By Suzanne Healy

eptember 2011 welcomed an inaugural event for APPA: the first offering of APPA U, our next generation in professional development for the facilities community. During our time in Fort Lauderdale, Florida – the heart of the SRAPPA region – we offered the foundational programming of the Institute for Facilities Management, along with the Leadership Academy, which offered simultaneously, is now called APPA U. This co-located event provides many opportunities, allowing facilities professionals from all levels of institutional hierarchy, and from around the globe, to network with each other across several program areas.

The success of these offerings would not have been possible if not for the dedicated faculty. A special note of thanks goes to the Institute Deans: Mary Vosevich, Jay Klingel, Lynne Finn, and Don Guckert; and our Academy Deans: Glenn Smith, Ann Jenkins, Matt Adams, David Judge, Doug Christensen, and Jack Hug. Additionally, a very special thank–you goes to Tony Todaro of Nova Southeastern University and his team, for a wonderful tour of their world-class ice storage facilities



Academy Graduates

Bill Elvey, University of Texas/Dallas Skip Learned, Barrington Public Schools David Reiber, University of Arizona Robert Wiltsie, Michigan State University Thomas Yopp, Choate Rosemary Hall and central energy plant operations. This tour truly provided hands-on learning!

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Throughout the week, students had the opportunity to interact with experts who brought their knowledge and experiences from vast backgrounds, providing a rich environment for all attendees. As the week drew to a close, we celebrated with ceremonies for the Class of September 2011.

Kudos to all those institutions that supported the professional development of their staff! The professional development of any individual must be as customizable as the individuals themselves—and APPA is here to help everyone achieve their personal, departmental, and institutional goals.

Please visit *www.appa.org/training* for more information on all of APPA's program offerings. We look forward to seeing you and your staff at the next APPA event! (5)

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