

2016 Regional Reports





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The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) hosted the CAPPA 2016 Educational Symposium and Business Exposition from October 8-12, 2016 in **Little Rock, Arkansas**. The theme was “CAPPA 2016: Energizing Your People and Utility Plants.” During the opening general session, keynote speaker and author Cory Bouck spoke on how to “Energize Your People with the 4 Secret Skills of Followership.” Cory shared lessons he’s learned over his career in leadership as a U.S. Navy officer, brand manager, and director of organizational leadership and learning (www.corybouck.com).

CAPPA 2016 offered 26 sessions ranging from facilities administration and personnel management to maintenance, project management, and utility management. Tours of the UALR campus gave participants a firsthand look at their unique facilities, including heat pump chiller/heaters, and a perspective on their innovative solution for cutting utility costs by almost 5 percent. The tour also provided a peek into UALR’s academic work in the Emerging Analytics Center (data analytics plus virtual reality) and Center for Integrative Nanotechnology Sciences. We also offered APPA’s Academy on Campus—Leadership Track II training.

Business partners staffed exhibits geared to the needs and interests of CAPPA members. Several business partners sponsored prizes, lunches in the exhibit hall, and other networking opportunities throughout the conference.



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Left: 2016 CAPPA Executive Committee members.

Right: CAPPA Conference Participants.

Below: Attendees visit the Emerging Analytics Center.



Before the exhibit hall opened Sunday evening, attendees could join in a golf tournament at the scenic Greystone golf course, or tour the Hot Springs National Park. On Monday evening, dinner was held at the Clinton Presidential Library with museum access.

Entertainment for the Tuesday night banquet was Kevin Delaney of the Museum of Discovery in Little Rock. With support from the museum, Kevin is also the “Science Guy” for *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*.

APPA President Chuck Scott assisted in recognizing CAPPA award winners: Distinguished Member, Robert Eckels; Presidential Award, J. B. Messer and Art Jones; Certificate of Meritorious Service, Sue-Anna Miller and Jeff Flathman; and

Newsletter, Shelton Riley.

APPA President Chuck Scott inducted CAPPA’s executive committee for 2016.

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