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Executive Director's Report

May 23, 2013

NEWS

Hill Top Academy

The end of the year school picnic for the students attending Hill Top Academy is in on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at Lower Allen Township Park. The last day of school for students will be Thursday, June 6, 2013.

The Capital Area Partial Program (CAPP) license has been renewed by DPW (Department of Public Welfare). CAPP is in the process of forming several internal Quality Assurance committees that will help to ensure the program is maintaining the highest standards administratively, operationally, and clinically. CAPP continues to move forward in communications with other agencies (Pressley Ridge, Adams-Hanover Counseling) with the continued goal to improve collaborative service delivery.

14th Annual Champions for Children Bingo

The evening was a huge success again this year, even though people had to run through torrential rain to get into the building. Over 140 tickets were sold raising over \$4000 for children with unique and special needs who live within the CAIU footprint. A special thank you to all of our sponsors and volunteers.

RECOGNITION

Congratulations and Best Wishes

Dr. Harner, Superintendent of Cumberland Valley School District, has been nominated to replace Secretary of Education Tomalis. Dr. Harner will be Acting Secretary of Education until his Senate Confirmation.

Amy Morton, Executive Deputy Secretary and former Executive Director of CAIU, has been appointed as the chief academic officer at the Central Susquehanna IU. She will start her duties there on June 1, 2013.

2013 Gay Keiser Scholarship Award

In conjunction with the Keiser family, the Capital Area Intermediate Unit Speech and Language Program established this scholarship in memory of Mrs. Gay Keiser. Mrs. Keiser was employed at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for twelve years and worked as an itinerant speech/language clinician, educational consultant, and program supervisor. Her interests were in the areas of autism, multiple disabilities, and assistive technology. She promoted ongoing professional staff development to ensure quality services for all children and their families. Her influence extended well beyond the intermediate unit to school districts and agencies. The scholarship is awarded to a qualified student who is enrolled in a full-time master's degree program in speech/language pathology within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who wishes to pursue a career as a speech/language pathologist in the school setting. *This year's*



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recipient of the \$2,000 scholarship is Kimberly Kerstetter, a speech/language pathology graduate student at Edinboro University.

The Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Leadership Award

The Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Leadership Award was established in 2002 to honor the memory of Dr. Thomas Holtzman Jr., the former principal and superintendent at Susquehanna Township School District, whose passion for learning, positive attitude, commitment to his students' success, and concern for diversity, were an inspiration to all who knew him. Award candidates are nominated by school administration, fellow teachers, parents, and students.

The Capital Area Intermediate Unit announced that the winner of the 2012/2013 Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Leadership Award is **Judy Hawthorn, a technology teacher at Cedar Cliff High School in the West Shore School District.**

Hawthorn has been teaching for 35 years in the area of technology and engineering education. Throughout her career, Hawthorn has been involved in many professional organizations. She is currently the Executive Director of the Technology and Engineering Education Association of Pennsylvania and is on the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association. She plans to remain active in these groups after she retires in June.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Attended and participated in the PASA Women's Caucus at Hershey Hotel. Cherie Lovre provided several extremely important sessions on crisis response and trauma intervention. If a district wants immediate advice on how to deal with a situation in their district she is available at 503-508-6767. Her website www.cmionline.org, provides, checklists, sample letters and other valuable resources needed during a crisis.
- Facilitated a panel discussion on IUs: Another Pathway to Leadership with executive directors from Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13, IU 20 and assistant executive director from Tuscarora IU 11.
- Facilitated discussion on PA Educator Effectiveness with representative from PDE and superintendents from Quakertown Community SD and Milton Area SD.
- Held our third and final CAIU Staff Communication meeting for this school year.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **Graduation and Awards Ceremonies**
 - Hill Top Academy Graduation is on Monday, June 3rd at 1:00 PM
 - Loysville Youth Development Center Graduation is on Thursday, May 31st at 1:00 pm
 - Deaf or Hard of Hearing Program Awards Ceremony will be on Friday, May 17th at 7:00 pm
 - Graduation for Multiple Disabilities & Autism Programs will be on Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00 pm



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- **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.