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Executive Director's Report

June 27, 2013

NEWS

Focused On Living (FOL)

With sadness Focused On Living will be closing this month. The program served students in our IU for 10 years. Many wonderful experiences were provided during this time.

Hill Top Academy (HTA)

Two students graduated from Hill Top Academy on Monday, June 3, 2013 students.

Capital Area Partial Program (CAPP)

We are sad to report that Dr. Shawna Brent will not be one of our contracted psychiatrists next year so that she can focus on her private practice. We thank her for many years of service and the benefit of her expertise to our program. Dr. Brent has offered our staff many trainings throughout her time with us and had a book published, *A Guide to Psychiatric Services in Schools*. She will be missed. We are in the process of searching for a psychiatrist to take over our CAPP High School and CAPP Middlesex units.

PIMS Data Quality Council Meeting

The CAIU hosted a PA Information Management System (PIMS) Data Quality Council meeting on June 25, 2013 at PaTTAN to kick-off the PDE PIMS Data Quality Initiative. The initial focus of this project will involve forming Data Quality Councils in districts to establish formal control of data submitted to PIMS and broaden awareness of the use of PIMS data for programs such as Educator Effectiveness, School Performance Profile and Educator Dashboard.

RECOGNITION

CAIU's Becky Boone Receives the 2013 Decima Award

The Capital Area Intermediate Unit is proud to announce that Becky Boone, Early Intervention Specialist with CAIU, has won this year's Josephine J. Decima Award for Excellence in the Field of Special Education. The award was established to honor the life of Josephine Decima, a former CAIU educator and a pioneer in the field of special education in central Pennsylvania.

Boone, who began teaching in 1975, has a genuine passion for the job. She credits much of her success to the team that surrounds her. Having a good supervisory, support, and administrative team is essential for EI teachers today.



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NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Attended the PAIU Regional meeting in State College where there was an extensive discussion on formalizing model business practices to be used throughout the state
- All directors and several of the supervisors attended the PAIU Annual Leadership Conference. Speakers included Dr. Don Marinelli, co-founder of Carnegie Mellon's Entertainment Technology Center, Dr. Susan Leddick, founder of Profound Knowledge Resources and Mr. Paul Gould, senior designer of MAYA Design, Inc. Participants met with their job-alikes across the state to discuss issues of general concern.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **June 27, 2013** - The Capital Area Intermediate Unit and the Pennsylvania Association of Educational Office Professionals will be offering the 2nd annual Educational Office Support Professionals Workshop. The title and theme of the workshop is E.SP 2013 – GET. In. The. KNOW. This mantra is designed to increase awareness of the importance of being lifelong learners no matter what part of education you work in.
- **July 30 - 17th Annual CAIU Champions for Children Golf Tournament** - Fee is \$60 per person and includes green fee, cart, refreshments, dinner and other prizes.

When	July 30, 2013 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Where	Cumberland Golf Club 2395 Ritner Highway Carlisle Pennsylvania
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