



## **APAM Celebrates Holiday Season and 2014 Award Winning Teams**

On December 11th, 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 38th anniversary of the Asphalt Paving Awards Program.

Over 250 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 Director Kirk Steudle offered opening remarks on the need for the public to appreciate the work that "our contractors do", and he praised the award winning teams for the excellent work completed this year. He also challenged the industry to continue to do our best work because the public has high expectations so we must strive to meet those expectations on every project that we build.

Dave Cowper, Ajax Paving Industries, announced the APAM Scholarship winners. This year four deserving students are receiving scholarships totaling \$8,000.00! [\(click to view the 2014 APAM Scholarship Recipients List\)](#)

To complete the festivities, Chuck Mills, APAM Director of Engineering announced the winners of the 2014 APAM/MDOT Asphalt Paving Awards as the plaques were presented by MDOT Director Kirk Steudle and APAM's 2015 Vice President Gregg Campbell.

This year 64 projects were evaluated in 10 different award categories. The judging committee visited each of the nominated projects, traveling 4,633 miles in 12 days. Each project was rated 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 18 projects that received the 2014 Asphalt Paving Awards.

[\(Click here to see a listing of the 2014 Award Winning Projects\)](#)