

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

HIRINGS, PROMOTIONS, BOARD MEMBERS AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS IN SAN DIEGO



HEALTHCARE



Michelle Gaskill-Hames

Michelle Gaskill-Hames Named President of Kaiser Permanente Southern California and Hawaii

Michelle Gaskill-Hames, BSN, MHA, has been named as regional president of Kaiser Permanente Southern California and Hawaii. Gaskill-Hames will lead the health care organization's focus on providing integrated, high-quality health care and coverage in partnership with the executive medical director of the Southern California Permanente Medical Group. Kaiser Permanente provides care and coverage for nearly 5.2 million members in Southern California and Hawaii across 17 hospitals and more than 200 ambulatory facilities. Gaskill-Hames served as interim president since April 2023 following the retirement of Julie Miller-Phipps. "Michelle uses her deep operational knowledge and strategic focus to ensure that our members consistently receive high-quality care and service at every touchpoint," said Janet Liang, executive vice president, group president and chief operating officer, care delivery, for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Hospitals. Gaskill-Hames began her career at the bedside as a neonatal intensive care registered nurse. In the 15 years prior to joining Kaiser Permanente, she delivered leadership vision, drove cultural transformation, and executed successful outcomes at several health systems. Gaskill-Hames also spent 8 years in strategic planning and operations improvement consulting in the health care practices at both Huron Consulting and PricewaterhouseCoopers. Gaskill-Hames serves on several professional and community boards of directors, including the California Hospital Association executive board, the Integrated Healthcare Association executive board, the boards of the national Healthcare Standards Institute, and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.



FIFTH THIRD BANK

BANKING
New Hire



Paul Fisher

Paul Fisher has joined Fifth Third Bank, N.A., as Senior Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager with the San Diego Commercial Banking team. Paul will develop and maintain relationships with middle market companies. Paul has over 20 years of experience in the industry. Previously, Paul worked at MUFG Union Bank/U.S. Bank for 22 years, all within greater San Diego.



FINANCE & ACCOUNTING
New Hire



Jennifer Saunders

We are thrilled to announce our new Director of HR, Jennifer Saunders. Jennifer is an accomplished HR professional with more than two decades of experience working with Fortune 500 companies to start-up businesses. She has expertise in all Human Resources functions, including talent acquisition and management. Jennifer's experiences across many industries have allowed her to craft diverse strategies to execute HR best practices. We believe in Jennifer's ability to lead our HR team with kindness, versatility, and unwavering confidence. We welcome her to the Optima Office family and look forward to seeing her contribute to our continued success.



BANKING
New Hire



Julian Parra

Julian Parra has been appointed as Western Alliance Bank's Head of Commercial and Industrial Banking for California, where he will bring a dedicated focus to the C&I industry for the organization. Parra brings more than 30 years of experience to his new role. He has held progressive leadership positions at Bank of America, most recently as Regional Commercial Banking Executive for California, Nevada and Hawaii. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago, with a specialization in Finance and Marketing, and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Loyola University.



HEALTHCARE
New Hire



Tim Closson

Cigna Healthcare named Tim Closson general manager for its group employer business covering Southern California. Tim has a 30-year sales leadership career that included six years in Cigna Healthcare's Southern California market. Tim is responsible for driving market growth for client employers with under 3,000 employees. He also works with the markets' network leaders, medical executives, and others to advance community outreach.



INSURANCE
New Hire



Kris Bagchi

Kris Bagchi joined Pie in July 2023 as vice president of reinsurance. Kris brings more than 25 years of insurance industry experience to the company, including most recently spending nine years at TD Insurance/TD Bank in Canada where he was vice president of reinsurance, corporate insurance, underwriting, and investments. Kris is a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society.