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2018 JOSEPH W. ST. GEME, JR. LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED

Washington, DC - The Federation of Pediatric Organizations (FOPO) is delighted to name Mark A. Schuster MD, PhD, FAAP, the 2018 recipient of the Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award. Dr. Schuster will receive the award on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting's Opening General Session in Toronto, Canada.

The Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award was created in honor of Dr. St. Geme to recognize a pediatrician who is a role model for others to emulate as a clinician, an educator, and/or an investigator. Recipients of this award have a record of broad and sustained contributions to pediatrics that will have a major impact on child health. Most importantly, the award recognizes those individuals who have "created a future" within the field.

Dr. Schuster, founding dean and CEO of the Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine, is a pediatrician who has devoted his career to being a clinician, teacher, researcher, and leader, to improve the health and well-being of children. His work has informed significant changes in policy at local, regional, national and international levels.

Known as a health services research polymath, his work in pediatric quality measurement, family leave, health disparities, HIV/AIDS prevention, adolescent sexuality, promotion of healthy eating and physical activity, and bullying have been foundational to many of the programs that now serve those high-risk populations around the country. He has translated this work into policy briefs, legislative testimony and language, and media efforts to inform policy by evidence in a real and direct way. As one of his nominators noted, "He has made major contributions to diverse fields within child health, and he's not afraid to tackle the impossible - and succeed at it."

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Dr. Schuster was appointed to his position as dean in October 2017. Prior to his appointment, he served as the William Berenberg Professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and chief of general pediatrics and vice chair for health policy in the Department of Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital since 2007; before that, he was professor of pediatrics and health services at UCLA Schools of Medicine and Public Health; and director of health promotion and disease prevention at RAND, the Santa Monica, CA, think tank.

He is past President of the Academic Pediatric Association and is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine.

He has served as a clinical leader and role model to hundreds of students and residents, and is well known for his deeply personal address at Children's Hospital Boston GLBT & Friends Celebration in June 2010 entitled "On Being Gay in Medicine," in which he discussed discrimination experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender patients and clinicians. It acknowledged the reality faced by students, residents, and physicians around the country and offered hope that it can get better. The address had a strong effect on many in the health care community and went viral; it has been used as a teaching tool and source of inspiration for students and physicians around the world.

He has written nearly 250 journal articles and two books, and numerous research briefs and reports.

FOPO is composed of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Academic Pediatric Association, American Pediatric Society, American Board of Pediatrics, Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, Association of Pediatric Program Directors, and Society for Pediatric Research. The purpose of FOPO is to promote optimal health for children by building on the efforts and expertise of the member organizations, and on the relationships between the member organizations to accomplish shared goals.

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Picture and Biography

BIOSKETCH: MARK SCHUSTER MD, PHD, FAAP

Mark Schuster, MD, PhD, became the founding dean and CEO of the Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine in October 2017. Prior to his appointment, he had served as the William Berenberg Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and chief of general pediatrics and vice chair for health policy in the Department of Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital since 2007.

Dr. Schuster is recognized as an international leader in research on child, adolescent, and family health, having received funding from NIH, CDC, and AHRQ on topics such as quality of care, health disparities,

family leave, HIV prevention, obesity prevention, and adolescent sexual health. He has also studied bullying and sexual and gender minority health.

He previously served as professor of pediatrics and health services at UCLA Schools of Medicine and Public Health and director of health promotion and disease prevention at RAND, the Santa Monica think tank.

Dr. Schuster has co-authored over 200 journal articles and 2 books. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and has served as president of the Academic Pediatric Association. He is a recipient of the Richardson Award for lifetime achievement from the Society for Pediatric Research, the Research Award from the Academic Pediatric Association, and the Barger Excellence in Mentoring Award from Harvard Medical School.

He received his BA *summa cum laude* from Yale, his MD from Harvard Medical School, his MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and his PhD from the Pardee RAND Graduate School. He completed his pediatric residency at Boston Children's Hospital and his fellowship at the UCLA Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program.