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FIVE INSTITUTIONS RECOGNIZED FOR SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

August 5, 2013, Alexandria VA – Duke University, University of Iowa, University of Colorado at Boulder, Philadelphia University and Oberlin College were recently honored by APPA with the 2013 Sustainability Award.

“The Sustainability Award measures the current level and effort of a facilities management department and its integration with the academic curriculum of the institution,” said David Cain, APPA’s Vice President, Professional Affairs, and the chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee. “These five institutions demonstrate the ability to look at the organization as a whole and focus on what is important to the enterprise, with the goals of improving overall performance and leadership in sustainable initiatives.”

The award was introduced in 2012 to reflect APPA’s 2008 Sustainability Statement, which encourages the creation and maintenance of a sustainable campus environment. APPA has based its award’s criteria on specific standards and processes applicable to management in educational facilities. The award was developed in collaboration with and support from the research and development work provided by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). AASHE’s Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) offers an evaluation system by which educational institutions may measure themselves for recognition of their campus environmental and sustainability achievements.

The awards were presented on Saturday, August 3, during the Awards Banquet at the APPA 2013 Annual Conference and Exposition in Minneapolis.

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