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NATIONAL ACADEMY OF HUMAN RESOURCES ANNOUNCES THE CLASS OF 2020

FOUR NEW FELLOWS AND ONE DISTINGUISHED FELLOW ARE INSTALLED

November 5, 2020 – The National Academy of Human Resources (NAHR) installed its twenty-ninth class of Fellows, an honor considered the most prestigious in the field of human resources, on November 5, 2020.

Since its founding in 1992, only 180 individuals have been elected Fellows of the National Academy of Human Resources, and 15 individuals have been further honored as Distinguished Fellows. Additionally, 13 organizations have been inducted as Honored Organizations for their contributions to the HR profession.

“By election to the Academy, the members of the 2020 Class of Fellows have been acknowledged by their peers as reaching the very highest level of achievement and contribution in the Human Resources profession,” said John Murabito, Chair of the NAHR and Executive Vice President, Human Resources and Services, CIGNA Corporation. Jill Smart, President of NAHR and former Chief Human Resources Officer at Accenture, said “Each of these human resources professionals has made sustained and exemplary contributions to their organizations and communities, and the human resources profession.” President Smart went on to say “These new Academy Fellows and Distinguished Fellow have played a sustained role in shaping human resource management thinking and policy. The recognition of a Fellow as a Distinguished Fellow indicates that the individual has had a significant impact on the HR profession over an extended career timeframe.”

The NAHR Class of 2020 is:



Stephen Fry

Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Diversity
Eli Lilly and Company



Carol Surface

Chief Human Resources Officer
Medtronic



Timothy Richmond

Executive Vice President and
Chief Human Resources Officer
AbbVie



Johnny C. Taylor, Jr.

President and Chief Executive Officer
Society for Human Resource Management

NAHR DISTINGUISHED FELLOW:



Dave Ulrich

Co-founder
The RBL Group
Rensis Likert Professor
Ross School of Business, University of Michigan

The Academy also recognized the four organizations that served as Grand Sponsors for this year's annual dinner and installation ceremony.

Accenture

Accenture is a leading global professional services company, providing a broad range of services in strategy and consulting, interactive technology and operations, with digital capabilities across all of these services.

Egon Zehnder

A top global organizational consulting firm, helping clients synchronize strategy and talent to drive superior performance.

Johnson & Johnson

The world's largest and most broadly based healthcare company for over 130 years, committed to using their size and reach to keep people well at every age and every stage of life.

Lincoln Financial Group

A life insurance company helping Americans plan, protect, and retire through dependability, honesty, and exceptional service.

The NAHR Foundation and the Fellows of the Academy announced that they will be holding the eighteenth and nineteenth Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) Academies, to be held June 15 through June 17, 2021 in two consecutive sessions in New York City. This by invitation only program is designed to offer HR executives who, for the first time, are holding the top HR position in an organization an opportunity to meet with Academy Fellows and other experts and develop a personal plan to enhance their contributions to the overall performance of their enterprises.

For more information on the NAHR, the NAHR Foundation, or the CHRO Academy, please contact Jill B. Smart, President of the NAHR, telephone: (630) 215-5053 or email jbsmart@nationalacademyhr.org, website: www.nationalacademyhr.org. The NAHR mailing address is: 5420 Challen Place, Downers Grove, IL 60515.