



APAM Celebrates Holiday Season and 2019 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 43rd anniversary of the Asphalt Paving Awards Program.

Over 260 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 and APAM's President, Aaron White introduced special guests and offered remarks on the Paving Awards. A special tribute to John Becsey was given for his 28 years of service to the association and his retirement effective December 31, 2019.

Tony Kratofil, MDOT's Chief Operations Officer, offered opening remarks on the success of MDOT's partnership with the industry and the importance of the APAM/MDOT Paving Awards.

Chuck Mills, Director of Engineering announced the APAM Scholarship winners. This year 7 deserving students received APAM Scholarships. ([click to view the 2019 APAM Scholarship Recipients List](#)).

To complete the festivities, Chuck Mills, announced the winners of the 2019 APAM/MDOT Asphalt Paving Awards as the plaques were presented by MDOT 's Tony Kratofil and APAM President Aaron White.

This year 72 projects were evaluated in 10 different award categories. The judging committee visited each of the nominated projects, traveling 5,400 miles in 14 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 20 projects that received the 2019 Asphalt Paving Awards.

([Click here to see a listing of the 2019 Award Winning Projects](#))