



**KAISER PERMANENTE SERVES AS PRESENTING SPONSOR OF TGR EDU: CREATE**

*STEM instructional education at the forefront for Southern California teachers*

**IRVINE, Calif.** (November 1, 2016) –The Tiger Woods Foundation and Kaiser Permanente have a successful history of collaborating on endeavors to enrich the lives of low-income youth and families in Orange County. In an effort to expand on that success and deepen our collective impact in Southern California, the Tiger Woods Foundation is proud to have the support of Kaiser Permanente in bringing high-quality STEM programs to educators. Throughout 2016/2017, Kaiser Permanente will serve as a key partner of the Tiger Woods Foundation's teacher professional development program, TGR EDU: Create.

Through Kaiser Permanente's generous donation, the Tiger Woods Foundation's TGR Learning Lab in Anaheim will host the 2016 STEM Seminar on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Mark Costa, Kaiser Permanente Orange County's Senior Vice President, will be on site on November 9<sup>th</sup> to help kickoff this exciting sponsorship and make a formal check presentation to the Tiger Woods Foundation.

"Kaiser Permanente is proud to support the Tiger Woods Foundation's efforts to expand STEM education into our schools. As a health care leader, we know first-hand the importance that STEM plays not only in our communities, but in our everyday lives. We look forward to joining in the educating of tomorrow's leaders," stated Costa.

Kaiser Permanente's contribution will bring hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) professional development programs and instructional education to science and math teachers primarily serving low-income communities.

The partnership affords teachers with an opportunity to be trained in project-based science and math lessons that are aligned with the National Education Standards; learn the valuable use of technology to enhance daily instructional practices; and implement evidenced-based positive youth development teaching techniques.

Before launching TGR EDU: Create on a national scale, the Tiger Woods Foundation, with Kaiser Permanente's support, will pilot the program at the TGR Learning Lab in Anaheim during the 2016/2017 academic year. TGR EDU: Create plans to train 500 local math and science educators, who will then directly impact 12,500 youth, bringing them high-quality STEM education into their classrooms.

"We are excited to work with Kaiser Permanente to support teachers as they develop lessons that engage, excite and inspire all students to consider a career in STEM," said Dr. Katherine Bihl, Vice President of programs and education at the Tiger Woods Foundation.

The Tiger Woods Foundation thanks Kaiser Permanente for their support of the launch of TGR EDU: Create in Southern California. As advocates for education, the Tiger Woods Foundation and Kaiser Permanente set out to unleash the full capacity of teachers, in hopes of better preparing students for today's jobs, and the ones that don't exist yet.

### **About the Tiger Woods Foundation**

Where you come from shouldn't mean failure. At the Tiger Woods Foundation, it doesn't. Our programs break the cycle of poverty with college-access opportunities for low-income students. At TGR Learning Labs across the country, scholars in grades 5-12 are immersed in an interactive STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) curriculum. Here, they make the connection between school and career, while planning a road map to college. Tailored to the needs of the first-generation scholar, the Earl Woods Scholar Program provides college scholarships coupled with an unyielding support system. But we don't stop there. Through dedicated mentors, professional development workshops and internships, our one-to-one philosophy ensures the success of our students in college and beyond. See how our scholars are smashing the cycle of poverty at [tigerwoodsfoundation.org](http://tigerwoodsfoundation.org) and [@TWFoundation](https://twitter.com/TWFoundation).

## **About Kaiser Permanente Southern California**

Kaiser Permanente is committed to helping shape the future of health care. We are recognized as one of America's leading health care providers and not-for-profit health plans. Founded in 1945, our mission is to provide high quality, affordable health care services to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. We currently serve more than 4 million members in Southern California. Care for members and patients is focused on their total health and guided by their personal physicians, specialists and team of caregivers. Our expert and caring medical teams are empowered and supported by industry-leading technology advances and tools for health promotion, disease prevention, state-of-the-art care delivery and world-class chronic disease management. Kaiser Permanente is dedicated to care innovations, clinical research, health education and the support of community health. For more information, go to: [www.kp.org/share](http://www.kp.org/share). Kaiser Permanente Orange County currently serves more than 530,000 members through a network of approximately 7,000 employees and 1,000 physicians. For more information, go to: [www.kp.org/orangecounty](http://www.kp.org/orangecounty).

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