

Paving the Way to Excellence

See this year's most recognized leaders in the HR industry.

By The Editors

Over the years, HR has transformed from a largely administrative profession to one that profoundly impacts the strategic direction of an organization. This transformation has been led by HR professionals that consistently push the boundaries of people management, cementing themselves and the HR industry as key players in today's business environment.

HRO Today's 2017 HR Superstars Awards aim to recognize these leaders for their dedication, innovation, and transformative leadership. This list of the best and brightest HR stars in the industry features professionals from three categories of leadership: Providers, Practitioners, and Consultants/Advisors/Analysts/Academics/Investors/Thought Leaders.

The contributions of the community of HR Superstars truly shows the accomplishments and progress that these leaders have achieved in the HR space. Through their forward-thinking practices and decisive action, this year's HR Superstars have advanced the HR field in new and unprecedented ways.



PRACTITIONERS



Kellie Brady
Vice President of Talent Acquisition
Home Shopping Network

Kellie Brady is the Operating Vice President of Talent Acquisition for the Home Shopping Network, Inc. (HSNi) and is responsible for the strategic direction and execution of their talent acquisition programs. HSNi is a \$3.5 billion interactive multichannel retailer with strong direct-to-consumer expertise between its two operating segments, HSN and Cornerstone Brands. Brady's strategic thinking and future-forward approach are the driving forces behind the efficiency and cutting-edge technological sophistication of HSN's talent acquisition practice. In her role, she leads a number of initiatives that aim to innovate the hiring process and experience for HSN's candidates and staff while expanding the company's talent pipelines.



Naomi Cramer
Chief Human Resource Officer
Banner Health

Naomi Cramer was named Chief Human Resource Officer in June of 2016. She joined Banner in December of 2014 as Vice President of Talent Acquisition and was later promoted to Vice President of Talent Management in 2015, where she led all talent functions for the organization including recruitment, learning and development, organizational effectiveness and change, assessment and survey, and workforce planning. She also serves as the executive sponsor for the newly created Diversity Council. Prior to joining Banner, Cramer had a progressive career in operations and human resources at Target Corporation. Her last role was Senior Vice President of Field HR, where she led all areas of human resources for 350,000 employees in 1,780 retail stores and 37 distribution centers. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Phoenix.



Mary Stoik Dymond
Chief Talent Officer
Graebel

Mary Stoik Dymond is an experienced Graebel senior leadership team member who has been with Graebel for nearly 10 years. Prior to Graebel, she served as top HR and Risk Management executive for a publicly held company. She was named Graebel's Chief Talent Officer in January 2017, continuing to oversee all human resource functions at Graebel, including talent acquisition, talent management, diversity and inclusion, organizational development, payroll, total rewards, succession planning, and labor relations. Dymond was honored by Human Resources Executive magazine as one of five executives named to the 2013 HR Honor Roll. Dymond holds a Bachelor's of Arts degree from the University of South Dakota. Graebel Companies delivers award winning global relocation and talent mobility services on six continents, and is recognized by clients, and many key industry, general business, and media groups for top performance.



Karen Feeney
Sr. Human Resources Operations Manager
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)

In her role as Sr. Human Resources Operations Manager, Karen Feeney has driven effective shifts in HR infrastructure and processes to support essential cross-functional growth for over five years at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), a recognized pediatric healthcare leader. This past year, Feeney supported successful workspace transition of about 1,000 employees into an innovative 470,000 square foot building designed to help further CHOP's mission of breakthroughs in research and discovery. She also led during this time the progression of system and services, provided for the centralized contingent workforce management program, and administered onsite in partnership with RightSourcing. During her tenure, this initiative has resulted in total cost savings and avoidance exceeding \$2 million as well as has proven to be an efficient onboarding resource for contracted labor.





PRACTITIONERS



Julie Fletcher
Chief Talent Officer
AMN Healthcare, Inc.

Julie Fletcher is the Chief Talent Officer for AMN Healthcare Services, Inc., and in that role provides leadership for attracting, developing, and optimizing team member talent for corporate roles and across the AMN diverse family of workforce solutions and staffing companies. She is a member of the HR Council of the American Management Association and was named to the Board of Directors for Make-a-Wish San Diego. Fletcher earned a Bachelor of Science degree in HR Management and Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, CA, and a Master of Science in HR Management Development from Chapman University in Orange, CA.



Kristy Godbold
Global HR Leader
Marriott International

Kristy Godbold serves as the Global HR Leader and has oversight for Global Talent Acquisition and Talent Management Analytics for Marriott International. As the top HR Leader for Global Finance, she serves as the HR business partner to the CFO and her executive team, and has responsibility for the development of finance talent around the world. Prior to joining Marriott, she served as Vice President, Management Staffing of First Florida Bank. Godbold holds a BA degree in Business Management from the University of Maryland and an AA degree from Armstrong State College. She holds a banking degree from the University of South Carolina.



Lon Harvey
Director, Talent Acquisition, Contingent Labor Program & Canada Direct Hire
Waste Management

Lon Harvey manages Waste Management's large North American contingent labor program and Canadian direct hire recruiting with a focus on building competitive advantage for the company through critical staffing. As part of Waste Management's Talent Acquisition Leadership team, Harvey advocates successful service alignment and continuous improvement via frequent, clear communications with his internal and external teams that focus on scorecard results. These efforts keep Waste Management as a work destination of choice in the increasingly competitive workforce marketplace. He collaborates with stakeholders to develop company policies that provide cost and risk management and create a safer work environment.



Steve Kane
US Head of Human Resources for Global Marketing, Global R&D, US Commercial and US Leader of Human Resources
Smith & Nephew

Steve Kane is US Head of Human Resources for Global Marketing, Global R&D, US Commercial and US Leader of Human Resources for Smith & Nephew, a global medical technology company. At Smith & Nephew, he created the one Wound Management organization and designed its Global R&D and Global Marketing divisions. Kane has worked with Smith & Nephew's HR Centers of Excellence to design, plan, and implement all US-based HR policies and programs. He led the formation of the "great place to work" culture by creating Site Leadership, US Camaraderie Councils, US Flexible Work Programs, and the Young Professional group. He was instrumental in the integration of three Smith & Nephew acquisitions, leading the team in mitigating attrition through assimilation activities.





PRACTITIONERS



Joanna Kelly
Head of Recruitment - Americas
Macquarie Group

In December 2014, Joanna Kelly was appointed head of Head of Talent Acquisition, Americas for Macquarie Group after a 17-year career at Deutsche Bank. Shortly after her appointment, she led a project to advise on site selection for a new global shared services center and to conceive and implement the talent attraction and hiring strategy. The resulting Jacksonville location, now housing more than 200 professionals, earned Kelly and her team the Global COO's "Enabling the Entrepreneurial Enterprise" award in 2016. Currently she is leading an initiative to relaunch the Macquarie brand with an approach targeted toward the diverse US talent market. The project brings together innovative campaigns centered around social media and will take a dynamic, iterative approach driven by data.



Melkeya McDuffie
Vice President of Talent Acquisition
Waste Management

Melkeya McDuffie is the vice president of talent acquisition for Waste Management headquartered in Houston, Texas. She is focused on building a world-class talent function at Waste Management by spearheading the transformation of talent acquisition from transactional to consultative and strategic. McDuffie studied Human Resources Management at Trinity University, Employee Relations at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Strategic Business Leadership at The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, and Strategic Management at Harvard University.



Kathy Neyman
Sr. Asst VP, Culture and Leadership Development
Redstone Federal Credit Union

Kathy Neyman is the Sr. Asst VP, Culture and Leadership Development for Redstone Federal Credit Union, a 2017 award-winning organization for Excellence in Leadership, Culture and Accountability. She is focused on transitioning Redstone to a culture aligned around the Member Experience and achieving organizational results. Neyman has been with Redstone 34 years and holds the designation of a Master Coach with the International Coaching Council. She is also a Master Strengths Performance Coach with Gallup University and a triple Master Facilitator with Partners In Leadership. Neyman believes that culture is the engine that drives performance and the key driver of organizational excellence.



Nancy Ott
Vice President of Human Resources
Quad/Graphics

Nancy Ott has an impressive 30-year career with Quad/Graphics. Most notably, she and her HR team have responded to the company's transformative growth over the past six years to ensure that the more than 60 facilities in Quad/Graphics' U.S. footprint are under one Managed Service Provider program. Accounting for \$65 million in annual spend, the program supports the company's significant growth through acquisition while simultaneously reducing costs and mitigating risks.





PRACTITIONERS



David Pittner
HR Program Manager – Contingent Supplier Management
Kohler Co.

David Pittner has been a brand ambassador for Kohler Co. for over 20 years, managing their U.S. contingent labor program. In 2017, Pittner was promoted to the position of Human Resources Program Manager for contingent supplier management. His role encompasses program design and implementation, and system administration for their vendor management system (VMS), SAP Fieldglass. Pittner partners with legal, the global procurement and information technology teams to ensure the external labor process meets all legal, purchasing, finance and IT requirements. In addition to external labor, Pittner is the lead legal compliance auditor for Kohler's HR evaluation process in the Americas and the HR program manager for the background check and drug testing program at all U.S. Kohler locations.



Catherine O'Brien Scarlett
Vice President, Talent Acquisition
BMO Financial Group

Cathy O'Brien Scarlett has a passion for engaging the right talent to come to BMO and inspiring them to stay. As VP, Talent Acquisition at BMO Financial Group, she is accountable for company-wide recruiting, and the processes, systems, and insights that drive her team to optimize and innovate the candidate experience, through all channels and in every geography in which BMO operates.



David Schubert
Assistant Vice President of HR, Talent Acquisition and Employee Development
Baptist Health South Florida

With over 25 years of recruitment experience, David Schubert is responsible for the strategic development, implementation, and accountability of the talent acquisition functions for Baptist Health South Florida, the largest not-for-profit health care organization in the region. Schubert drives his team with innovative metric-driven recruitment strategies while focusing on the candidate experience.





PRACTITIONERS



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