

A Fantastic Week of Learning

By Corey Newman

PPA U, held September 7-11, 2014 in Orlando, Florida, showcased another successful professional development gathering of the Institute for Facilities Management and the Leadership Academy. Colleagues from around the globe were welcomed to learn, network, and collaborate.

We are very grateful for the dedicated faculty who make these offerings such a success. A special note of thanks goes to

Institute Deans: Mary Vosevich, Jay Klingel, Lynne Finn, and Don Guckert; and our Academy Faculty: Glenn Smith, Al Stoverink, Chuck Farnsworth, Shawna Rowley, Matt Adams, Viron Lynch, Doug Christensen, Ana Theimer, and Randy Ledbettter.

Throughout the week, students had opportunities to interact with experts who brought their knowledge and experiences from vast backgrounds and provided a rich environment for all attendees. Almost 400 facilities professionals from across North America and Lebanon attended and we welcomed 64 first-time attendees, proving that APPA's popularity in the profession continues to grow.

As the week drew to a close, we celebrated with graduation ceremonies for the class of September 2014 (including 70 new alumni). A big thanks to all those institutional leaders who 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, organizational, and institutional goals.

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Academy Graduates

In alphabetical order; not all graduates are pictured.

Sheila Barger, Miami University Mark Behrens, University of Maryland/Baltimore Jeffrey Bull, University of Maryland/Baltimore Joseph Emory, University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill Kathy Fukuyama, Portland Community College Mark Goska, University of Alabama/Birmingham Buddy Hale, University of North Carolina/Greensboro Frank Harris, Portland Community College Katherine Hines, University of Georgia Sylvester Johnson, Tulane University Christine Langlois, East Stroudsburg University Ray M. Maag, Brigham Young University/Utah Joseph Martinez, The College of William and Mary

Jeff McConnell, Middle Tennessee State University Kevin McGlinchey, University of Oregon Sandra Mohr, Miami University Ron Peters, University of Nebraska/Lincoln Zainudeen I. Popoola, University of Nebraska/Lincoln Tyrone Quarles, University of Alabama/Birmingham Ravi Seth, University of Alabama/Huntsville Ricardo Torres, El Paso Community College Edward von Bleichert, University of Colorado/Boulder Deborah Weinerth, Washington & Lee University Kelly Wilson, Columbus State University Judith Witter, University of Michigan/Ann Arbor

Institute Graduates

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Tim W. Aldridge, University of North Georgia Robert J. Avalle, The College of William and Mary Beverly D. Beaver, Virginia Commonwealth University Shellie Black, Iowa State University Bridget Blizzard, University of Texas/Austin David Brinegar, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School William J. Bussman, Texas Women's University Shelly Carpenter, University of Michigan/Ann Arbor Sam Crispin, Colorado School of Mines Agnes S. Donaldson, University of Pennsylvania Arthur Frazier, Spelman College Steve Fryman, Florida State University Tyrone Gangoo, Centennial College Darrell Garbacik, Culver Academies Steven Gilsdorf, Western Michigan University Thomas Goodhew, University of Colorado/Boulder Arnold Hernandez, Illinois State University Craig Hickey, University of New Brunswick/Fredericton David Jongebreur, University of Georgia Edwin M. Lehman, Eastern Mennonite University Douglas P. Litwiller, University of Iowa Shaun McCready, University of Virginia Carl McLaughlin, University of Michigan/Ann Arbor

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