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**Texas Association of Physical Plant Administrators (TAPPA)  
Announces 2022 Annual Award Winners**

**Leander, Texas— May 15, 2022** -- At the 2022 TAPPA Annual Conference, Association President William “Shorty” Schwartz announced the winners of this year’s honors and stated: *“the winners epitomize the hard work and dedication it took to get our institutions through the pandemic. Furthermore, they represent the many members of their organizations that ensured student learning could continue in a time of great uncertainty.”* Awardees are:

***Business Partner Distinguished Service Award:***



The award honors an organization that has served the TAPPA membership as a consistent and exemplary source of services or products while voluntarily supporting the mission of TAPPA. Gordian was recognized for both its unwavering support of the TAPPA mission and its commitment to assisting higher education institutions improve their facilities to facilitate educational missions. Use this link to Gordian’s website for more information about this business partner: [Facility and Construction Cost Data, Software and Expertise | Gordian](#)

## ***Facilities Management Distinguished Service Award:***

**Mr. Mike Wheeler, CEFM, FMP, LEED AP**



**University of Houston, Director of Projects & Technical Service, Facilities Services**

This award is presented to a Facility Manager who promotes education and other professional activities through serving as a role model and mentor. According to David Oliver, University of Houston Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities: *“Mike Wheeler has proven his unquestionable commitment to the Facilities Management profession by mentoring multiple staff members that have grown and developed into future leaders. He has represented the University of Houston, TAPPA and the Facilities Management profession at the highest level”*

## ***Stars Across Texas Award***

**University of North Texas Facilities**



The TAPPA Stars Across Texas Award is designed to recognize and advance excellence in the field of educational facilities while providing the Facility Managers the opportunity for national recognition for their outstanding achievements in facilities management. This rigorous, seven-part award submission is based upon criteria from APPA – Leadership in Educational Facilities national award standards focusing on leadership; strategic and operational planning; customer focus; information and analysis; development and management of human resources; process management; and performance results. This is the second award of this recognition to the UNT Facilities team which first won the award in 2019.

## ***Emeritus Status Award***

The TAPPA Board of Directors would like to congratulate **Glen Haubold** and **Juan Ontiveros** for being recognized as Emeritus Members at the 2022 conference.

**The Texas Association of Physical Plant Administrators (TAPPA)** represents over 175 Texas education organizations including universities, junior and community colleges, and 4-year colleges with over 400 members who are actively involved in the administration and operation of facilities at institutions whose main emphasis is education.

TAPPA began when the Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Texas Secretary of State on May 7, 1979. Our primary emphasis is in higher education (post-secondary) however, membership is welcome from all institutions involved in education.

TAPPA is a non-profit organization in the state of Texas that promotes common interests, proficiency and professionalism in college and university facilities operations including:

- The planning, development, administration, maintenance, and operations of campus facilities.
- Foster professional development and standards, share best practices, and better serve the objectives of institutions of higher education.
- Promote interest, proficiency, and leadership in the administration of higher education facilities and physical plant operations.
- As a state chapter of APPA (Leadership in Educational Facilities), aid and supplement the mission and work of the association in addition to the regional chapter CAPPa and the Texas Association of State Senior College and University Business Officers (TASSCUBO).

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