Since 1987, APPA has presented the annual Rex Dillow for Outstanding Article in Facilities Manager to the feature article deemed most relevant, readable, and valuable from the previous year’s eligible articles. We are pleased to announce that the 2018 recipients of the Rex Dillow Award are Josh Logan and Nancy Hostetler for their article, “Exploring the Benefits of a Strong Internship Program,” originally published in the November/December 2017 issue.

APPA’s Information and Research Committee, led by Vice President Norm Young of the University of Hartford, made its selection from the eligible articles published in the six issues of Facilities Manager within the past year. The authors received their award during the Awards Reception at the APPA 2018 conference in Washington, D.C.

Josh Logan is an environmental studies graduate student working in the facilities management department at the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus; he plans to graduate at the end of the year. Nancy Hostetler is the safety, regulatory, and training specialist at CU Anschutz.

Their article describes and details the extensive internship program offered by CU Anschutz’s Facilities Management Department to address issues related to recruiting, training, and retaining their skilled personnel. One solution, per the authors: “By teaming up with local higher educational institutions, the department was able to tap into an immense pool of candidates from the area’s finest trade schools, vocational schools, community colleges, and universities.”

To read the entire article, visit https://www.appa.org/files/FMArticles/(14-19)%20FM_ND17_F1.pdf. Congratulations to Josh and Nancy on receiving the 2018 Rex Dillow Award.

If you have an article, case study, or ideas to share with fellow APPA members and readers of Facilities Manager, please contact me directly at steve@appa.org. I welcome your contributions.

SPEAKING OF INTERNSHIPS...

A subcommittee led by Kristie Toohill (formerly Kowall) of Illinois State University has been working on developing and rolling out an APPA internship program designed both to encourage more campus FM departments to offer internship programs and to encourage undergraduate and graduate students to consider working as an intern in a variety of facilities roles and projects.

Grand Valley State University and Illinois State University have interns in place and applying the beta process for further refinements. We are working on a website for both institutions and potential interns to connect with, and we will share more information via Facilities Manager and Inside APPA.

If you have any questions or wish to participate in the internship program, please contact Kristie at klander@ilstu.edu.

Josh Logan and Nancy Hostetler are the 2018 Recipients of the Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article

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