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Kaiser Permanente Executive Honored by UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

Ozzie Martinez, MPH, receives the Ira Alpert Service Award in recognition of his commitment to mentorship and developing future health care leaders.

Harbor City, Calif., May 6, 2022 — The Health Policy and Management Alumni Association of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health honored Ozzie Martinez with the [Ira Alpert Service Award](#) at their annual [“Leaders of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow”](#) event on May 5, 2022. Martinez received a Master of Public Health at UCLA in 2003 and currently serves as chief administrative officer at Kaiser Permanente South Bay in Harbor City, California.

The award recognizes Martinez’s commitment to developing the next generation of public health leaders. He regularly serves as a mentor to student interns, guest lectures MPH courses and professional development workshops, and hosts an annual “Day on the Job,” allowing students to shadow him in his leadership role.

“Mentorship has always been important to me because I understand the value of representation and seeing people who look like you in leadership,” remarks Martinez. “Helping grow the health care visionaries of tomorrow is a true honor and responsibility. I firmly believe that every person can make a powerful impact in their community.”

With over 20 years of health care experience, Martinez directs medical group operations at Kaiser Permanente South Bay medical center, as well as medical offices in Carson, Gardena, Harbor City, Long Beach, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Signal Hill, and Torrance. He sets the strategic direction for medical group operations impacting quality, the patient care experience, access to care and financial performance of the medical group at Kaiser Permanente South Bay, which provides care to more than 260,000 members.

About Kaiser Permanente

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, Kaiser Permanente has a mission to provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. We currently serve almost 12.5 million members in 8 states and the District of Columbia. Care for members and patients is focused on their total health and guided by their personal Permanente Medical Group 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.

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