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**AND THE WINNER IS... UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK IS
NAMED THE BEST SUBURBAN/RURAL VENUE AND BEST VENUE FOR
YOUTH/SPORTS GROUPS IN THE 2016 UNIQUE VENUES BEST OF AWARDS**

Voted on by a readership of 55,000+ planners, it's the only award of its kind in the niche industry

EDWARDS, COLORADO – For the third annual year, Unique Venues (UV) has announced the winners of its elite Best Of Awards, recognizing the standout campuses, conference and business centers, sports arenas, historical and cultural venues, camps and retreat centers, and other special event venues that wowed guests in 2016. Votes in 19 categories were received from among more than 55,000 planners that regularly use Unique Venues to connect to non-traditional spaces.

The University of Maryland, College Park was honored with two special UV awards: "Best Suburban/Urban Venue" and "Best Venue for Youth/Sports Groups. The University of Maryland, College Park sits on 1,800 acres in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. with a main entrance on Baltimore Avenue (US Route 1) and quick access to three international airports, often resulting in competitive airfare for visiting groups. Planners of youth and sports groups can rest easy bringing their young clients to this sprawling suburban campus near the nation's capital. Each summer, sports camps that are run by Big Ten Conference coaches combine with college immersion, special studies, and STEAM programs to stimulate young minds. A Ropes Challenge Course, Rock Climbing Wall, and TerpZone facility are also must-do add-ons for any youth

program. The University of Maryland, College Park can also provide motor coach charters that make ground transportation a breeze to nearby destinations including: Annapolis, Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and National Harbor. On-site, the University of Maryland, College Park offers more than 200,000 square feet of meeting space including five ballrooms, along with 4,000 sleeping rooms plus two dining halls in the summer months. In 2017, the campus will welcome The Hotel at University of Maryland, offering 297 guest rooms, 43,000 square feet of conference space, and a wide variety of amenities. It will be the second facility of its kind, complementing the 236 guest room College Park Marriott Hotel with its 38,000 square foot Conference Center.

All winners were feted at the Unique Venues Annual Marketing Conference in Denver, Colorado in October and each will also be featured in a special edition of *Unique Venues Magazine*, hitting newsstands in December.

About Unique Venues

For the past 30 years, Unique Venues has been the go-to source for non-conventional meeting and event venues, and the planners looking for them. The marketing and membership company has grown to be the largest online database in the U.S. and Canada with member venues including colleges and universities, historical and cultural venues, arenas and stadiums, camps and retreat centers, conferences and business centers and other special event venues. Services include free RFP submissions, assisted searches and a quarterly magazine distribution that help planners find the perfect fit every time.

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