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Executive Director's Report

May 24, 2018

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

BrainSTEPS

The BrainSTEPS Program was created to build a bridge connecting the medical, rehabilitation, education sectors and families following student (K-12) acquired brain injury (ABI). ABIs can cause cognitive, physical, socio-emotional, and behavioral impairments that impact classroom performance and learning. Established in Pa in 2007, BrainSTEPS consulting teams support school teams in the development and implementation of educational plans following student ABI. In 2017, BrainSTEPS was recognized by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as a national model for educational consultation supporting students and school teams in the development and implementation of educational supports and services following an acquired brain injury.

NEWS

Student Services

Pupil Services

- Based on district contract requests and resignations, there are multiple vacancies in our Pupil Services program. Positions are posted for Mental Health Worker, School Psychologist and Social Worker.
- Referrals continue to come in from districts for student placements and evaluations. Intake meetings will be held next week for the remaining three weeks of school.

Transition Programming

As we continue to review our transition planning and how it relates to student progress and IEP goals, a team of professionals and paraprofessionals will be meeting this summer to work on curriculum aligned to standards and transition policy to be rolled out in the 2018-2019 school year.

Professional Development

Our Summer Academy trainings are close to capacity. These trainings include topics such as diversity, student social skills, suicide prevention, play therapy, reading interventions, transition, goal setting/rubrics and grief counseling.

Equitable Participation

Meg Taylor-Makuch, Coordinator of Equitable Participation and Educational Consultant, was recently trained as a trainer in Dr. Michael Heggerty's Phonemic Awareness Curriculum. The two best predictors of early reading success are alphabet recognition and phonemic awareness, and this curriculum is used in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade as a whole class lesson. Intervention groups can use Heggerty curriculum starting in 2nd grade. Meg is currently implementing Heggerty in several non-public schools.

Hill Top Academy

- The Mobile Dentist was on-site at Hill Top for a second time this year on May 17. The dentist saw 29 students for anything from routine cleanings to cavity fillings. Between the two visits, the dentist will have seen 60 students at Hill Top this year. All services are provided to students at no cost to their families.
- Two seniors, who attend Hill Top Academy, were recognized at the Buskey Awards on May 17, for their progress and achievements as they work toward their post-secondary lives.
- Last day for students is Friday, June 1.

Student Services Events

Optimist Olympics -The 25th Annual Optimist Olympics, for deaf/hard of hearing and blind/visually impaired students, was held on Friday May 12 at the York City Ice Arena. The event is coordinated by the Optimist Clubs of York, Adams, and Lancaster counties and representatives from Capital Area Intermediate Unit and Lincoln Intermediate Unit, including our own Mary Daubenspeck and Deb Genet. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students with sensory impairments to interact, socialize, and participate in a variety of sports activities that are modified for them, including guide ropes for running, sound-producing sports equipment, Braille and large print certificates, and sign language interpreters. Many of our Capital Area Intermediate Unit students and teachers attended this successful event.

DHH Awards - The Annual CAIU Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awards program was held on Thursday, May 17. This event gives all of the students, teachers, and families an opportunity to be recognized for all of their hard work and success. In addition, all graduates and retirees are acknowledged. The evening also features a basket raffle, a summary video of events from throughout the year, but perhaps the most enjoyable part is that each teacher stands and recognizes students for specific achievements that were made throughout the year.

Educational Day with the Harrisburg Senators - CAIU Classroom students from Hill Top Academy and our district-based classes attended the Educational Day at Harrisburg Senators game on May 24. This event is sponsored by the MLB Foundation and provides tickets, t-shirts and lunches for students.

Hill Top Academy Reading & Math-a-thon Parent Night will be held on May 24 at 5:30PM

CAIU Graduation - CAIU/Hill Top Academy Graduation Ceremony will be held on May 30 at 6:30 pm, Enola

CURRICULUM SERVICES

STATE QUIZ BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday April 27, Trinity High School's Quiz Bowl team participated in the Pennsylvania State Academic Competition at the State Capitol Building in Harrisburg. Twenty-Two high school teams from across the state competed in matches that tested their knowledge of history, arts, literature, geography, science, and current events. The matches took place in the Chambers of the State Senate and House of Representatives.

After the initial rounds of competition, Trinity was tied for 4th place and qualified for afternoon playoff matches. In the semi-finals, our team narrowly outscored Allentown Central Catholic to gain one of three spots in the finals. The championship match slated Trinity against Great Valley High School from Chester County and Friends Select from Philadelphia. The final contest remained close throughout, but Great Valley pulled away at the end. Our team finished in 2nd place as the State runner-up.



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Please join in congratulating senior Andrew Bowman, and sophomores Connor Coyle, Luke Capper, Michael Staiger, and Greyson Sheller. What a great accomplishment for these young men!

24 Challenge - 2018 CAIU Regional Competition

On May 7 and 8, over 200 students from grades 4-8 competed in the 24 Challenge Competition held at CAIU. The students represented 14 school districts and 5 non-public schools. Thank you to all of the advisors from the schools who served as coaches and judges and to all of the CAIU employees who helped with the coordination!



Congratulations to the following winners!

Grades 4-5

Teams

1. Hershey Elementary School, Derry Township SD
2. Cumberland Valley SD Team 1 (aggregate district team)
3. (tie) Linglestown Elementary School, Central Dauphin SD
3. (tie) Cumberland Valley SD Team 3 (aggregate district team)

Individuals

1. Christine Tang, Hershey Elementary
2. Pranav Anbalagan, Cumberland Valley SD Team 3
3. Jason Lyn-Sue, Hershey Elementary
4. Anish Koka, Cumberland Valley SD Team 1

Grade 6

Teams

1. Good Hope Middle School, Cumberland Valley SD
2. Central Dauphin Middle School, Central Dauphin SD
3. Eagle View Middle School, Cumberland Valley SD

Individuals

1. Hitesh Yadlapalli, Good Hope Middle School
2. Pranav Vaddadi, Good Hope Middle School
3. Vraj Patel, Camp Hill Middle School
4. Arnav Chauhan, Good Hope Middle School

Grades 7-8

Teams

1. Good Hope Middle School, Cumberland Valley SD
2. Eagle View Middle School, Cumberland Valley SD
3. Lower Dauphin Middle School, Cumberland Valley SD

Individuals

1. Vedesh Yadlapalli, Good Hope Middle School
2. Saketh Gopu, Good Hope Middle School
3. Rajesh Muduganti, Good Hope Middle School
4. Sarvesh Gopalakrishnan, Eagle View Middle School

ESL Student Trip to Lake Tobias Wildlife Park

ESL teacher Mari Bender coordinated a trip to Lake Tobias Wildlife Park for her students who are developing their English language skills.



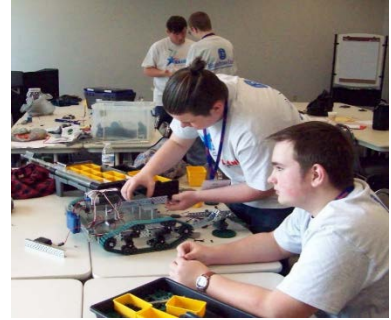
Sea, Air, Land Challenge

On Tuesday, April 24, three districts from CAIU participated in the Sea, Air, Land Challenge at Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13. This high school engineering and robotics event is a joint venture between Penn State's Electro-Optics Center and the U.S. Office of Naval Research. Our regional event is co-sponsored by Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13, Lincoln IU 12, and CAIU. High school teams create vehicles that compete in challenges that mimic missions faced by the military, national security agencies, and first responders.



Congratulations to Big Spring High School, Red Land High School, and Susquehanna Township High School!

Big Spring and Susquehanna Township students listening to the morning keynote speaker, U.S. Navy Petty Officer Stephen Bugaj, speak about nuclear engineering on aircraft carriers.



Assistive Technology Conference

Geri Schaffer and Shana Montgomery recently presented a session called "A Practical Model for Building Capacity in Assistive Technology" at the Assistive Technology conference in San Diego, CA. Geri and Shana are Educational Consultants on the Curriculum Services team at CAIU.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Technology Solution - ITGlue Documentation

The CAIU Technology Services Team implemented an IT document management and collaboration solution called ITGlue. ITGlue is a web based application that allows the CAIU to create technical documentation, to include (but not limited to) network designs, process management, passwords, and documentation in one seamless experience. The CAIU partnered with ITGlue to offer an IT documentation software to our school districts called MYGlue.

Technology Solution – FortiClient Antivirus Software

The CAIU Technology Services Team has been working with school districts to evaluate different antivirus software. After completing a proof of concept with several solutions, the consortium chose Fortinet FortiClient Endpoint Security Suite (FortiClient EMS). With today's sophisticated cyber threats (targeted attacks, socially engineered phishing, malware, etc.) and the increase of devices on your network, it is important to have a current enterprise class solution to protect the data and devices. This solution ties in to our cyber security planning and integrates with our Fortinet Next Generation Firewall protection.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Attended Highmark Presentation of Nurse Award to Betsy Seidel, CAIU School Nurse
- Attended PAIU Monthly meeting
- Attended CAIU Staff Social
- Met with Hans Meeder, National Center for College and Career Transitions
- Attended DCTS JOC and Board meetings
- Attended CPAVTS PAC meeting
- Held SAC meeting and retirement breakfast
- Attended Buskey Student Achievement Luncheon

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- May 30 @ 6:30pm, Enola - CAIU/Hill Top Academy Senior Graduation
- May 30 – June 1, 2018 - CEA (Corrections Education Association) Region I Conference. Loysville staff attend.
- June 5 from 5:00pm – 8:00 pm at Adventure Zone Playground in Mechanicsburg - Annual Early Intervention Family Carnival sponsored by Early Intervention Connections

- June 6 - Graduation at Diakon CenterPoint Program
- June 8 @ 2pm - Loysville Graduation
- June 26 from 8:30 – 3:30pm - The **CAIU's First Annual Unconference** will be held at the Conference Center at Central Penn College. For registration and additional information, go to [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/ABOUTCAIUEDTECH](https://tinyurl.com/aboutcaiuEDTECH).