# SUPERCHARGE YOUR TRADITIONAL TOTAL REWARDS STRATEGY

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## WHY ARE TOTAL REWARDS IMPORTANT?



# COMPENSATION

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#### **TRADITIONAL**

#### **BASE PAY MANAGEMENT:**

- MERIT
- PAY FOR PERFORMANCE
- · C.O.L.A
- SUPPLEMENTAL PAY
- OFF CYCLE ADJUSTMENTS



71% of organizations use local markets or COLA to determine merit budgets (Willis Towers Watson))

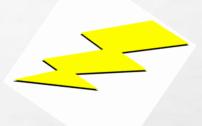
Pay-For-Performance Outcomes

But, some managers are rethinking the role of merit pay by moving beyond short-term individual performance towards a more holistic approach...

In making decisions about merit increases, employer respondents say their managers give more weight to the following indicators than was called for in program design:

	Program Design	Manager Considerations
Criticality of roles	19%	42%
Possession of <b>skills critical</b> to the success of the future business model	25%	45%
Demonstration of <b>knowledge</b> and <b>skills</b> required in current role	46%	64%
Achievement of <b>team goals</b>	25%	41%

Source: Talent Management & Rewards and Global Workforce Studies



## **COMPENSATION SUPERCHARGED!**

Base Pay
(Holistic Review)

**Qualifications** 

Job Content and Performance Contributions

**Pay History** 

Position in Market (Internal and External)



Performance Management

**Regular Meetings** 

**Goal Setting** 

**Performance Evaluation** 

# CASE STUDY: UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA DARDEN COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY



- TOTAL REWARDS ARE THE LARGEST ORGANIZATIONAL EXPENSE
- SALARY MASS GROWTH > NEED FOR STRATEGIC ALLOCATION OF TALENT INVESTMENT
- PURPOSE OF COMPENSATION IS TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN TOP TALENT NEEDED TO BE A WORLD-CLASS BUSINESS SCHOOL THROUGH MARKET LENS OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND
- MUST EXPLORE VARIETY OF WAYS TO COMMUNICATE VALUE AND MOTIVATE STAFF.
- MERIT POOL BUDGET WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE A LARGE ENOUGH DIFFERENTIATION TO BE A TRUE MOTIVATING FORCE
- DETERMINING MERIT IS AN IMPERFECT PROCESS WITH INCONSISTENT ENGAGEMENT BY MANAGERS (NOTED BY % COMPLETION OF PERFORMANCE REVIEWS)
- PEOPLE WANT TO BE COMPENSATED FAIRLY FIRST AND FOREMOST; MERIT INCREASE AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN
   ONLY SLIGHTLY EFFECTIVE IN COMMUNICATING VALUE OR REWARDING PERFORMANCE

## DARDEN PILOT STUDY



- PILOT BEGAN APRIL 2016
- FOCUS ON HOLISTIC APPROACH TO PAY ADMINISTRATION
- MONTHLY MEETING BETWEEN EMPLOYEE AND MANAGER
- QUARTERLY REVIEW OF
  - JOB DESCRIPTIONS
  - MARKET MATCHES
  - RANGE PENETRATION

- COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY COMMUNICATED TO ALL MANAGERS
- HELD MANAGER TRAINING SESSIONS ON COACHING
- COMMUNICATED PROGRAM TO ALL EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN THE PILOT
- HELD MONTHLY MEETINGS AS A PILOT TEAM TO LEARN WHAT IS WORKING, WHAT CHANGES WERE NEEDED, AND ACTIONS TO TAKE TO KEEP PILOT ON SCHEDULE
- STEERING COMMITTEE CREATED WITH MEMBERS OF CROSS-FUNCTIONAL LEADERSHIP

## HOLISTIC ANNUAL COMPENSATION PROCESS

- Y
- All employee profiles confirmed as current and accurate
- 2
- HR analyzes/compiles data and makes recommendation based on holistic pay factors
- 3
- Salary managers review HR recommendations, make changes and provide approvals
- 4
- Budget rolls up to larger senior leadership to allow more flexibility with budget pools



## **OUTCOMES FROM DECOUPLING**

- INCREASE IN ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN MANAGER AND EMPLOYEE
- FLEXIBILITY AROUND MEASURABLE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
- REAL TIME COACHING AND RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES
- BETTER INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL BASE SALARY ALIGNMENT TO MARKET

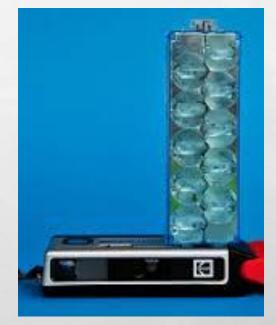
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### **VARIABLE PAY PROGRAMS:**

- ANNUAL BONUS
- SPOT BONUS



## HOW EFFECTIVE IS VARIABLE PAY?

- US ORGANIZATIONS SPEND OVER \$100 BILLION ANNUALLY ON INCENTIVE PROGRAMS (HRM REPORT)
- 51% REPORTED USING ORGANIZATION PERFORMANCE TO DETERMINE FUNDING AND INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE TO DETERMINE AWARD PAYOUTS AMOUNT (WILLIS TOWERS WATSON)
- 50% SAID ANNUAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMS ARE EFFECTIVE AT BOOSTING INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE LEVELS. (WILLIS TOWERS WATSON)



## **COMPENSATION SUPERCHARGED!**

## Variable Pay Incentive

**Future focused** 

Targets (may achieve +/-)

Projected goals/objectives

Behaviors or outcomes prescribed



## Variable Pay Bonus

Static total lump sum amount

Look back over past performance

Formal or informal program

Not directly tied to forecasted goals

On the spot recognition

\*\* Be aware of tax implications for overtime!

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### TRADITIONAL



# enefits

- Health Plans
- Retirement
- Voluntary Benefits
- PTO



# Vork-Life

- Workplace Flexibility
- Health Wellness focused on employee health
- Community Involvement
- Dependent Care
- Financial Support focused on employees retirement options



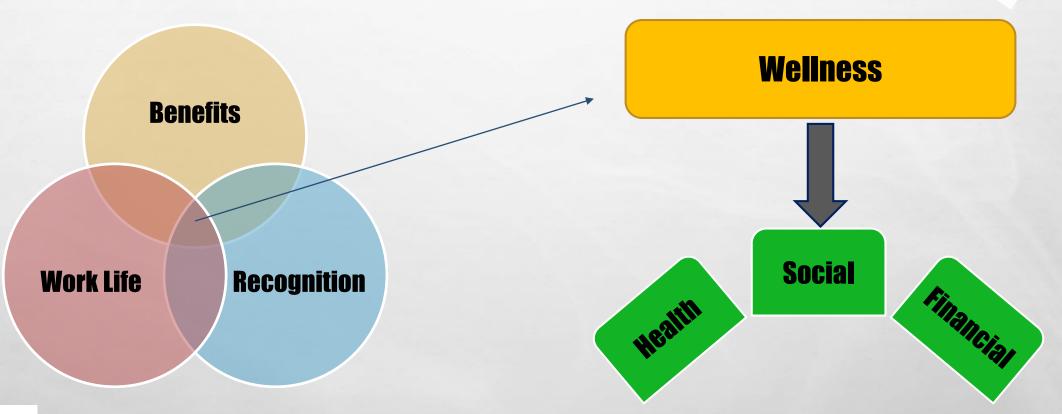


- Reward Programs
- Service Award
- Employee of the month
- Non-monetary gifts

## DID YOU KNOW?

- 87% OF RECOGNITION PROGRAMS FOCUS ON TENURE WITH THE #1 TYPE BEING SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES (BERSIN & ASSOCIATES)
- 69% OF EMPLOYEES STATED THEY WOULD WORK HARDER IF THEY FELT THEIR EFFORTS WERE APPRECIATED (SOCIALCAST)
- ONLY 14% OF ORGANIZATION PROVIDE MANAGERS WITH THE TOOLS NECESSARY FOR REWARD AND RECOGNITION (GLOBOFORCE)
- WHEN ASKED WHAT LEADERS COULD DO MORE OF TO IMPROVE ENGAGEMENT, 58% SAID "GIVE RECOGNITION (PSYCHOMETRICS)

## TOTAL REWARDS SUPERCHARGED!









### Health

Employee (+plan participant) health screenings

Reduction in premiums or award for healthy goals

Life style management education (Stress or weight management)

Health device give away and link to online motivation

**On-site wellness rooms** 

### **Financial**

Financial wellness check

Personal financial services (consolidation, group rates, etc.)

**Financial Dashboard** 

Finance educational classes

Dependent financial management (college funds, aging parents)

### Social

**Team Builders** 



Community Involvement (Volunteer or Board Services)

Active Social events (Sports tournaments, teams or races)

Special interest groups (book club, sporting events)

Celebratory events and non monetary recognition

## Health, Financial & Social Wellness





# SOCIAL WELLNESS THANK YOU \* FOOD \* FUN

- RECOGNITION EVENTS
- MINI-BRATIONS
- TEAM SPORTS
- VOLUNTEERISM
- PEER TO PEER RECOGNITION









## P.E.E.R POSTCARDS

Recent P.E.E.R. Recognition

### P.E.E.R. POSTCARD

#### Presented to:



Christine R. Langford Timothy J. White

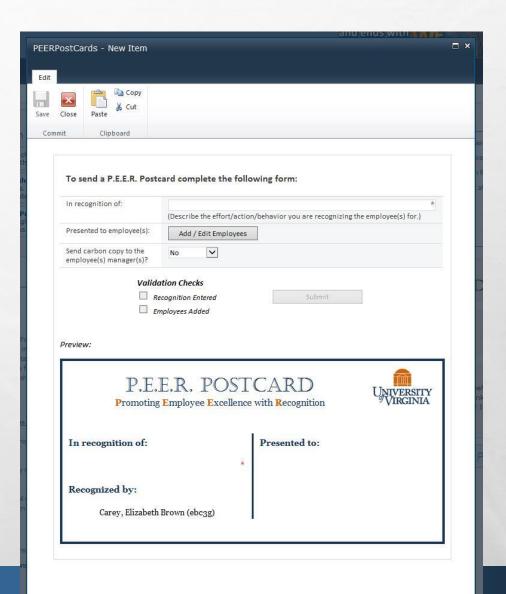
#### In recognition of:

A great big thank you for working so hard for so long with the time and effort that was put into the updated verification of employment process. You both are much appreciated!

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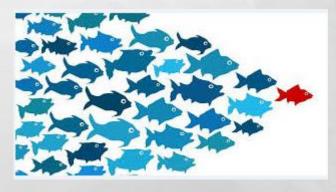




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### **Leadership:**

- >Provide leadership support
- >Set and communicate Total Rewards Strategy
- >Anticipate reactions from all audiences
- > Evaluate (annually) effectiveness







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### **Human Resources:**

- > Ensure communication to ALL
- >Support leaders, managers and employees to understand the program
- >Assist with annual evaluation and recommendation of the programs
- > Help employees understand base pay is only ONE factor in their total compensation package







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### **Managers:**

- > Reinforce the total rewards package for employees
- >Communicate directly to employees clearly
- > Documentation!
- > Exercise transparency and consistency







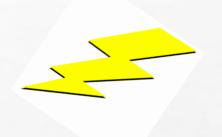
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### **Employees:**

- >Take an active role in career development
- >Understand total compensation package and what components are included
- >Understand how the organization sets pay and what opportunities exist for additional rewards
- >Ask Questions!



## **QUESTIONS?**



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