I am very pleased to announce that Prof. Khoa (Joey) Dang, MSN, RN, FNP-C has assumed new leadership responsibilities within the College of Graduate Nursing as the **Director of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program.** In his new position, Prof. Dang will provide leadership and supervision for the Family Nurse Practitioner faculty and staff and work closely with the leaders throughout the college and across campus. Prof. Dang spent the last several months working with Dr. Christine Magladry, interim director of the FNP program, preparing for this role.

Prof. Dang completed his Associates Degree in Nursing at Chaffey College and received his BSN from California State University, Fullerton. He continued his education and obtained a Masters of Nursing Science/Family Nurse Practitioner from Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona and earned his FNP certification through the American Association of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board. Prof. Dang is scheduled to complete his Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in July 2018.

His past nursing experience includes patient care in critical care, emergency nursing and critical care transport. Prof. Dang held leadership positions in nursing administration as well as nursing education over several years. Prof. Dang also works as an Education Ambassador with Janssen Pharmaceuticals to deliver pharmaceutical education to advance practice providers, completes HAZMAT firefighter physicals and works in both Urgent Care and Internal Medicine settings as a FNP.

Currently, Prof. Dang serves the nursing community through advocacy for advance practice nursing as the Legislative Representative for the Greater Pasadena Chapter of the California Association for Nurse Practitioners (CANP) and is a member of the state-level Health Policy and Practice Committee for CANP. He is an active member of Sigma Theta Tau and functions as the Treasurer of the WesternU chapter, Phi Alpha. In 2016, Mr. Dang was recognized and was selected as a Jonas Nurse Scholar, representing WesternU at a nationwide attended conference in Washington, DC.

Please join me in congratulating Joey Dang as our Director of the FNP Program.