



The American Academy for Parks and Recreation Administration

Founded in 1988, The American Academy for Park & Recreation Administration has a history of developing programs and services that encourage excellence in park and recreation administration. The Academy's focus is to inspire and strive to advance public park and recreation administration through the support and guidance of the top educators and practitioners around the United States.

OUR VISION

To inspire, influence, and advance the park and recreation profession

OUR MISSION

An Academy of distinguished park and recreation administrators committed to research, professional development, and use of best practices

OUR PURPOSES

- To advance knowledge related to the administration of public parks and recreation
- To encourage scholarly efforts by practitioners and educators to enhance the practice of public parks and recreation to the public good
- To promote broader public understanding of the importance of public parks and recreation to the public good
- To conduct research, publish scholarly papers and/or sponsor seminars related to the advancement of public parks and recreation administration

AAPRA Specialized Programs:

Commission on Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA)

The National Gold Medal Award Program

The Legends in Park & Recreation video history

The Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal in parks and conservation

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