

Gregory A. Adams



Name:

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Hometown:

Carrollton, Georgia

Current job:

Executive vice president, group president for Kaiser Permanente

Education:

Associate degree in nursing from Floyd College, Rome, Georgia, bachelor's degree from Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, and a master's degree in nursing administration from Wichita State University, Kansas

First job in nursing:

Emergency department nurse at Crawford Long Hospital, now Emory Midtown in Atlanta

Being in a leadership position gives me the opportunity to:

Provide a clinical and operational voice and perspective into the financing and delivery of care and services to our 12.3 million members and to our commitment and effort to improve the health of the communities we serve, which include 66 million people

Most people don't know that I:

I am an entrepreneur at heart, having run small businesses including a steakhouse outside of Atlanta and my own health care consulting firm.

My best advice to aspiring leaders:

Follow your passion for service and sustain that passion by making sure you pay attention to your authentic self. Own who you are, own your voice and own the role you choose to play in the world.

One thing I want to learn:

Improve my Spanish

One word to describe me:

Direct