



Enhance Your Career in 2016

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As I work toward the end of my first full year this July as APPA's Vice President for Professional Development, I am excited to continue the work of my theme, Enhance Your Career in 2016. It doesn't matter if you have been to prior APPA professional development offerings, or if you're looking to book yourself for training in the coming year, we know that the programming offered will be presented by peers and experts in the field, and help advance your career development.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The unique and unprecedented event that you absolutely cannot miss is the **APPA/SRAPPA/TNAPPA 2016 Annual Meeting & Exhibition July 12-14 in Nashville, Tennessee**. We are very excited to be partnering with the leadership of the SRAPPA and TNAPPA communities to offer this event, and it will prove to be a great collaboration. APPA/SRAPPA/TNAPPA 2016 will welcome more than 500 facilities management profes-

sionals from around the world to meet and discuss current issues and challenges facing educational facilities and to determine the best course of action to address these issues.

We will offer a comprehensive agenda discussing all aspects of our industry, including Preventive Maintenance for People, Space: The Ever Changing Frontier, Economy, Innovation and Technology, and the Future of the Built Environment—plus some new and exciting topics that we think you will find to be timely and informative.

You will not want to miss a presentation by Dr. Stuart Robertshaw (Dr. Humor) on *The Healing Power of Humor*, where he will discuss the psychological and physiological benefits of humor and laughter as they relate to taking care of ourselves, our friends, and our loved ones.

We will again offer the Facilities Buzz sessions—a great interactive session, providing an excellent opportunity for open dialogue with our leaders. In addition to the core curriculum, we are offering a special program for APPA's Emerging Professionals and Senior Facilities Officers on July 11, the day before the official start of APPA/SRAPPA/TNAPPA 2016.

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recognized as the premier international event for networking, discussion, and information sharing for educational facilities professionals. Over 100 of our profession's most recognized leaders will be onsite to share their experiences and discuss best practices. Even the most experienced facility management professional will come away from the conference with a better understanding of current issues facing our industry, and a renewed sense of purpose on the important role that facilities management plays at their universities and schools. Visit us today for the latest on programming information at www.appa.org/training/APPA2016/.

APPA U

In the fall, I encourage you to attend **APPA U** which will be held **September 11-15, 2016 at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld in Orlando, Florida**. The APPA U event comprises the Institute for Facilities Management and the Leadership Academy.

The Institute curriculum is composed of four core areas: General Administration & Management, Operations & Maintenance, Energy & Utilities, and Planning, Design & Construction. Students at the Institute select one core area to be the focus of their classes for that week. Morning classes consist of required courses, focusing on the core area selected, and afternoon classes will be electives and may be a combination from any of the four core areas.

The Leadership Academy is constructed in a four-level format: Individual Effectiveness Skills, Interpersonal Effectiveness Skills, Managerial Effectiveness Skills, and Organizational Effectiveness Skills. Content here focuses on educating participants in gaining awareness of industry issues, skills necessary to handle today's changes, and discover their own leadership potential—at every level. Registration for APPA U begins on June 1, 2016. Mark your calendar and make the investment!

I also encourage you and your staff to visit APPA Training Calendar at <http://www.appa.org/training/trainingcalendar.cfm> for the latest offerings of our popular Drive-In Workshops and Supervisor's Toolkits that are often right in your backyard.

As you can see, there are educational op-

portunities available for professionals with all levels of expertise and experience. I encourage each of you to take advantage of these unique and challenging courses, which will enhance your career in 2016! 💰

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