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Local Human Resource Professionals Earn Certification

June 2, 2003 - Oklahoma City – The Oklahoma City Human Resource Society announced in its monthly meeting recently the certification of several local human resource professionals.

The certifications, awarded by the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI), signifies that these human resource professionals possess the theoretical knowledge and practical experience in human resource management necessary to pass a rigorous examination demonstrating a mastery of the body of knowledge in the field.

Recently recognized HR professionals who earned the Professional in Human Resources (PHR) certification are Cindy Warminsky, Carolyn Elliott, Diana Wall, Janet Altenhofen, Gloria Pollard, Valerie Freid, Janet Fisher, Connie Heinrich, Scott Lowber, Michelle Gibson, Sharon Wade Tappan, Raquel Frazier, Stacey Scott, Jennifer Kraszekski, Sarah Fisher, Theresa Chandler, Meg White, Lori Rose, and Janice Fox.

Recently recognized HR professionals who earned the Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) are Kim Smiley, Meline Epley, Mike Merry, Chad Raymond, Joyce Davis, Shannon Perez, Holley Izard, Owen Sevier, Patti Bedlion, Renee Warning, and Lisa Flemming.

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"Certification as a human resource professional clearly demonstrates a commitment to personal excellence and to the human resource profession," said Susan Meisinger, SPHR, President and CEO of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). HRCI awards two levels of certification: Professional in Human Resources (PHR) and Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

To become certified, an applicant must pass a comprehensive examination and demonstrate a strong background of professional human resource experience. Human Resource professionals who are interested in learning more about certification may visit the Oklahoma City Human Resource Society's website at www.ochrs.org.

HRCI is the credentialing body for human resource professionals and is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to the human resource profession. The Institute's purpose is to promote the establishment of professional standards and to recognize professionals who meet those standards.

The Oklahoma City Human Resource Society is an organization dedicated to the development of Human Resource Professionals in the Oklahoma City Area. OCHRS offers programs to keep HR professionals on the cutting edge of management practices and business trends affecting the labor force. Individuals interested in joining OCHRS may learn more and download an application at www.ochrs.org. Applicants to OCHRS must be members of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the national Human Resource professional organization. Information about SHRM membership is available at www.shrm.org.

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- Several local human resource professionals recently earned either Professional in Human Resources (PHR) or Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certifications.
- Recently certified professionals are Cindy Warminsky, Carolyn Elliott, Diana Wall, Janet Altenhofen, Gloria Pollard, Valerie Freid, Janet Fisher, Connie Heinrich, Scott Lowber, Michelle Gibson, Sharon Wade Tappan, Raquel Frazier, Stacey Scott, Jennifer Kraszekski, Sarah Fisher, Theresa Chandler, Meg White, Lori Rose, Janice Fox, Meline Epley, Mike Merry, Chad Raymond, Joyce Davis, Shannon Perez, Holley Izard, Owen Sevier, Patti Bedlion, Renee Warning, and Lisa Flemming, and Kim Smiley.
- For more information on HR certification or the Oklahoma City Human Resource Society, visit OCHRS online at www.ochrs.org.