

Nicholas P. Vrikes, M.D. Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Medical Society



MARTI F. BAUM, M.D.

Loma Linda University Health

Dr. Marti Baum has established herself as a true leader in protecting and advancing the mission of organized medicine, always with a passion and a dedication to preserving quality patient care. She is a respected pediatrician in the Inland Empire, providing a unique perspective to addressing population health.

Dr. Baum has been a member of the California Medical Association (CMA) and SBCMS for 24 years. She served as President of the Society in 2015-16 with the current title of Past President. She also represents the organization at the statewide level in the influential role of CMA Trustee, helping to influence policy and legislation that is beneficial to the field of medicine and the protection of access to patient care. As the third female president of SBCMS since its inception in 1878, she has been instrumental in forging the ongoing relationship with Loma Linda University and reinforcing its vital impact throughout the membership of SBCMS, CMA and beyond.

She is the Medical Director at the Community Health Development for Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) and Director of Outreach for "K"ommunity KIDS (O.K. KIDS), Department of Pediatrics, since 2002 which directs advocacy and outreach for at risk populations in the community meeting ACGME requirements for pediatric residents training. For the last ten years she has been one of the Pediatric Medical Directors of the Social Action Community Healthy System (SACHS) and currently serves as the Medical Director of Community Engagement. She has also been an assistant professor and physician at LLUMC since 1987.

Dr. Baum's professional involvement has been in the area of community advocacy in the underserved populations of San Bernardino County and City. She is the Executive Director of the Healthy Neighborhood Project, which provides 200 hours of mentoring per week at 11 community and school sites including the pregnant teens. Under her leadership, the medical students of LLUMC were awarded the Volunteer Group of the Year from the Inland Empire Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and nine grants since 2005 from the California Medical Association Foundation for medical student leadership. Dr. Baum has been awarded the California Community Pediatrics and Legislative Advocacy Training Collaborative grant from the California Wellness Foundation, as a sub-award candidate with Stanford University

She has chaired the Inland Empire Childhood Obesity Task Force and has served as the President of the Board for San Bernardino County Court Appointed Special Advocates (C.A.S.A.) for 3 years. She also is the founder of the SBCMS White Coat Spring Break Program, which partners with Inland Health Professions Coalition (IHPC) to match high school and community college students enrolled in health pathways programs or health academies and curriculum with physician and medical group hosts. The program will begin its fourth year next spring, encouraging young people to pursue a career in healthcare and thereby helping to alleviate the gap in medical providers in the Inland Empire and California.

Dr. Baum along with her husband, Dr. Robert Hardesty, Dr. Guy Stump, Chelsea Stump, Derik Hardesty and Nadine Hardesty, reside in the Redlands area. Other family members, Dr. Bradford Hardesty, Dr. Ashlee Hardesty and Dr. Chad Van Ginkel, reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

We are proud to recognize Dr. Baum for her exceptional service and commitment to the medical society and to our communities.

