

Influential Women Features April Pate: Accomplished Payroll Executive And Operational Leader

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Nashville, Tennessee — April Pate is an accomplished payroll executive and operational leader with nearly three decades of experience driving payroll strategy, compliance, process improvement, and workforce support across large-scale organizations. Currently serving as Director of Payroll at Workwear Outfitters, she is recognized for her ability to lead high-performing teams, streamline complex payroll operations, and implement scalable solutions that improve efficiency and employee experience.



With a strong background in payroll systems, compliance, automation, and cross-functional collaboration, April has built her career around ensuring employees are paid accurately and on time while continuously improving organizational processes. Her experience includes leading complex operations and developing solutions designed to support both employees and organizations.

Before joining Workwear Outfitters, April held leadership positions with Asurion, ARAMARK, and SMS Holdings, where she led major payroll transformation initiatives across U.S. and Canadian operations. Her work has included managing payroll processing for hundreds of thousands of employees, leading compliance-focused projects, implementing automation workflows, overseeing year-end processing, and driving large-scale system improvements involving UKG,

ADP, and Workday.

Known for her problem-solving mindset and collaborative leadership style, April has consistently earned recognition for improving operational accuracy, strengthening interdepartmental communication, and developing standardized processes that support compliance and long-term scalability. Her approach combines technical knowledge with a strong focus on teamwork and operational effectiveness.

April's passion for payroll began early in her career and has continued to evolve through her commitment to lifelong learning and leadership development. She earned both her Bachelor of Science in Information Technology with a concentration in Project Management and her MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University and DeVry University. She graduated with a 4.0 GPA while also obtaining her Six Sigma Green Belt certification.

A dedicated advocate for employee engagement and team success, April believes strong leadership is rooted in accountability, empathy, and collaboration. She remains actively involved in the payroll community through professional organizations and conferences, where she continues to share knowledge and stay at the forefront of an ever-evolving industry.

April attributes her success to God, explaining that without faith in Him and His guidance, she would not be who or where she is today. She also credits the unwavering support of her family and the mentorship of leaders who truly believed in her potential, which has guided and sustained her throughout her journey.

One piece of career advice that has remained particularly meaningful to April is, "Dress for success because you never know who you are going to meet." Living by this principle has not only earned her high professional recognition but has also consistently ensured she is prepared to represent her organization at the highest level.

For young women entering her industry, April emphasizes the importance of faith and resilience. "There will be storms and rocky roads, but faith and resilience will lead the way," she says, that storms are temporary and that a rainbow of happiness is waiting. She encourages women to believe they can accomplish anything they set their minds to and to remain prepared for the journey ahead.

April also recognizes that federal and state regulations changing daily present significant challenges in payroll, from computer maintenance to employee communications. At the same time, she views these challenges as opportunities for growth and learning.

Through her extensive experience, commitment to development, and dedication to accurate and efficient payroll operations, April continues to bring leadership, collaboration, and operational expertise to an industry that plays a critical role in every organization.

Learn More about April Pate:

Through her Influential Women profile, <https://influentialwomen.com/connect/april-pate>

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