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Executive Director's Report

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NEWS

Hill Top Heroes

February also kicked off "Hill Top Heroes." This is to recognize students who support others who are being bullied or excluded. Student names are placed on the board near the cafeteria and these students will be further recognized and rewarded at the end of the month.

CLM Network

CAIU has organized and hosted a Competent Learner Model (CLM) Central Region Networking Group throughout this year. The most recent meeting, on February 19th, had more than 45 attendees from various IUs, districts, agencies, and private schools in and outside of Pennsylvania. This group is designed to provide staff advanced training and networking options in coaching and program design. The CAIU Autism staff has created this opportunity in partnership with the Vista School and Vickie Tucci, author of the CLM curriculum.

ELECT Monitoring

Our Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) program participated in a statewide monitoring during February and we received very positive verbal feedback about the program and operations. PDE representatives were invited and did attend the recent evening event that was held for ELECT clients and their families.

VERA Center on Youth Justice

Representatives from the VERA Center on Youth Justice (New York, New York) will be visiting with CAIU and DPW staff at Loysville Youth Development Center to learn about the effective programs, treatments and system coordination that is in place at LYDC to support juveniles in breaking free from cycles of violence and crime. The VERA Center on Youth Justice is assisting New York State in its effort to transform the juvenile secure placement system.

Integrity Bank Donates to Champions for Children Foundation

The CAIU Champions for Children Foundation recently received a \$5,000 gift from Integrity Bank. There was no application process for the money, no business meetings, no networking events—just an unexpected phone call to Daren Moran, treasurer of the CAIU Champions for Children Foundation, informing him that Integrity Bank wanted to contribute to the foundation. The bank found Champions for Children's mission – to improve the lives of children with special needs – to be a compelling and worthwhile cause.



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RECOGNITION

- **Sue Voigt** has been invited to serve on a panel of 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant evaluators for the *2013 Promising Practices-Proven Strategies ELO conference "Building Bridges to New Possibilities"* sponsored by the Center for Schools and Communities. The three panelists represent the western, central, and eastern regions of the state. Preceding the discussion, the panelists will be presenting on evaluation approaches, roles and responsibilities, challenges, and using evaluations to improve student programming. The conference is being held in State College from March 5-7, 2013.
- At the last PA Association of Educational Office Professionals (PAEOP) Board meeting, **Sheri Moyer** was appointed as the Region 5 regional representative.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- I recently visited one of our vocational sites, Sunset T's, where students are learning to work in a print shop environment. I would recommend this company anytime your district has a need for print screening services.
- Cindy Mortzfeldt and I attended the **Central Dauphin** School Board meeting where we presented information on CAIU.
- CAIU Cabinet members met with the Cabinet members at **Shippensburg S.D.** and **Middletown Area S.D.**
- Alicia McDonald, Theresa Kinsinger and I attended a quarterly meet and discuss meeting between the IU Administration and the Association. The goal of these quarterly meetings is to maintain open communication and promote trust between the IU and the bargaining unit leadership.
- Met with two PDE representatives to discuss on-line programming.
- Attended the Central Region PAIU Executive Directors' meeting in State College.
- Attended PAIU's monthly meeting with the Secretary of Education and other PDE leaders to discuss some key points from the Governor's Budget address.
- Participated in the second Harrisburg Financial Recovery Advisory Committee meeting.
- Met with PAIU Executive Director and PDE staff to discuss on-line learning in PA.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- The Pennsylvania Middle School and High School Regional Computer Fair will be held on Monday, March 25, 2013 at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) from 7:30am - 2:30pm.