



Dear WHRMA Members,

As we near the close of 2024, I am filled with pride and gratitude for all that we have achieved together this year as part of the Westchester Human Resource Management Association (WHRMA). Our collective efforts have continued to strengthen and elevate our HR community, fostering meaningful connections and impactful learning opportunities.

This year, we achieved several important milestones:

- **Networking Events:**
We hosted numerous networking events throughout the year, providing opportunities to build relationships, share insights, and grow both personally and professionally.
- **Mental Health & the Workplace Event:**
In May, we held a special sponsored event centered on mental health in the workplace. This program emphasized the critical role HR plays in fostering wellness and resilience, and the feedback we received demonstrated just how impactful this event was for our members.
- **Annual Conference:**
September's Annual Conference was a true highlight. With dynamic speakers, engaging sessions, and strong attendance, it reflected the passion and commitment of our community. The conversations sparked and the connections made will resonate well beyond the event itself.

These achievements were made possible by the dedication and enthusiasm of our members, sponsors, and volunteers. Your active participation and support ensure the ongoing success of our organization.

We encourage you to get involved with our community efforts and enjoy the benefits of WHRMA membership. You can stay updated on WHRMA events and communications by visiting our website www.whrma.org. You can also reach us via email at whrma0058@gmail.com. We are always open to your feedback, suggestions and questions.

I would be remised if I did not take a moment to thank the hard working and dedicated individuals who sit on our Board of Directors. With their support, WHRMA not only hosted the above mentioned events, but also helped grow membership, significantly increase our social media presence and overall brand in Westchester county and New York State and uphold WHRMA's mission to provide opportunities to update and advance skills through education in the principles of the Human Resource Profession, network with peers and exchange ideas in a professional forum, disseminate information on current and local legislative actions and enhance the body of knowledge needed to practice the HR profession effectively. Our 2024 Board, along with updated 2025 Board is listed in full at the bottom of this letter.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to continue building on this year's momentum. From new networking opportunities to innovative educational programs, our commitment to supporting your professional journey remains unwavering.

Thank you for being an integral part of our WHRMA family. I wish you a joyful holiday season and a successful new year. Together, let's make 2025 another remarkable year!

With warm regards,

Melissa Strauss
President of WHRMA



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