APPA U Class of January 2016 Celebrates in New Orleans

By Corey Newman

PPA U just wrapped up in New Orleans, Louisiana, showcasing another successful professional development gathering of the Institute for Facilities Management and the Leadership Academy. Colleagues from around the globe came together to learn, network, and collaborate.

We are 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, Michelle Frederick, Shawna Code, Lindsay Wagner, Matt Adams, Viron Lynch, and Chuck Farnsworth.

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. Approximately 500 facilities professionals from

across the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Egypt attended. We welcomed 94 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 January 2016 (including 83 new alumni).

A big kudos to all of 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. Please visit www.appa.org for more on all of APPA's program offerings.

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