



### **Sun-Ming Jessica Pan '19PH**

It is with a heart of heartfelt gratitude to introduce myself as one of the incoming Mailman Alumni Board members of 2021. I embarked on this endeavor of service to give back and help shape an institution that has given me and continues to give me so much. As we approach the anniversary of the School's centennial, I am excited to bring my unique experiences in advocacy, healthcare

business, and research to ensure the next 100 years is even brighter for our community.

My name is Sun-Ming Jessica Pan, a graduate of the MPH epidemiology program in 2019. I was born in Los Angeles, CA but spent most of my formative years in Shanghai, China and Taipei, Taiwan living through many public health disasters: the Jiji earthquake, deadly typhoons, and the SARS epidemic. It is my international upbringing and understanding of interdependence at a young age that led me to volunteer amid land and floating villages in Cambodia, and clinics in Kenya and Puerto Rico. While I identify myself as a global citizen with responsibilities that extend beyond the American democracy, I also understand the growing issues we have on our own soil. During my time at Columbia University, I co-founded Columbia University's inaugural Gun Violence Action Week, a weeklong program of interprofessional workshops lectures, and discussions addressing the current U.S. gun violence epidemic and served as the staff lead during the inception of Columbia University's COVID-19 Student Service Corp in March of 2020.

To me, one of the most important pillars of the public health discipline is collaboration. It is my hope that my commitment to the Alumni Board can lead to giving students a voice, staff and faculty a place, and alumni the time to help us envision how great it can be for the next 100 years.