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APPA Recognizes Two Institutions for Campus Facilities Sustainability Progress

August 7, 2015, Alexandria VA – APPA is pleased to announce that San Diego Community College District and Slippery Rock University are the 2015 recipients of the APPA Sustainability Award.

“The Sustainability Award criteria measure the current level and effort of a facilities management department to integrate sustainable policies and "green" practices throughout all facets of the organization, ultimately embedding them within the educational institution,” said Paul Wuebold, APPA’s Vice President, Professional Affairs, and the chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee.

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 developed the criteria based on specific standards and processes applicable to management in educational facilities, including educational curriculum and research; leadership and administration; maintenance and operations; energy and utilities; planning and construction; sustainability indicators; and sustainability innovations. The categories were 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). Their Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) offers standards by which educational institutions may measure themselves for recognition of their campus environmental and sustainability achievements.

The two institutions were recognized during the 2015 APPA Annual Conference in Chicago August 4-6.

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