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Meet PM Ready's New Leadership Members



Director of DEI

Hafsa Sheikh (College)
Princeton University, NJ

I am a freshman at Princeton University. I am interested in psychology and education and hold a keen interest for entrepreneurship.



Director of Speaker Bureau

Germaine Essen (Grade 11)
Western School of Technology and Environmental Science, MD

I am a high school junior from Maryland. I am deeply passionate about leadership and aspire to gain the necessary skills to become a catalyst for positive change in communities.



Director of Ambassador Engagement

Sophia Zheng (Grade 12)
Herbert Hoover High School, WV

I am an aspiring business professional working to become a voice for underprivileged communities. I am interested in advocating for small businesses, female empowerment, and educational equity.



Learning Success Coach

Jessica Jiang (Grade 11)
Eldorado High School, IL

I am a junior from a small town called Eldorado in Illinois. I have a passion for community service and STEM. I am always looking for ways to combine the two through impactful projects.



Learning Success Coach

Jessica Jiang (Grade 11)
Eldorado High School, IL

I am a junior from a small town called Eldorado in Illinois. I have a passion for community service and STEM. I am always looking for ways to combine the two through impactful projects.



Director of PM Ready Kids

Elaine Chao (Grade 5)
Colin Powell Academy, MD

I am a fifth grader from Colin Powell Academy in Maryland. I want to learn project management because it is about doing amazing things with amazing people. I want to introduce the learning to other young students like me.



Agile and the Suzuki Violin Method

Have you thought about the connections between music and project management?

I started to learn violin when I was 6. Like other young violin learners, I started with the Suzuki violin method. More than a textbook, it is a violin teaching philosophy conceived in the mid-20th century by Shinichi Suzuki, a Japanese violin salesman. This method emphasizes small, incremental progress in learning.

Just as in agile, where projects are broken down into small, manageable iterations, Suzuki students learn through a series of incremental steps. For example, when I learn a scale, I started with playing one note on a bow, then two notes in a bow, and then four notes and eight notes.

Agile focuses on continuous improvement through regular retrospectives and feedback. In the Suzuki Method, students regularly review previously learned pieces, refining their technique and musicality over time. For example, while I learned a new piece, I always reviewed a previous piece.

[Read more about this blog](#)

Readings recommended for PM READY KIDS



In this volume, Elaine Chao, Director of PM Ready Kids, recommended the following books on project management for elementary school students.

Mei Lin (author). Yoyo Chang (illustrator). Brandy Patton (editor). Angie Morles (translator). *Mommy is a Project Manager*. 2020. ASIN: B08KH61X6R. Pages: 31
Key words: Ages 3-5. Mom. Project manager.

Evelyn Chao. *Project ABCs for Aspiring Changemakers*. 2024. ISBN: 978-1962997607. Pages: 59
Key words: Ages 10-24. Project management concepts. Change making.

Jaelyn N. Eley, & Lynnecia S. Eley.
The Brave Ninja: Nasir Finds Confidence. 2024. ISBN-13: 979-8330476183. Pages: 28.
Key words: Ages 5-8. Fear. Confidence. Courage.

[Check out PM Ready's Updated Reading List](#)



Online Course for Aspiring Project Leaders

Enroll in our online course, “Project Management for Youth,” designed for aspiring changemakers!

Developed by PM Ready founder Evelyn Chao, this course provides youth with a systematic introduction to the fundamental concepts, knowledge, and tools in project management.

Whether you are a student club/nonprofit leader, a youth entrepreneur, a scout, or a military-affiliated cadet, you can take advantage of the course to become more effective and agile leaders and changemakers.

PM Ready ambassadors can take the course FOR FREE!

Course Highlight

- Traditional methodologies enhanced with an emphasis on agile frameworks
- All of the 10 project management areas covered
- 30 engaging videos created with subtitles added to meet different learning needs
- 100 knowledge-check quiz questions to help you gain immediate feedback and stay motivated
- 10 scenario-based case studies inspiring you to put the knowledge into application for immediate impact
- 4 unit wrap-up activities to build an interactive learning community
- Time Commitment: Approximately 8 hours.

Register for the Course

Become a PM Ready ambassador to take the course for free



October Events

October 6, 2024. 8-8:40 PM EST

Hispanic Heritage Month Talk: A Hispanic Leader's Journey in Project Management

Speaker: Gabriel Alvaro, Project Manager of GovEx Academy, The Johns Hopkins University.

Facilitator: Evelyn Chao, Founder and President of PM Ready

October 14, 2024. 8-8:40 PM EST

Webinar: Project Management Core Concepts Made Simple

Speaker: Varun Anand, Co-founder of EduHubSpot, author/speaker/mentor

[Register for an event or](#)
[watch previous event recordings](#)



PM Ready is for everyone, no matter who you are.

We would like to work with students, professionals, scholars, industry and community leaders, nonprofits, and local businesses, to train and empower the next generation of leaders with project management.

We also welcome collaboration from PMI Chapters and PMI-certified professionals to promote youth and social impact initiatives and build an intergenerational community of learning and practice.

Join our cause and help us grow!

- Become a PM Ready Ambassador
- Recommend a book on project management
- Share your project story
- Deliver your book talk to a diverse, intergenerational audience
- Offer a virtual lecture or workshop to youth
- Publicize your youth-facing projects, programs, initiatives, or internships
- Let us help you train your volunteers on project management
- Donate to support us

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