# New Award for Human Resources Professionals Focuses on Individuals Who Demonstrate Long-Term Success

Eschewing the current focus on "millennials" and youth – 500ver50HR brings to light those extraordinary HR professionals who have continuously brought their best to the profession over time and made a big impact



**Greenville**, **SC** – A new recognition and award program was announced today focused on

highlighting individuals who have had, and continue to have, a career of accomplishment in the Human Resources function. Patterned after the ubiquitous "30 under 30" and "40 under 40" awards, *500ver50HR* is designed to surface and support people who have spent years supporting, changing and making a difference in Human Resources.

**500ver50HR** is the latest brainchild of Paul Hebert, an HR consultant and self-proclaimed Employee Engagement "personality." After creating somewhat of a movement in Human Resources with his well-received #HRPositive campaign on LinkedIn, Hebert set his sights on finding a way to reward the people in HR who really add value over a long period of time. The new program is designed to recognized HR professionals over the age of 50 who have consistently brought excellence to the profession. According to Hebert, "The idea of being successful in your 30s or 40s is nice. It takes a lot to stand out in today's world. But to consistently bring excellence and integrity over an entire career is orders of magnitude more difficult. Yet no one ever hears about those people."

Hebert isn't just hand-picking the recipients but is using a combination of crowdsourcing and vetting nominees through a diverse and impressive judging panel.

Hebert said the crowdsourcing angle will hopefully bring new names to light and not just regurgitate the same people highlighted on various twitter lists and LinkedIn lists. "Our goal is to really find people who have had impact – long-term impact."

Addressing the idea that maybe 50 would be considered old, Hebert said; "Heck, 50 is the new 30 right? I'm sure that most of the people who will be nominated will be working in HR 20 years from now — and still killing it! If I were looking for HR talent in my organization — this is the list I'd be focusing on. These people have shown they can be impressive and drive results over time. That is hard."

Judges for this initiative include top HR luminaries such as China Gorman, Kris Dunn, Victorio Milian, Ronald Thomas, Sarah Williams, and Mary Faulkner. Each of the judges brings a unique point of view to the discussion and should provide a very interesting set of nominees and recipients.

500ver50HR is backed by some impressive sponsors including Kinetix, Quantum Workplace, HRExaminer and more to be named soon. Hebert suggests that **500ver50HR** should be something that every top HR professional would want aspire to.

The first awards will be distributed at the HR Technology Conference to be held in Las Vegas October 18-21, 2015.

The website for more information is: <a href="https://www.50over50HR.com">www.50over50HR.com</a>

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An awards program for crowdsourcing and rewarding top HR professionals that have contributed over a career to the advancement and importance of Human

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