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Chris Davitt Receives Lawn & Landscape
Leadership Award at 2015 GIE+EXPO

Laytonsville, Md. and Louisville, Ky. – Ruppert Landscape advisor and former president, Chris Davitt, received the prestigious Leadership Award from Lawn & Landscape magazine on Wednesday, October 21st.

Davitt, who retired from his role as president in 2014 after 34 years with the company, accepted the award at a ceremony held during the 2015 GIE+EXPO in Louisville, Kentucky.

The awards, sponsored by Syngenta, are an annual recognition of business owners, educators and others allied to the green industry who have gone above and beyond in their dedication to their field. Lawn & Landscape, a leading business magazine for landscape contractors and lawn care operators, launched its Leadership Awards program in 1999 and has inducted nearly 100 people into the prestigious group.

"In the past 15 years, we've been very fortunate to tell the stories of 100 of the best and brightest in the landscape industry. We couldn't put them on without all their hard work and dedication," says Lawn & Landscape Editor and Associate Publisher, Chuck Bowen. "Without them, the green industry would not be what it is today."

Ruppert Landscape CEO and founder, Craig Ruppert, who received the Lawn & Landscape Leadership Award in 2008, says he recognized Davitt's leadership abilities from the very beginning. "You have to have moxie, and the confidence and ability to take risks and put yourself out there," says Ruppert. "Chris demonstrated early on that he didn't have a fear of leading."

Ruppert Landscape, a family and employee-owned business, provides commercial landscape construction and management with 18 branches serving seven primary markets in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Richmond, Raleigh, Charlotte and Atlanta. The company has a long-standing tradition of growing its team and giving back to the community. Visit us at www.ruppertlandscape.com.

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