

## **APAM Celebrates Holiday Season and 2013 Award Winning Teams**

On December 12th, the association hosted its annual Holiday Banquet and the presentation of the APAM/MDOT Asphalt Paving Awards, at the Kellogg Center on the campus of Michigan State University. It was very festive night as we celebrated our 37th anniversary of the Asphalt Paving Awards Program.

Over 200 people attended and enjoyed the festivities including representatives from MDOT, APAM members, local agencies, county road commissions, consultants and Michigan universities. The evening was filled with cold beverages and great conversation as industry partners celebrated the upcoming Holiday Season and the honored award winning teams.

The evening's program began with Executive Director John Becsey welcoming the attendees.

MDOT's Chief Operations Officer Greg Johnson offered opening remarks on the need to focus on those things that we can control as an industry including producing high quality plans, writing specifications that fairly share risk and embracing innovation aimed at improving project delivery and pavement performance.

Dave Cowper, Ajax Paving Industries, announced the APAM Scholarship winners. This year six deserving students are receiving scholarships totaling \$13,000. Click here to view winners list

To complete the festivities, Chuck Mills, APAM Director of Engineering announced the winners of the 2013 APAM/MDOT Asphalt Paving Awards as the plaques were presented by MDOT's Greg Johnson and APAM President Chad Loney.

This year 53 projects were evaluated in 10 different award categories. The judging committee visited each of the nominated projects, traveling 4,100 miles in 12 days. Each project was rated on a scale of 1-10 in the following areas: Appearance, ride, texture, uniformity, longitudinal and transverse joints, edges, utility cover adjustments and degree of difficulty.

Congratulations to all the award winning teams who worked on the 15 projects that received the 2013 Asphalt Paving Awards.

(Click here to see a listing of the 2013 Award Winning Projects)