hosting online talk shows and making her products.

In 2021, she started a new chapter with Asian American Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Philadelphia, an organization that was built with an intention to make meaningful connections.

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## Nirmal Joshi, MD FACP

Dr. Nirmal Joshi is an experienced physician executive and Chief Medical Officer for Population Health for Mount Nittany Health System in State College, PA. He is also the President of the Joshi Health Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization in Mechanicsburg that he founded and one that provides free clinical care for vulnerable populations around the Hershey-Harrisburg area. He has provided leadership for many health systems both in the United States and in international settings. In addition to health care leadership he has enjoyed taking care of patients and has had a distinguished career in medical education of students and residents. He has won numerous teaching and leadership awards, including being recognized as one of “100 hospital and system CMO’s to know” by Becker’s Hospital Review. He currently serves as the Chair of the Board for the statewide Pennsylvania Safety Authority. Over the last decade, through his association with the Pennsylvania Medical Society, he has run training and mentorship sessions for physicians seeking guidance and training in executive leadership.

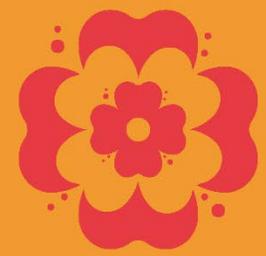
Nirmal has a passion for innovation and creativity in health care, particularly in the area of Population Health and transformation of health care systems; the latter has involved areas such as clinical quality and patient safety, patient experience, health care IT, as well as chronic disease management. He also helped start a for-profit health system in India as a planned arrangement through Harvard Medical International.

In addition to his accomplished professional career in Medicine, Nirmal enjoys a keen interest in the Arts. He regularly blogs and writes columns in local and national news publications and has published a non-fiction book entitled *Five drops of Estrogen*, describing the strong influence of five women in his life. He has published extensively both in medical journals as well as in the lay press including a popular Op-Ed piece in the *New York Times* outlining ground breaking innovative work in patient satisfaction and doctor-patient communication. He has written and produced two full-length amateur digital films. One such film, *Hippocratic Oath*, focused on the medical malpractice problem existing at the time. His various contributions to culture, diversity and medicine in the Harrisburg area led him to be recognized by the Harrisburg SusqueCentennial Commission as one of 150 Living Legacy contributors, individuals who “through thought, word and deed have contributed to the growth and well-being of the Capital City and have served a vital link from its proud past to its shining future.”

Nirmal has been keenly interested in the importance of connections between the body and the mind and how such connections can be leveraged positively to promote well being and happiness. This interest and passion has contributed to his very popular community-service lectures on “Happiness”, which he has delivered to numerous audiences including Rotary Clubs, government employees and physicians.

While living in Harrisburg, Nirmal and his wife Renu have raised two children, Disha and Rajat. His wife, Renu is a practicing Endocrinologist.

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## Pan-Asian Dance Troupe



Pan-Asian Dance Troupe is proud to be the University of Pennsylvania's premier Asian fusion dance team that actively works to bridge culture and identity with performance.

We collaborate across graduating classes to self-choreograph pieces that originate from across the Asian continent and then mix these styles with modern Western styles to mirror many of our own living stories. From ancient cultural myths to personal experiences of loss and joy, our Troupe also works hard to share our stories and culture at our annual February show and local performances in the greater Philadelphia area. We use every aspect of our dances, including music, costumes, expressions, and props, to bring viewers into our world.

***Untamed*** - Mongolian Dance (Chinese Ethnic Minority Dance)

**Elaine Fan** - Class of 2023

**Sylvia Tang** - Class of 2023

**Angelina Yu** - Class of 2025

**Audrey Hsu** - Class of 2023  
**Cherie Sio** - Class of 2023  
**Grace Kuang** - Medical Student  
**Jessica Im** - PhD Student  
**Justin Chu** - Class of 2024  
**Michelle Gong** - Class of 2025  
**Norman Chen** - Class of 2023  
**Raymond Shen** - Class of 2023  
**Stephan Xie** - Class of 2024  
**Tyler Lian** - Medical Student

***Flight*** - Chinese Wushu Martial Arts Demonstration

**Jason Zheng** - Class of 2023  
**Stephan Xie** - Class of 2024

***Solitude*** - Chaoxian Dance (Chinese-Korean Ethnic Minority Dance)

**Cherie Sio** - Class of 2023  
**Audrey Hsu** - Class of 2023  
**Hannah Wang** - Class of 2026  
**Jessica Im** - PhD Student  
**Rebecca Wang** - Class of 2026  
**Rosanna Jiang** - Class of 2024  
**Stephanie Bi** - Class of 2024

***Mistflare*** - Pandanggo Dance (Philippine Folk Dance)

**Kaiyuan Chen** - Class of 2024  
**Allison Liang** - Class of 2026  
**Bonnie Chen** - Class of 2026  
**Christine Yan** - Class of 2026  
**Grace Kuang** - Medical Student

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## Rose Hanh Yuan



Rose Hanh Yuan (pronounced You Won), a Toastmaster, Realtor, and Realtist, started her career in real estate in Cleveland, Ohio in 1998.

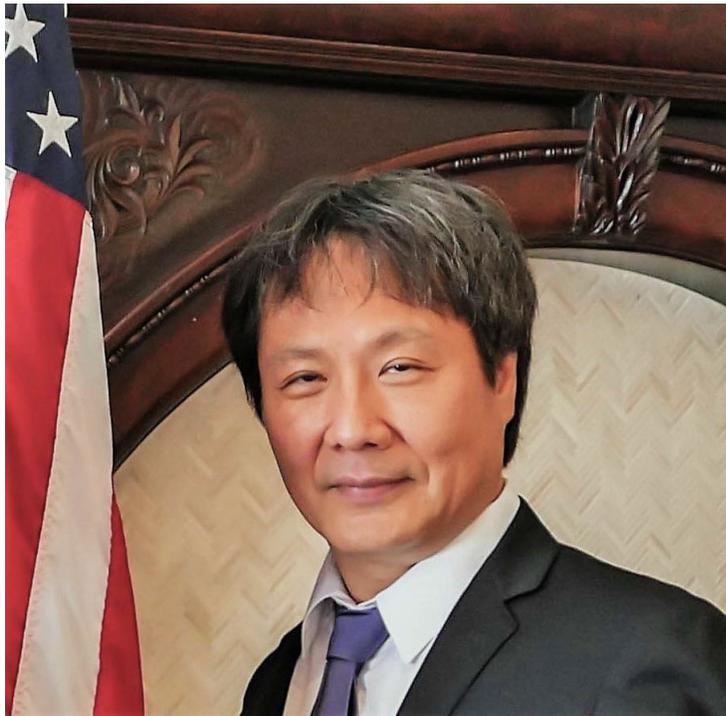
She was the first Vietnamese realtor in her community. There, she was honored with the Professional of the Year Award in 2000. In 2021, she became the first Asian American Vice-President of Bucks County Association of Realtors and Co-Chair of their Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee. In addition to being active in the local, state, and national REALTOR Associations, she is also a member of the four minority trade real estate associations.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and is currently finishing up her Masters of Science in Strategic Brand Management. She is an Advisory Board member of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce Greater Philadelphia. Finally, she is currently serving as Founding President of The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Asian Real Estate Association of America.

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## Ren Egawa



Ren Egawa is a globally minded business leader and the founder and CEO of Rexcel Group, providing innovative solutions to major corporations by integrating components sourced from Pennsylvania's startup companies. Felicite Moorman, recipient of EY's Entrepreneur of The Year® Award, emphasized how being a part of Rexcel's solution accelerated her Philadelphia startup's recognition and reputation in the Asia Pacific region at an unprecedented pace. Ren is a veteran tech industry leader with over 30 years of experience, renowned for his visionary approach in driving transformative industry shifts. He has appeared in Nikkei Electronics 40th Anniversary edition to offer national strategies to revitalize Japan's electronics industry, and has received prestigious awards, including recognition for his contributions to converging broadcast and communications industries.

A resident of the Greater Philadelphia since 1993, and a naturalized US citizen since 2003, Ren actively engages in supporting local cultural organizations, serves as vice president of Board of Directors at Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia and is a member of Opera Philadelphia's Community Advisory Council and The Philadelphia Orchestra's Ambassador Circle.

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## Indah Nuritasari



Indah Nuritasari is a Community Development Specialist in Philadelphia with expertise and experience working with the refugees and immigrant communities in the Philadelphia area. She also has extensive experience working in the media and nonprofit sectors in Indonesia and Germany. She currently serves as a Commercial Loan/Technical Assistance Provider at the Cooperative Business Assistance Cooperation (CBAC). She is also the founder of Indonesian Lantern Media, a media company focusing on the Indonesian and AAPI communities.

Indah speaks several languages, including Indonesian, Malay and German. She earned a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degrees from the University of Indonesia and completed an Executive Program in Social Impact Strategy at the School of Social Policy and Practice at the University of Pennsylvania.

Indah Nuritasari has been a writer, translator, journalist and community activist for more than 20 years. She helped establish the first independent journalist union (The Alliance of Independent Journalists) in 1994, when Indonesia was still under the Suharto regime. Indah's work and writings amplify the voices and give the immigrant communities a space to document and share their own stories and to improve the AAPI's representation in the media.

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## Somaly Osteen



Somaly Osteen graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and an MBA in Organizational Management. She has more than ten years of experience working for multiple non-profit organizations.

Somaly's career started in the country of Cambodia while taking part in community engagement, advocacy, and development to bring positive changes and impact in the community.

Somaly is currently working as Director of Programs and Operations for the Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia overseeing programs and operations that thrive to support local businesses, entrepreneurs, and communities to grow. Somaly has helped bring over 1 million dollars in grant and loan money for small businesses at the neighborhood level that were impacted by the covid-19 pandemic.

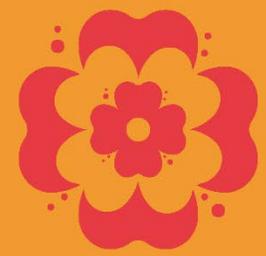
Throughout her career in the city of

Philadelphia almost a decade ago, Somaly received several awards recognizing her outstanding performance as an employee and an individual:

- Woman of Distinction Rising Star
- Earl Harvey Grassroots Award
- AL DIA 40 Under Forty Honoree
- Rising Star Award
- Social Innovation Award
- Instigator Award
- Outstanding, Dedication, and Positive employee

Somaly believes that sustainable development starts with each individual and that sustainable change can come through unity.

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## Paresh Birla



Paresh Birla is Chairman of the board of directors for Council of Indian Organizations in Greater Philadelphia, Advisor board member for Asian Chamber of Commerce in Greater Philadelphia and a board member for PAN Asian Association in Greater Philadelphia.

He is a dedicated leader and advocate for the Indian-American, Asian community in the Greater Philadelphia area. He has worked extensively with at-large communities and carried out various community-based events (social, economical and ethnic) and encouraged collaboration with the community at large.

He enjoys interacting with various community members and working towards a common goal of uplifting the community at-large (inclusive of ALL) in various segments, including business, entrepreneurs and social. He believes that one step at a time is still better progress than no steps at all.

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## **Susan Noh**

Susan Noh is a dedicated leader and advocate for the Korean American business community in Greater Philadelphia, currently serving as the President of the Korean American Chamber of Commerce. With a strong commitment to promoting economic growth and fostering meaningful connections, Susan actively works to support and empower Korean American businesses.

With her extensive experience in the real estate industry, Susan has founded and successfully led multiple companies, demonstrating her entrepreneurial acumen and industry knowledge.

In her free time, Susan enjoys networking, exploring business opportunities, and engaging in community initiatives to promote economic empowerment and cultural exchange.

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## Sue Cheng



**Founder/President,**  
International Chinese Arts Society of  
Americas

**Founder/President,**  
ABD International, LLC  
*- A bridge to the future*

**Board of Directors, MLCCC**  
**Advisory Board, AACCGP**  
**Advisory Board, PAAGP**

Sue Cheng is the founder and president of the International Chinese Arts Society of Americas. The Society is a **501(c)(3) non-profit** organization dedicated to international arts exchange and collaboration to bring communities together to celebrate different cultures and to facilitate greater understanding and mutual trust in neighborhoods with diverse cultural backgrounds. To celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, in partnership with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Society is hosting a fantastic Chinese and Western Art Showcase in Philadelphia between May 13 and May 27.

Sue also founded ABD International (ABD) in 2013 to assist US companies and government organizations in establishing business relationships with China. For over a decade, Ms. Cheng has been committed to Sino-US business development and cultural exchange.

Under Ms. Cheng's leadership, ABD has organized many business development and cultural exchange events in the US and China to bring together government officials, educators and business leaders from both countries. Among these events, ABD co-organized and co-hosted Chester County's first Sino-American Summit in 2013.

Ms. Cheng also played a crucial role in establishing the sister-municipalities relationship between Chester County and the YongChuan district of Chongqing, China. She was instrumental in establishing a friendly relationship between the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry and the Chongqing Chamber of Industry and Commerce, China. In 2014, ABD International successfully arranged and supported the Chester County Commissioner's trip to the 17th China Chongqing International Investment and Global Sourcing Fair. As part of the Chester County China Initiative, ABD International organized several Chester County leadership delegations to visit the city of Chongqing and other cities in China.

For many years, ABD International has helped arrange inter-government and business conferences and annual visits between Chester County and the local government of Chongqing, China. Recently, ABD has worked with Dr. John Baker (John H Baker Endowment) and West Chester University to successfully co-host a group of famous Chinese artists from China for a three-day art exhibition, with live teaching and demonstration of Chinese Calligraphy and Painting at the John H Baker Gallery in West Chester University.

Sue is currently a member of the Mainline Chinese Culture Center (MLCCC) board of directors, where she taught Chinese Calligraphy and Painting (2014-2016). She is also on the advisory board of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia (AACCGP) and the Pan Asian Association of Greater Philadelphia (PAAGP).

Before founding ABD International, Ms. Cheng was an IT project manager at Siemens and had over ten years of experience in software and mechanical engineering.

**Education:**

MS in Computer Science BS

MS in Mechanical Engineering

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## Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Multi-Agency Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Planning Committee

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