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## **Jo-Ann Welcomes Janet Duliga to the Role of Human Resources SVP**

**HUDSON, OHIO (February 16, 2016)** – Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores, the leading fabric and craft specialty retailer in America, today announced a significant organizational change in the Human Resources department with the appointment of Janet Duliga as senior vice president (SVP) of human resources (HR).

Duliga brings a wealth of knowledge in the realm of corporate retail growth. Janet was most recently with Luxottica, where she created the strategic vision for talent and performance as the SVP of HR for Sunglass Hut & Luxury Retail, North America, a division of Luxottica. During Janet's tenure, Sunglass Hut nearly doubled in size through both organic growth and acquisition while maintaining high employee engagement and brand culture. Simultaneously, Janet built a strategic HR capability that adapted to the organizational changes and became the template for the global organization. Additionally, Janet invested heavily in working with functional leaders to develop high potential talent for both the corporate office and the field.

"I am excited to welcome Janet to the Jo-Ann team," said Jill Soltau, president and chief executive officer, Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores. "Her deep experience building teams inside and outside of the HR function, paired with her insatiable drive for learning, will be invaluable as she takes on developing and implementing strategies to support our team. Our team is our greatest asset and with Janet's resourcefulness and progressive approach to complex challenges, we can continue to leverage and build the talent we need for future growth" shared Soltau.

Duliga has a strong background in retail as she served in HR roles of increasing responsibility with Pacific Sunwear of California, Wet Seal and Nordstrom, Inc. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Pomona College, a Masters of Arts degree from Antioch University, and a juris doctorate from the University of San Diego, School of Law. She is currently working towards her doctorate degree in Organizational Learning from the University of Pennsylvania.

Janet Duliga will report to Jill Soltau, president and CEO in her new role, effective February 24, 2016.

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### **About Jo-Ann Stores, LLC**

Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores, the nation's leading fabric and craft retailer with locations in 49 states, was founded in 1943 as a single retail store. Today, approximately 850 Jo-Ann stores across the country provide consumers all the fabrics, craft supplies and inspiration they need, conveniently under one roof. For additional information, visit [Joann.com](http://Joann.com). To make creative connections, visit [Joann.com/community](http://Joann.com/community).

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