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Connecticut Recreation & Parks Association Annual Conference Keynote Shares Everyday Life Lessons Learned on the Court

Play-focused keynote learning opportunity, supported by Landscape Structures, reflects
on importance of mentoring and leadership

Delano, Minn. (Nov. 19, 2013) — Landscape Structures Inc., a Delano, Minn.-based commercial playground equipment manufacturer, along with its Connecticut playground consultant, M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc., will exhibit at the 2013 Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association (CRPA) Annual Conference Nov. 25-26, at the Mohegan Sun Hotel & Convention Center. The conference will feature Paul Assaiante, Trinity College squash and tennis coach, as the keynote speaker. This learning experience was made possible through the 2013-2014 State Association Speaker Scholarship program from Landscape Structures.

As Trinity College's squash and tennis coach, Assaiante has won 13 straight national championships and a record 252 consecutive matches since March 1998. As the squash coach at West Point, Williams and Trinity, he has a career record of 430-88; his Trinity record after 17 seasons is 307-14, a stunning 95.6 percent winning rate. No other team in any collegiate sport has achieved this. In 2010, Assaiante co-authored *Run to the Roar: Coaching to Overcome Fear*, a unique reflection on mentoring and leadership. Assaiante's session at the CRAP Annual Conference will impart the insights and experiences that have made him a master coach, and will share with attendees how to apply lessons learned on the court to everyday life.

Assaiante's 60-minute session will be presented at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 25. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to visit M.E. O'Brien & Sons and Landscape Structures in the exhibit

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hall later on Monday to learn about the latest trends in playground design including custom and theme designs.

About Landscape Structures Inc.

Since 1971, Landscape Structures Inc. has been the leading manufacturer of commercial playground equipment in the world. The employee-owned company is committed to creating a better world by encouraging outdoor activities that develop healthy kids, families and communities. Landscape Structures designs better playgrounds that welcome all ages and abilities, become signature gathering spaces for communities and offer the most innovative play experiences. The company's mission from day one has been to enhance children's lives by fostering and creating inspiring play experiences while honoring the environment.

About M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc.

Family operated, M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc. is the leading supplier of outdoor recreation equipment in New England. Founded in 1929, the company continues to provide customers with high-quality equipment at competitive prices and with the top-notch service they deserve. A third generation of the O'Brien family is now providing the same quality as prior leadership, and they're constantly striving to ensure the name will be associated only with the finest manufacturers, and caring, courteous service to clients backed by undeviating integrity. O'Brien & Sons understands that the endurance of a company depends on how well it regards its customers. They require value, quality, responsiveness, courtesy and fairness, and its products and service reflect that fact.