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## **AOLP ANNOUNCES ITS NEWEST COLDS**

**HARRISBURG, PA-** Earlier this month, the Association of Outdoor Lighting Professionals (AOLP) hosted its 2013 Annual Conference & Expo in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference week featured two certification training sessions, numerous industry experts as speakers, educational seminars, exhibitor trade show and its annual awards presentation where professional excellence in outdoor lighting design is honored each year. One of the highlights during the awards evening was the graduation ceremony for the second class of Certified Outdoor Lighting Designers (COLD).

The COLD program is an advanced level of specialized training in landscape lighting design. It is the only certification program of its kind currently being offered in the industry. Participants spend four years in the program developing their lighting expertise and building on a series of fundamental principles that are universally acknowledged to form the basis of "good and responsible" lighting design. During the program, lighting designers engage in peer group studies, in depth project observation, professional seminars and personal growth projects in order to analyze and better their work. The primary goal of the program is to promote design excellence, while allowing for the development of an individual's own lighting design style.

AOLP is proud to announce only its second ever graduating class of Certified Outdoor Lighting Designers (COLD):

- **Philip Costello, COLD #1319 – Illumascape, South Hadley, MA**
- **William Smith, COLD #1320 – WEStar Illumination, LLC, Fairfax Station, VA**
- **Andy Thomas, COLD #1321 – Viewpoint Lighting, Sacramento, CA**
- **Eduardo Tamayo, COLD #1322 – Eduardo Tamayo, Key Biscayne, FL**

For more information about AOLP or the COLD program, visit our website at [www.aolponline.org](http://www.aolponline.org). The Association of Outdoor Lighting Professionals is an international organization representing the interests of lighting professionals. The mission of the organization is to establish standards, educate industry professionals and increase awareness of the outdoor lighting industry.

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*Interviews with COLD graduates can be arranged.*