

## *PSMA President's Greeting*

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Greetings to the Pennsylvania Society of Medical Assistants (PSMA)! My name is Jennifer Gonzalez. I am your new State President!

I reside in Adams County with my husband, our 12-year-old son, and two pets: Thunder (shorthair cat) and Stryker (Belgium Malinois puppy). During my free time, I enjoy traveling, reading books and watching my son play soccer.

I obtained my CMA(AAMA) credentials in 2014 and became actively involved with PSMA in 2016. I currently work at Harrisburg Area Community College, as Assistant Professor with the Medical Assisting Certificate, Credit Program. In addition, I continue to provide quality care to agricultural workers across Pennsylvania with Keystone Health Agricultural Worker Program.

My vision for PSMA is to create an inclusive community where every medical assistant feels valued and supported. I am passionate about education. Education is at the heart of what we do, and I hope to forge strong connections with schools and students, ensuring that learning and growth are accessible to all. My commitment to accessibility extends to our continued education, which will be offered both online via Zoom and in-person.

My main challenge lies with our membership and volunteers. Currently, PSMA has been run by a dedicated team of 5 members for the past 4 years. We're concerned that without additional volunteers and support, our society may face the risk of disassembly.

I encourage everyone to actively engage with your fellow peers at work, share your insights, and participate in our PSMA events and initiatives. We rely on your support to ensure the continuation of our organization. Without it, we may not be able to continue offering continued education within our state, and we will transition to becoming members at large with AAMA.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be your President. Together, we can build a community where passions meet purpose and where every medical assistant's journey is celebrated and empowered. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

Yours truly,

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