A Year of Honors

2009 Annual Review
Highlighting achievements of CSIU staff
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“As board members, we measure the success of CSIU programs through information and data we review every month,” explained Board President Eric Rowe. “And clearly, this intermediate unit has been very successful. He cited data such as the number of students served by early childhood programs, the amount of grant money secured for education in the region, and the savings realized by schools through cooperative purchasing as just a few examples.

“When others, in state and national organizations, recognize your success, that’s very gratifying,” he added.

This past year, a number of CSIU staff and programs received recognition. In fact, 2009 was a year distinguished by awards and honors...

• **Migrant education student support coordinator Barbara Hludzik-Budda** was named the National Migrant Education Teacher of the Year by the Association of State Directors of Migrant Education.

• **The Office for Dispute Resolution (ODR)**, a statewide program helping parents and educators come to agreement on special education issues, was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as one of four exemplary state systems.

• **SWAN Helpline staff**, who offer assistance to parents about adoption, received the esteemed Pennsylvania Resource Family Association Award.

• **The Early Intervention program**, serving children throughout the region, received a score of 92 percent on a biennial review by federal monitors, the highest rating for any Pennsylvania program.

• **The Northeast Migrant Education Program**, serving children of migrant agricultural workers, was awarded the Sister Siena Finley Award for service to youth from the Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania at Misericordia University.

• **Executive director Bob Witten** received the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators Service to the Profession Award for his work in creating professional development programs to help educators become school administrators.

• **Telecommunications manager Geoff Craven** received the Brian L. Talbott Award from the Association of Educational Service Agencies, for “outstanding contributions to schools through technology support.”

“The board is proud of the CSIU staff who brought honor to our organization in 2009,” Rowe said. “They are symbolic of all CSIU employees and the outstanding work being done by everyone.”

The data that follows, listed by CSIU division, reflect the accomplishments of all CSIU staff for the 2008-09 fiscal year.
Educational Initiatives

**Adult Basic Education, GED and Literacy Programs**
- 2,007 adult students

**Alternative Education**
- 190 students

**Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center**
- 57 full-time and 35 part-time adult students

**Driver Education**
- 476 classroom students
- 633 behind-the-wheel students

**Drug-Free Schools Program**
- 19 districts/schools

**English as a Second Language (ESL) Services**
- 17 districts

**Family Literacy**
- 65 adults
- 86 children

**Incarcerated Youth Instructional Program**
- 304 students

**Migrant Education Programs**
- 892 students

**Nonpublic School Services**
- 380 students

**Parent/Child/Home Project**
- 142 families

**Project Renaissance (21st Century Community Learning Center program)**
- 60 students

**SUCCESS PLUS (After-school program)**
- 30 school-year students
- 30 summer students

**Summer Arts Program**
- 108 students

**Teen Parenting Program**
- 148 students

**Title One Consortium**
- 4 districts

**VIP Club (After-school program)**
- 100 school-year students
- 157 summer students

Outreach Programs and Corrections Education

**Corrections Education**
- 241 students

**Work Foundations+**
- 131 students

**Social Work Support Services**
- 669 students

**Student Transportation**
- 582 children

**School Bus Driver Training**
- 75 adult students

**Statewide programs:**
- **Office for Dispute Resolution (ODR),** coordinating the special education procedural safeguards and appeals process for resolution of disagreements between parents and schools
- **Technology support** for individuals and agencies using data

Barbara Hludzik-Budda, CSIU student support coordinator and winner of the 2009 National Migrant Education Teacher of the Year Award, presented by the Association of State Directors of Migrant Teachers
Center for Schools and Communities

This CSIU division serves schools and communities statewide through partnerships with various agencies and organizations, including the Pennsylvania Departments of Education, Health and Public Welfare; Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; Pennsylvania State Police; Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; U.S. Department of Education; and Highmark “Healthy High 5.”

The Center has administrative responsibility for the following programs:

- Center for Safe Schools
  - 1,080 state conference participants
  - 80 district/IU grantees
- PA CARES Bullying Prevention
  - 46 district grantees
- CONNECT Early Intervention Service
  - 2,500 calls received
- Governor’s Institute on School Climate
  - 62 participants

- Safe Kids Pennsylvania
  - 46 coalitions/community agencies served
- Statewide Adoption Network (SWAN)
  - 9,909 calls received
- Pennsylvania Parent Information and Resource Center (PA PIRC)
  - 500 workshop participants
  - 83 schools served

Technical assistance, training and support is provided to schools and agencies for the following initiatives:

- Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth
- Bullying Prevention Network
- Children’s Trust Fund Programs
- Corrections Education
- Education of Homeless Children’s Initiative
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs
- Internet Safety
- Learn and Serve
- Migrant Education Support
- Mission Homefront
- Parent Child Home Program
- Pennsylvania Statewide After-school/Youth Development Network
- Pregnant and Parenting Teens/Education Leading to Employment and Career Training
- Special Kids Network System of Care
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers

The CSIU’s Early Intervention program helps children overcome learning problems and succeed in regular classrooms once they enter school. In 2009, the program receiving exemplary status following an evaluation by federal and state monitors.
Cooperative Business Services and Operations

Central Susquehanna Region School Employees’ Health and Welfare Trust
- 20 districts/schools and CSIU

Keystone Purchasing Network
- 310 districts/schools/IUs/universities/municipalities/organizations

PENCON Energy Consortium
- 189 districts/schools/IUs/municipalities/organizations

Pennsylvania Trust
- 8 member regional trusts comprised of 87 districts/schools/IUs and 30,100 employees

PEPPM Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program
- 653 districts/schools/IUs/libraries/agencies/universities

Technology Group

Computer Software and Services
- 319 districts/schools/agencies

Software Applications Training
- 1,638 participants

Telecommunications and Technical Support
- 85 districts/schools/agencies/libraries

Contracted Technical Staff Support
- 400 educators

Continuing Education Classes
- 160 participants

Early Intervention Reporting System (EIRS)
- 51 offices/service units

Migrant Education Tracking System
- 15 state and regional offices/90 support specialists

High School/Middle School Computer Fairs
- 107 students

Special projects:
- PIMS Help Desk – support to districts statewide for the student data system
- eSchool Builder – web-based course development for K-12 educators and students
- School 2.0 eToolkit – hosting and maintenance of project website
- Internet 2 Network – design and deployment of website for PAIUnet, linking all IUs

Geoff Craven, CSIU telecommunications manager and winner of the 2009 Brian L. Talbott Award, presented by the Association of Educational Service Agencies
Professional Development and School Improvement

Curriculum Support, Training and Technical Assistance
- 20 districts/schools
Math and Science in Motion
- 42 teachers, 1,675 students

Strategic Planning
- 7 districts
Teaching American History
- 9 districts

CSIU Administrative Offices

The following departments provide support to the executive office, CSIU programs and other clients such as school districts and agencies.

Human Resources
- 709 full-time staff members
- 285 part-time staff members
- 104 “Guest Teachers” trained for permit renewal
- 23 “Guest Teachers” trained for new permits
- 73 new staff received orientation training
- 331 supervisory staff participated in monthly training sessions

Right-to-Know Office
- Assists the public with requests for access to CSIU public records

Public Relations
- 17-member CSIU Board of Directors
- 25 districts/schools/agencies
- 10 CSIU divisions/offices and executive director’s office

Finance, Budget and Accounting

The CSIU derives revenue from contracts for services, state and federal grants, and a small state operating subsidy. Under the CSIU’s unique “marketplace” operating philosophy, schools and other clients have the option to purchase only those services desired.

Below is the fiscal data for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

General Operating Budgets
- $1.8 million
Specialized Education Budgets
- $51.4 million
Statwide Services Budgets
- $29 million

Total CSIU Budgets
- $82.2 million
Management Contracts
- $88.9 million
Total Fiscal Management
- $171.1 million

Bob Witten, CSIU executive director and recipient of the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators 2009 Service to the Profession Award
CSIU Region
The education community in the five counties of the CSIU’s primary service area (Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union) is comprised of:

School data
- 17 school districts
- 3 technical schools
- 65 nonpublic schools

Staff and student data
- 4,691 public school employees
- 35,353 public school students
- 4,131 nonpublic school students

CSIU Superintendents’ Advisory Council
The Superintendents’ Advisory Council advises CSIU staff on program matters. Current Advisory Council members:

Penny Lenig-Zerby  
Benton Area School District

Wayne D. Brookhart  
Berwick Area School District

Cosmos Curry  
Bloomsburg Area School District

Harry C. Mathias, Jr.  
Central Columbia School District

Dr. Susan Bickford  
Danville Area School District

Dr. Mark DiRocco  
Lewisburg Area School District

David Campbell  
Line Mountain School District

Dr. Wesley L. Knapp  
Midd-West School District

Daniel Lichtel  
Mifflinburg Area School District

Dr. Kathleen M. Stark  
Millville Area School District

Cathy Groller  
Milton Area School District

Cheryl Latorre  
Mount Carmel Area School District

Dr. Frederick C. Johnson  
Selinsgrove Area School District

James T. Zack  
Shamokin Area School District

Dr. James Hartman (acting)  
Shikellamy School District

Charles A. Reh  
Southern Columbia Area School District

Daniel B. Sheaffer  
Warrior Run School District

Dr. Robert G. Witten  
CSIU Executive Director

Selinsgrove Area superintendent Fred Johnson leads a session during the CSIU’s Guest Teacher training program. The CSIU operates more than 100 individual programs that serve children, students, parents, educators and adult learners in local schools and communities.
CSIU Board of Directors
The CSIU Board of Directors, comprised of 17 members elected by local school boards, approves operations. Current board members:

Eric L. Rowe, President
Selinsgrove Area School District
Linda Van Der Pool, Vice President
Shikellamy School District
Robert J. Fogarty, Secretary
Central Columbia School District
Larry B. Breech, Treasurer
Millville Area School District
David J. Baker
Warrior Run School District
Charles Carpenter
Shamokin Area School District
Timothy E. Folk
Midd-West School District
Kenneth Johnson
Milton Area School District
Charles F. Mannello
Mount Carmel Area School District
Lawrence Neidig
Line Mountain School District

Geraldine Newhart
Benton Area School District
Dr. Michael Payne
Lewisburg Area School District
Dr. Francis Peters
Bloomsburg Area School District
Tracy Sauer
Mifflinburg Area School District
Martin Walzer
Danville Area School District
Michael Yeager
Southern Columbia Area School District
Vacant
Berwick Area School District
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