

## Keith Woodward Selected Recipient of 2016 Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article



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**APPA VICE PRESIDENT** for Information and Research Norm Young recently announced that the 2016 Recipient of the Rex

Dillow Award for Outstanding Article in *Facilities Manager* is **Keith Woodward**, associate vice president for facilities operation at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut. Keith also serves as co-chair of the Thought Leaders Series.

Keith's winning article, "Facilities and School Security," was published in the November/December 2015 issue. The article is based on the general session presentations at the APPA 2015 conference of survivors of three tragic, high-profile mass shootings: principal Frank DeAngelis of Columbine High School, student Kristina Anderson of Virginia Tech, and teacher Natalie Hammond of Sandy Hook Elementary.

In the article, Keith wrote, "At the end of the day it's not about being prepared for every situation—chasing that goal is unrealistic and virtually unattainable. But what facilities professionals can do is be a consistent part of the conversation around issues that affect the wide-ranging complexities of the educational enterprise."

The article was selected by APPA's Information and Research Committee from the eligible articles published in the six issues of *Facilities Manager* within the

past year. Keith received his award at the Awards Reception at the APPA/SRAPPA/TNAPPA conference in Nashville.

Many congratulations to Keith Woodward on receiving this award.

### IN MEMORIAM – EARL H. POTTER III

We were saddened to learn that Earl Potter, president of St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, died June 14 in a highway accident while on university business.

Earl became a supportive friend of APPA when he first agreed to participate in APPA's Thought Leaders symposium in 2011. Since then, he attended and participated fully in the last five of six Thought Leaders sessions, including the most recent one held in



Earl H. Potter III

April 2016 in Rancho Mirage, California.

APPA EVP Lander Medlin and I particularly appreciated the contributions that Earl provided us in his detailed and thoughtful comments on the draft Thought Leaders reports. He always impressed us with his probing questions, logical suggestions, and critical and meaningful perspective on the process and content of our annual Thought Leaders reports. 💰

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