

Jim Gallo Named HR Florida's 2013 Volunteer of the Year
Presented during Annual Conference and Expo.



HR Florida could not be successful without the hard work and support of its volunteer leaders. Volunteer leaders are chapter presidents and board members who make up the HR Florida State Council. The Volunteer of the Year is an annual award that recognizes a volunteer who actively supports, promotes, and develops the human resource profession through volunteerism. The winner is selected by chapter presidents and based on the nominees overall contributions in supporting local chapters, advancing the profession and driving council effectiveness through outstanding approaches, innovative ideas and promotion of the Society and Council.

Jim Gallo was named the 2013 Volunteer of the Year during the annual HR Florida state conference. Jim has been a council volunteer for many years and has contributed significantly to the HR Florida State Council through his leadership as College Relations Director. Throughout his tenure with the Council, he has always exemplified the overall mission of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and HR Florida to *serve the professional and advance the profession*.

This is Jim's third year serving as the College Relations Director. In addition to serving in this role, he has served in other council capacities. "As College Relations Director, Jim was the key driver in reconstructing the council's college relations program and making it a major initiative of the council", said Joyce Chastain, president, HR Florida. "His passion has always been to enable the development of future HR professionals, Chastain continued."

Volunteer highlights include:

- **Development and implementation of the OMGHR! program**, which was delivered at the HR Florida 2012 state conference as part of the student reception and then revamped and delivered to council members as part of January 2013 council meeting. Using a game show format, Jim was instrumental in putting together an interactive and humorous program that allowed the audience to hear truly bizarre HR stories from the show's contestants and determine whether they were fact or fiction.
- **SHRM Southeast Region Student Games**, Jim led this ever-growing council initiative; he enabled a SHRM Student Chapter, who otherwise may not have the funds to do so, the opportunity to compete at the SHRM Regional Student Games. The HR games are a fun way to prepare and motivate students for the PHR (Professional of Human Resource) certification.

From Jim's commitment to the council to his leadership of the College Relations committee, he exhibits all of the qualities of the Volunteer of the Year. The HR Florida State Council is proud to honor Jim Gallo, SPHR with the HR Florida 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award.