

Sutter Health

# 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SUTTER'S NEXT CEO

## Warner L. Thomas

Warner Thomas will join Sutter Health as president and CEO in December 2022. He has 30 years of experience in healthcare, and for the last 10 years served as CEO of Ochsner Health, Louisiana's largest not-for-profit academic health system and private employer. In that role, he led a robust partnership strategy – engaging with physicians, health plans, technology companies and others to expand the system's physician network and care services, enhance digital health capabilities and technology integration, and improve health outcomes with a focus on quality and population health.

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### Recognized Leader

Received the Anti-Defamation League's A.I. Botnick Torch of Liberty Award for his "commitment to breaking down barriers that people face every day in accessing healthcare." Recognized as one of Glassdoor's Top CEOs and named one of the '100 Most Influential People in Healthcare' by *Modern Healthcare*.

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### Culture & Diversity Champion

Created the Office of Professional Well-Being at Ochsner Health – the first of its kind in the industry – to improve mental health and address staff burnout. Built a culture of trust and partnership across a vast physician and clinician network and hired the system's first Chief Diversity Officer.

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### Innovator

Significantly expanded Ochsner's digital capabilities, including the launch of technology healthcare incubator – innovationOchsner – that focuses on digital chronic disease management and counts Microsoft, Apple, and Pfizer among its partners. Established a pipeline of healthcare professionals by creating academic partnerships with universities and technical colleges across the Gulf South region.

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### New Perspective

First CEO from outside Sutter Health in over 40 years. Joins Sutter with experience in the Gulf South and Northeast healthcare markets, including a proven track record of developing an expansive physician network, clinical programs, digital strategy and patient-focused care.

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### Committed to Improving Health For All

Launched a major 10-year initiative in 2021 – with $100 million committed in the first five years – to expand access to quality, equitable care in underserved communities across Louisiana. A key component of this initiative is The Ochsner-Xavier Institute for Health Equity and Research, a partnership with the nation's 3rd ranked HBCU, Xavier University.