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**Lauren Turner, Senior Vice President for Talent and Inclusion at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Receives Honorary Life Membership in CUPA-HR**

Lauren Turner has received honorary life membership in the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources ([CUPA-HR](#)). Honorary life membership is granted to a small number of CUPA-HR leaders who have demonstrated a lifetime commitment to the higher education human resources profession and long-term leadership in the association.



Turner, a long-time member of CUPA-HR, has held many leadership positions within the association, including chair of both the Eastern Region board of directors and the CUPA-HR board of directors. She has also been a member of several committees, including the Budget and Finance and Awards committees, and has chaired the Learning and Professional Development Committee. She currently serves as a CUPA-HR Navigator, engaging with new higher ed CHROs.

“Lauren’s record of leadership and service is impressive within our association. She has been a national higher ed HR leader and voice throughout her career,” shared CUPA-HR Honorary Life Member Mark Coldren in his nomination letter for Turner. “Lauren has brought her vast expertise, passion, curiosity, and desire to makes things better in everything she is involved with in CUPA-HR.”

Turner will retire from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in July following a distinguished career in higher ed HR.

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CUPA-HR is higher ed HR. We serve higher education by providing the knowledge, resources, advocacy and connections to achieve organizational and workforce excellence. Serving more than 23,000 HR professionals and other higher ed leaders at more than 1,700 member organizations around the country and abroad, the association offers learning and professional development programs, higher education salary, benefits and demographic data, extensive online resources and just-in-time regulatory and legislative information.

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