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#### **Maureen Binder, Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer at the University of Central Florida, Receives Honorary Life Membership in CUPA-HR**

Maureen Binder 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.

Binder has been a member of CUPA-HR for more than 20 years. She has held many leadership positions within the association, including at-large member of the Illinois Chapter and Florida Chapter and at-large director of the CUPA-HR Board of Directors. She has also served on several committees, including chair of the Awards Committee and Public Policy Committee and member of the Research Advisory and Learning and Professional Development committees.



"Few individuals have demonstrated the level of sustained commitment, professional excellence, servant leadership and unwavering dedication to higher education human resources that Maureen has exhibited throughout her distinguished career. Over more than 26 years in higher education HR, she has left an indelible mark on the institutions she has served, the countless professionals she has mentored, and the broader higher education HR community through her exceptional leadership and service to CUPA-HR," shared Jami Painter, senior associate vice president and chief human resources officer at the University of Illinois System, in her nomination letter for Binder.

Binder will retire from the University of Central Florida in August, following a distinguished career in higher ed HR.

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