



educational excellence through leadership, partnership, and innovation

Executive Director's Report

April 25, 2019

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Project Search prepares our students with disabilities for success in integrated, competitive employment. It's created through a partnership between the Office for Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), CAIU, and Penn State Health Hershey Medical Center. Students participate in the program during their senior year with the expected outcome of year-round, non-seasonal employment of at least 16 hours per week or more at the prevailing wage for the area/job.



NEWS

STUDENT SERVICES

Preschool

- April is Occupational Therapy Awareness Month. We are honoring our 26 occupational therapists for the excellent work they do with our preschooler and school age student in developing fine motor, daily living, and self-regulation skills.
- A Potty Training event sponsored by Early Intervention Connections, a partnership of Early Intervention Programs in Dauphin, Cumberland, and Perry counties and the CAIU took place on April 10 at the CAIU. Alison Mellott from JG Early Intervention Specialists led the discussion and shared techniques for 18 families.
- Terry Telep, Early Intervention Services, attended the Spring Leadership Meeting, in early April, focusing on current research and best practices to improve the quality of our early childhood services and experiences through the promotion of positive social-emotional development for all children and their families.
- On April 11, Terry Telep, attended a preschool networking session hosted by West Perry School District. Local preschool and daycare programs located in West Perry School District were in attendance.
- Barb Kline, Occupational Therapist, did a presentation for Newport Head Start parents. The topics were related to fine motor skills and the use of everyday items for practicing at home. There were nine parents and two administrators present.

School-Age

- Due to the level of district need, we are in the process of expanding classroom programs in Autism Support and CAMhP (Capital Area Mental Health Program) for the upcoming school year.
- Student enrollment at Diakon Center Point also continues to increase.
- Dr. Janilyn Elias is President-Elect for the Pennsylvania Association for Pupil Services Administrators (PAPSA) for the upcoming year.
- Administrators have conducting first and second round interviews for Teachers, Behavior Consultants, and Instructional Coaches. We have had a strong candidate pool and are looking forward to welcoming our new staff.

- We are in the process of finalizing our training plan for our trainers to roll-out the English/Language Arts and Math curriculum for the 2019-202 school year.

Student Services Upcoming Events

- May is Better Speech and Hearing Month. We will coordinate efforts to honor our speech language pathologists and audiologist with our school-age program.
- Spring Transition Meetings for children who transitioning into Kindergarten will occur on May 1 & 7 for children who are exiting preschool and entering school-age programming.
- May 3 @ 6-8 p.m. - Literacy Night Under The Stars at the John H. Frederick Field, Memorial Park, Mechanicsburg sponsored by Mechanicsburg School District.
- May 22 - Early Intervention Professional Development. Preschool staff will share the special projects that they worked on throughout the year as part of their professional learning communities.
- June 4 @ 5-8 p.m. - annual Early Intervention Family Carnival sponsored by Early Intervention Connections at Adventure Zone Playground in Mechanicsburg.

EDUCATION SERVICES

- On April 4, PA Intermediate Units 12, 13, and 15 hosted their **Third Annual Google Summit**. The summit was held at the Lincoln Intermediate Unit in New Oxford, PA and drew together nearly 100 enthusiastic educators. The day-long event featured Google Apps for Education promoting K-12 student learning. Participants were able to choose from a variety of sessions provided by classroom educators, instructional coaches/integrators, and administrators. There was also a Google Level 1 Certification session to prepare participants for the exam. The featured Keynote was Phil Vinogradov, Google EDU Professional Development Partner.
- On April 1-3, 28 educational leaders from the CAIU region were in Knoxville, TN to further their professional learning journey on **Micro-Credentialing and Digital Badging**. The group, led by Jill Neuhard, had an amazing learning experience with their new Tennessee friends from ten districts and the TN Department of Education! The collaboration sparked many critical conversations and laid the groundwork for future regional plans! This trip was made possible via one of *CAIU's Innovation Grants*.
- **Drone Education** - How do we prepare our students and expose them to using drones for data collection, geographic analysis, flight path planning, field operations, image analysis, 3-D model construction, & more? 21 educators came out to the Day of Drones held on April 10 at CAIU. Participants learned the basic operations of a Mambo Mission drone, drone safety and uses, components of the SOAR implementation model, and examples of how you can integrate drones into the curriculum. After taking flight, educators worked on creating projects and lessons that will motivate & engage students and to integrate STEM to solve real world problems.
- **CAOLA**
 - The Mid-Atlantic Conference on Personalized Learning was held on March 13-15, 2019 in Atlantic City, NJ. 173 people from CAOLA districts attended. They had access to over 25 CAOLA specific sessions but also an additional 75 Personalized Learning sessions. Feedback from the attendees was very positive. IU10 and IU19 each brought a non-member district to the conference as guests. After the conference, both districts have decided to join CAOLA.
 - CAOLA Advising - All six districts that used our advising services this year have agreed to renew for next year. One district is increasing their advising contract from one day a week to three days.
- Congratulations to the winners of our **Regional Media & Design Competition** who will advance to the State Media & Design Competition in May at Dickinson College.



High School

Animation- Katherine Tootchen and Lisa Wang, Hershey High School
Graphic Design & Logo- Tiffany Mai and Thasya Duong, Central Dauphin High School
Digital Movie- Owen Klinger, Carson Buffington, and Matt Reigle, Halifax High School
Web Page Design- Madison Richwine, Madelyn Hosey, and Jasmine Chan, Hershey High School
Programming- Chris Martin, Carlisle High School

Middle School

Animation- Tyler Kerstetter, St. Joseph School
Graphic Design & Logo- Adeline Woodward and Alexis Kuntz, St. Joseph School
Digital Movie- Ling Wu, Hershey Middle School
3D Design- Cohen Manges, Ethan Walter, and John Cicero, Mechanicsburg Middle School
Web Page Design- Faizaan Aziz and Taimur Ibrahimi, Hershey Middle School
Programming- Viraj Singh, Eagle View Middle School

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

- **Comprehensive Planning Team** - The Comprehensive Planning Team is preparing for three important submissions. By May 1, Phase 1 school districts will be submitting their Special Education Plans, by August 1, Charter schools will be submitting their Annual Reports and by September 1, non-designated Title I school-wide buildings will be submitting their School-wide Plans. The application developers are busy preparing the web application and trainers are communicating with the field and partnering with PDE to offer training for each of these plans. Our Google Site is updated frequently to reflect training opportunities, recorded training sessions, and resources for the field. Our team continues to send monthly newsletters through our Listserv to offer reminders, best practices, and tips and tricks for planning.
- **Network and Helpdesk Services** - The Technology Services staff has been working on multiple projects to enhance the efficiency of the CAIU and its member school districts. Some of the projects include:
 - Met with Susquenita SD to discuss our regional VoIP (Voice over IP phone system) solution. Their current system is nearing end-of-support.
 - Met with PASA (Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators) to discuss our Managed Services solution and see if we can meet their needs.
 - Received training along with the district cybersecurity planning team on CIS (Center for Internet Security) controls. These controls will be the guideline for our cybersecurity plan.
 - Moved the internal helpdesk to their new location and configured new network closets for changes in facilities at the Enola office.
 - Created a wireless site survey for the Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg. The team is now preparing a multi-floor plan for the library.
 - Identified and resolved technology authentications issues for LYDC students logging into the computers.
 - Provided training on April 16 on Microsoft Intune, which is a mobile device management solution. This type of solution allows district technology staff to manage computer devices on their network. Over 50 district technology staff members were present for this training.

NOTIFICATION of ACTIVITIES

- Attended Superintendent's conference, April 3-5, 2019
- Attended DCTS Board Meeting, April 10, 2019
- Attended Capital Areas Alliance meeting, April 12, 2019
- Attended meeting with David Volkman, PDE, April 17, 2019

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES Date Savers *(all Board members are invited to attend any and all)*

- April 29 – full day of safety training: Act 44 updates, tabletop exercises from Navigate Prepare
- May 8 - West Shore Consortium Prom at the West Shore Evangelical Free Church
- May 15 - Annual Major League Baseball Senators Event for CAIU School-age Classes
- May 16 - Tom Buskey Luncheon ~ Harmony Hall
- May 16 - Deaf/Hard of Hearing Graduation ~ Enola
- May 17 - Champions for Children Bingo ~ Enola
- May 23 - Project Search Graduation ~ Hershey Medical Center
- May 28 - Safety presentation by expert Michael Dorn
- May 30 - Hill Top and District-based Classroom Graduation ~ Enola
- July 23 - C4C Golf Outing