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## Five Institutions Honored with APPA's Award for Excellence

**July 24, 2014, Alexandria, Va.** – APPA is pleased to announce the 2014 Award for Excellence in Facilities Management recipients: Soka University of America, University of New Mexico, University of Michigan, Philadelphia University, and University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The Award for Excellence, which highlights the essential role of facilities operations in the overall institutional mission and vision, is APPA's highest institutional honor. Recipient institutions gain national and international recognition for their outstanding achievements in facilities management. The Award for Excellence designation is valid for a period of five years.

“The campuses that receive the Award for Excellence are true leaders in educational facilities management,” said David Cain, APPA’s Immediate Past Vice President, Professional Affairs, and the chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee. “These institutions demonstrate a commitment to providing a strong learning environment that supports its educational direction.”

The APPA Award for Excellence is designed to recognize and advance excellence in the field of educational facilities. Award for Excellence nominations are in the areas of: leadership; strategic and operational planning; customer focus; information and analysis; development and management of human resources; process management; and performance results. Nominated institutions also submit to a site review conducted by an awards evaluation team.

Award recipients were recognized during the 2014 APPA Annual Conference and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in San Diego, July 21-23, 2014.

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