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Twenty-Four Graduate from Nationally Recognized Education Leadership Program

(Harrisburg) - The Education Policy and Leadership Center congratulates the 2003-2004 participants in the Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) on their graduation. Twenty-four participants completed this rigorous ten-month professional development program on June 8, 2004.

EPFP Fellows develop a broadened understanding of the policy process and education policy issues and improve communication and decision-making skills. Through a partnership with the U.S. Army War College, Fellows also enhance strategic leadership skills.

"I have learned a great deal about education issues in Pennsylvania, which has helped me professionally as well as further defining my personal beliefs on the issues," said graduate Kera Gault Daily, Office Administrator for the Pennsylvania PTA.

Class member Rosemary Nilles said the program's "thoughtfully planned agenda, enhanced by the spirited discourse of colleagues from various educational vantages, and the unique partnership with the U.S. Army War College, combine to provide an outstanding venue for professional inquiry and development."

Members of 2003-2004 graduating class represent diverse sectors from state government to higher education to the U.S. Military. These graduates join 89 Pennsylvania EPFP alumni and more than 5,000 EPFP alumni from other states.

The EPFP is available in Pennsylvania through The Education Policy and Leadership Center. The nationally-recognized Education Policy Fellowship Program was established 40 years ago by the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC.

The Education Policy and Leadership Center is currently accepting applications for the 2004-2005 class of the Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program. Applications and a program schedule are available at www.eplc.org/fellows.html.

A list of 2003-2004 EPFP graduates is attached.

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2003-2004 Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program Graduates

Dr. Claudia Balach

Assistant Professor & Director of Professional Development Schools
Duquesne University

Dr. Lee Burket

Work-Based Learning Coordinator
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Kera Gault Daily

Office Administrator
Pennsylvania PTA

Dr. Jacqueline Edmondson

Assistant Professor of Education
The Pennsylvania State University

Eric Eshbach

Superintendent
Upper Adams School District

Danielle Floyd

Special Projects Assistant
Office of the Chief of Staff
School District of Philadelphia

Dr. Suzanne Gallagher

Associate Professor
Gwynedd-Mercy College

Judith Hallinen

Director, Center for School Outreach
Carnegie Mellon University

Dr. David Hayes

Chairperson, Division of Education
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Dr. Raymond Horn, Jr.

Assistant Professor of Education
Penn State Harrisburg

Dale Keagy

Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Southern York County School District

Col. Richard Meinhart, Ph.D.

Director, Strategic Management Systems
U. S. Army War College

Dr. Barry Nathan

Associate Director
Keys2Work

Rosemary Nilles

Educational Consultant
Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)

Col. James R. Oman

Chairman, Department Command, Leadership, and Management (DCLM)
U. S. Army War College

Brian Petula

Corporate Director
Future Connect

Adam A. Schott

Legislative Aide
Office of Government Relations
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Dr. Karen Evans Stout

Associate Professor, College of Education
Lehigh University

Dr. Gary Thomas

Principal, Dickson Intermediate School
Woodland Hills School District

Col. James Thomas

Deputy Dean
U. S. Army War College

David Tirado

Director of Technology

Solanco School District

Elaine Tischer

Director of Human Resources
Manheim Central School District

Dr. A. Lee Williams

Professor and Chairperson
Elementary/Early Childhood Education Department
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Elizabeth J. Zeisloft

Special Assistant to the Executive Director
Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission