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APA Celebrates Return to Nation's Capital

After a 15-year hiatus in Arlington, Va., APA's headquarters returned to Washington, D.C., in a new home that lies in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol. Being close to the nation's seat of power symbolizes APA's unwavering commitment to advocate for people with mental illness and support the professional needs of APA members. Participating in the day's events were more than 140 APA leaders, friends from allied mental health organizations, local dignitaries, and staff. The photos on these two pages present highlights of the Grand Opening and a look at the new space that APA occupies. (For more information on Grand Opening, see page 1.) **PN**



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1 APA leaders and administration members gather for a photo in the reception area of APA's new headquarters. Behind them is a view of the U.S. Capitol.

2 APA is situated on three floors of a new building at 800 Maine Avenue in Southwest Washington, D.C.

3 APA President-elect Altha Stewart, M.D. (second from left), poses in front of one of the display panels about the history of psychiatry and APA that are mounted in office hallways. With her are Chandan Khandai, M.D., Lama Bazzi, M.D., and Rana Elmaghraby, M.D.

4 Bruce Jackson of APA's Department of Facilities Management sits at APA's reception desk. On the left is a display panel recounting psychiatry's early U.S. history and the images of APA's 13 founding fathers.



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5 Amy Porfiri of the APA Foundation gives a tour of APA's rare books room to Monsoor Malik, M.D., and Joanne Dunne. Porfiri oversaw the development of the Melvin Sabshin, M.D., Library & Archives, which includes the rare books room.

6 The main stairway at APA opens to a light-filled staff lounge that can be converted into a space for large meetings.

7 About 140 APA leaders (past and present), local guests, and dignitaries attended the Grand Opening ceremony.

8 Monty Hoffman, founder and CEO of PN Hoffman, gives APA CEO and Medical Director Saul Levin, M.D., M.P.A., the hard hat he had worn when visiting the building during construction.

9 APA Chief of Communications Tanya Bradsher shows off the media room, where APA can now make in-house videos.



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