



**CIRCLE
OF EXCELLENCE 2026**



Sacramento Area Chapter
Excellence in Chapter Leadership Development

The Sacramento Area Chapter, California, recognizes its intentional approach to cultivating leaders aligned with AACN’s “On Purpose” theme. The chapter prioritizes leadership continuity through annual transition meetings focused on reflection, strategic planning, SMART goal development and comprehensive board orientation. A structured shadowing model for the president-elect and treasurer-elect roles provides hands-on leadership experiences, ensuring smooth transitions and organizational stability. Leadership development extends to future nurses through the Student Ambassador Program, which connects nursing students to mentorship, professional engagement and early leadership opportunities. Strategic goals emphasize increasing membership engagement and expanding outreach through purposeful programming and partnerships. Past leaders remain involved as mentors, creating a multilevel leadership culture that promotes sustainability and growth. These initiatives have strengthened engagement, built a strong leadership pipeline, and demonstrated our commitment to advancing excellence in critical care nursing leadership.