



## **KS SHRM Wins SHRM Pinnacle Award for Exceptional HR Program**

**TOPEKA, KANSAS, 11/22/2022** — Today, SHRM (the Society for Human Resource Management) awarded The Kansas State Council of SHRM (KS SHRM) the 2022 SHRM Pinnacle Award in recognition of its high achievements advancing the profession of human resources.

The Pinnacle Award is the most prestigious honor SHRM state councils and chapters can receive. Created in 1991, it recognizes innovative projects created and implemented by SHRM affiliates. KS SHRM was one of 12 human resource organizations—out of more than 600—from across the country to win the award in 2022.

“SHRM affiliates are leading the way in reinventing the future of work,” said SHRM President and CEO, Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., SHRM-SCP. “Through creating inclusive cultures and workplaces, investing in educational programs and increasing the workforce readiness and opportunities for underserved and underemployed groups, each SHRM chapter and state council winner helped to raise up their community.”

“KS SHRM appreciates this honor and recognition for our critical advocacy efforts across the state,” said KS SHRM Executive Director, Natalie Bright. “We were successful in guiding necessary legislative changes for our state by providing timely information, tools, resources and expertise to influence positive change enabling the State of Kansas to better prevent and respond to UI Fraud and ultimately better serve the employer community and any impacted Kansans now and in the future.”

### **About KS SHRM’s Program: “Public Policy: Unemployment Insurance”**

KS SHRM led a statewide advocacy campaign in partnership with the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce and National Federation of Independent Business—a member-driven organization advocating for small and independent businesses—to reform many components of the state unemployment insurance (UI) system. Two bills were signed by Gov. Laura Kelly and were effective May 2021 and July 2022; new laws addressed concerns existing prior to, during and post-pandemic.

KS SHRM's efforts involved all 11 local chapters throughout the state to build awareness and solicit advocacy champions. The council's statewide legislative champion, Phillip Hayes, was the lead advocate on the KS SHRM UI reform efforts. Listening sessions and webinars were

coordinated and co-presented with the state Department of Labor and other business groups and entities.

The awardees were recognized at SHRM's Volunteer Leaders Business Meeting pre-conference webinar on November 7, 2022 and live on November 17 – 19, 2022

To learn more, please visit the SHRM Pinnacle Award Program website at <https://vlrc.shrm.org/s/article/Pinnacle-Award>.

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### **About KS SHRM**

The Kansas State Council of the Society for Human Resource Management (KS SHRM) is a professional organization representing over 2,200 HR professionals in Kansas and serves their needs and advances the interests of the profession throughout the state. Our members are responsible for developing and implementing workplace policies and practices that comply with federal, state, and local laws and provide guidance to line managers on fair and effective people management. Our members serve public and private sectors as well as large and small businesses. On a daily basis, our members are on the front lines when it comes to important employment issues such as workforce planning, HR development, compensation and benefits, employee relations, workers' compensation, and unemployment insurance. Learn more at [ksshrm.org](http://ksshrm.org) and on Twitter @KSSHARM.

### **About SHRM**

SHRM, the Society for Human Resource Management, creates better workplaces where employers and employees thrive together. As the voice of all things work, workers and the workplace, SHRM is the foremost expert, convener and thought leader on issues impacting today's evolving workplaces. More than 95 percent of Fortune 500 companies rely on SHRM to be their go-to resource for all things work and their business partner in creating next-generation workplaces. With 300,000+ HR and business executive members in 165 countries, SHRM impacts the lives of more than 115 million workers and families globally. Learn more at [SHRM.org](http://SHRM.org) and on Twitter @SHRM.