CSIU holds professional leadership day

MILTON — Employees of the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) gathered virtually on Aug. 2 for its annual Professional Leadership Day (PLD). PLD brings more than 300 CSIU employees together to present an enriching educational experience that fosters a sense of community, invites and promotes learning and reflection, reiterates a commitment to CSIU values, and celebrates award winners and milestone accomplishments.

The theme of 2022 PLD was CSIU: Living Our Values. This theme echoes the CSIU’s commitment to the organization’s established core values of service to others, passion for excellence, equity in action, and innovation for growth. The Keynote Speaker is the entrepreneur, motivational speaker, and best-selling author of The Hero Effect, Kevin Brown. Brown’s presentation about The HERO Effect encouraged staff to see the heroes around them and find the hero within them. It also invited staff to seek out the one thing one can do to make life better for the people we serve in our community and programs and the colleagues we serve with.

The annual event also featured the presentation of four staff awards.

Parke Brown, a youth development coordinator at the CSIU’s Center for Schools and Communities, received the Passion for Excellence Award for having the passion to make a positive difference and commitment to achieving excellence.

Paula Dickey, Yes to the Future program manager, was the recipient of the Patrick F. Toole Kudos Award for her achievement, dedication, and service to schools, children, and the community at large.

Karen Lehman, a youth development program manager at the CSIU’s Center for Schools and Communities, received the Ambassador of the Year Award for demonstrating the qualities of a CSIU Ambassador.

John Brenchley, CSIU’s Chief Innovation Officer, received the Kevin P. Singer Innovation Award. The award honors a staff member for demonstrating an innovative approach to his or her role at the CSIU.

This award commemorates former CSIU Executive Director Dr. Kevin P. Singer’s visionary leadership with valued entrepreneurial thinking, creativity in the arts and in job performance, and ingenious problem-solving.

CSIU Executive Director Dr. John Kurelja addressed the organizational strategic plan and values, stating “Our values emerge from looking in the mirror at ourselves, individually and within our programs, to see what makes us tick; what makes us successful as an organization and what we want to focus on in the future. This is where our core values of service to others, passion for excellence, equity in action, and innovation for growth came from. Our purpose comes to life through living these values.”

The CSIU is a regional education service agency that serves 17 school districts, three career and technical centers, 69 nongap schools, and programs ranging from Pre-K classrooms to Adult Education and workforce development across central Pennsylvania.

The CSIU also includes the Central Susquehanna LINC Career Center in Montandon and the Center for Schools and Communities in Camp Hill.

Happening on the job

Evangelical Community Hospital LEWISBURG — Evangelical Community Hospital is welcoming Michael Briskey, M.D., an Emergency Medicine physician, to its medical staff.

As an emergency physician, Briskey specializes in rapid recognition and treatment of trauma and acute illness.

Briskey received his Doctor of Medicine from Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia. He completed his residency in Emergency Medicine, serving as chief resident at Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland.

Briskey is currently completing his fellowship in the Academy of Wilderness Medicine (FAWM) through the Wilderness Medical Society. As a FAWM fellow, Briskey will be recognized as receiving the highest level of achievement in the field of wilderness medicine. Wilderness medicine concentrates on recognizing, treating and preventing injuries and illnesses that are common in the outdoors.

PennDOT MONTOURSVILLE — Brittany Weidler has been named PennDOT District 3 Employee of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2022. Weidler serves as the Work Zone Traffic Control specialist in the district’s Traffic Unit. In this position, she assists in the development of traffic control plans for complex projects, which may require unique traffic control schemes. She is responsible for reviewing and recommending approvals or revisions for all traffic control plans developed for department construction and maintenance projects; plans submitted by applicants for highway occupancy permits and those submitted by contractors at the pre-construction conference as alternate plans to those in the project contracts.

During construction season each year, Weidler conducts on-site work zone traffic control field reviews on most all construction and maintenance projects in the district. She also prepares and conducts training on work zone traffic control and necessary publications, coordinates with Pennsylvanias State Police on Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement in the district and various other tasks.

Weidler is a 16-year employee with PennDOT. She lives in Old Lycoming Township with her puppy named Paws. In her spare time, she enjoys snowboarding, golf, bowling, working out, and other outdoor activities.

Susquehanna Community Bank NORTHBURG — Susquehanna Community Bank recently announced the addition of a new treasury management services manager at its Northumberland location. Marty Sinopoli joined the team.

Sinopoli, a graduate of the Luzerne County Community College with an associate degree in social sciences, will focus her work in helping businesses clients improving processing business receivables, optimizing payment options, management use of funds all while mitigating risk and maintaining the visibility that they need to be successful.

Sinopoli is CEO of Marty Sinopoli Ministries, on the board of directors for the Shepherds Table, and on the Shamokin Area Alumni Association.

She received the Brown Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Community Pride Award in 2012 and the first National Bank Community Pride Award in 2019. Sinopoli lives in Shamokin, where she is married to her husband Gino and has two daughters, Gianna and Gabrielle.