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**NATIONAL ACADEMY OF HUMAN RESOURCES ANNOUNCES THE CLASS OF 2018**

**FOUR NEW FELLOWS AND ONE HONORED ORGANIZATION ARE INSTALLED**

NEW YORK, November 8, 2018 – The National Academy of Human Resources (NAHR) installed its twenty-seventh class of Fellows and one Honored Organization, an honor considered the most prestigious in the field of human resources, on November 8, 2018.

Since its founding in 1992, only 172 individuals have been elected Fellows of the National Academy of Human Resources, and 14 individuals have been further honored as Distinguished Fellows. Additionally, 12 organizations have been inducted as Honored Organizations for their contribution to the HR profession.

“By election to the Academy, the members of the 2018 Class of Fellows and Honored Organization 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 retired Chief Human Resources Officer at Accenture, said “Each of these human resources professionals and organization has made sustained and exemplary contributions to their organizations, communities and the human resources profession. These new Academy Fellows and Honored Organization have played a substantial role in shaping human resource management thinking and policy.”

The NAHR Class of 2018 is:

**Lisa Bettinger-Buckingham**

*Executive Vice President, Chief People, Place & Brand Officer  
Lincoln Financial Group*

**Diane Gherson**

*Chief Human Resources Officer  
IBM Corporation*

**Angela S. Lalor**

*Senior Vice President, Human Resources  
DanaHER Corporation*

**Dermot O'Brien**

*Chief Transformation Officer  
ADP*

**Riegel & Emory Human Resource Research Center**

*Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina*

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

**Alexander Mann Solutions**

*The world's leading provider of talent acquisition and management services*

**Institute for Corporate Productivity (i4cp)**

*The leading research firm focused on discovering next practices in human capital*

**Korn Ferry**

*Korn Ferry is a top global organizational consulting firm, helping clients synchronize strategy and talent to drive superior performance.*

**Workday**

*Workday is a leading provider of enterprise cloud applications for finance and human resources.*

The NAHR Foundation and the Fellows of the Academy announced a seventeenth Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) Academy, to be held June 12 and 13, 2019 in New York City. This by-invitation only program is designed to offer new HR executives holding the top HR position in their 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, fax: (800) 459-1929, or email: [jbsmart@nationalacademyhr.org](mailto:jbsmart@nationalacademyhr.org), website: [www.nationalacademyhr.org](http://www.nationalacademyhr.org). The NAHR mailing address is 5420 Challen Place, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

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**CLASS OF 2018 (left to right):**

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