**McNeese State University** **Student Chapter Receives Merit Award from SHRM**

**Lake Charles, LA** — Today, SHRM (the Society for Human Resource Management) awarded a 2022-2023 Superior Merit Award designation to the McNeese State University SHRM student chapter for providing superior growth and development opportunities to its student members.

The SHRM Student Chapter Merit Award program encourages the development of more effective student chapters and distinguishes outstanding activities and projects. Chapters are recognized based on operations, chapter programming and professional development of members, support of the human resource profession, and SHRM engagement.

"SHRM student chapter members embody the upcoming cohort of HR trailblazers, and it's vital to highlight their achievements.” Said Michael P. Aitken, SHRM Chief Membership Officer. “The dedication displayed by the McNeese State University student chapter underscores that the future of the profession is in good hands. I commend their achievements and their adeptness in cultivating inventive initiatives, growth, and enthusiasm for HR, especially as we steer through evolving work landscapes."

SHRM student chapters have the opportunity to earn an award based on the number of activities they complete during the merit award cycle, the most recent one of which lasted from May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023.

During the 2022-2023 academic year, for which this award is received, was led by an Executive Council comprised of Emilee Whitaker, President; Serena Greenlee, Vice President; Karin Shinn, Co-Treasurer; Malachi Carroll, Co-Treasurer; and Karisma Vidal, Secretary. This amazing team of officers led the organization to its award-winning status for the fourth year in a row by providing professional development sessions for members, community service projects, and recognition. Members also participate in paid internships and have the opportunity to sit for the SHRM-CP exam during their senior year.

This year’s Executive Council (Karin Shinn, President; Brynlee Boudreaux, Vice President/President-Elect; Logan Jones, Secretary; Bryce Carter, Treasurer) is planning another award-winning year! We hope you can join us on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. For more information on joining McNeese SHRM or attending meetings, please contact Dr. Kristin C. Scott (kscott@mcneese.edu).