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Twenty-Six Graduate from Nationally Recognized Education Leadership Program

(Harrisburg) - The Education Policy and Leadership Center congratulates the 2002-2003 participants in the Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) on their graduation. Twenty-six participants completed the program on June 17. These individuals graduate armed with the knowledge they need to serve as effective leaders and advocates for education.

EPFP Fellows participate in a rigorous ten-month professional development program in which they develop a broadened understanding of the policy process and education policy issues. Through a unique partnership with the U.S. Army War College, Fellows also enhance strategic leadership skills.

"There is no better way to gain a more thorough and integrated understanding of policy options in Pennsylvania's complex educational systems than to participate in the EPFP," said Rep. Mark Cohen, Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus and a 2002-2003 EPFP graduate.

Classmate Mary Frances Archey, Dean of Arts and Sciences at the Community College of Allegheny County's South Campus, echoed Cohen's sentiments. "I have participated in numerous professional development programs during my 30 years as an administrator and none of them have provided me with so much relevant information that could be immediately applicable to my administrative position," said Archey.

The 2002-2003 graduates represent diverse sectors from higher education to K-12 education to elected officials. They join 63 Pennsylvania EPFP alumni and more than 5,000 EPFP alumni from other states in representing an important voice for improving the lives of children.

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 2003-2004 class of the Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program. Applications are

available at www.eplc.org/leadership.html A list of 2002-2003 EPFP graduates is attached.

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**Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program
2002-2003 Graduates**

Dr. Mary Frances Archey

Dean of Arts and Science
Coordinator of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Community College of Allegheny County - South Campus

Dr. Charles Blocksidge

Dean of Organizational Development
Community College of Allegheny County

Dr. Terry W. Blue

Chair & Associate Professor, Education Department
Elizabethtown College
President, PA Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators

Dr. Launcelot Brown

Assistant Professor
Duquesne University

Dr. Berneice Brownell

Head, Department of Education
Susquehanna University

Dr. Lorraine A. Cavaliere

Dean, School of Education
Gwynedd-Mercy College

Honorable Mark B. Cohen

Chairman, House Democratic Caucus
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Ruth B. Collins, Col. USAWC

Faculty Member
U.S. Army War College

Marion K. Echols-Clark

Basic Education Associate II
School Services Unit

Pennsylvania Department of Education

Dr. Linda J. Firestone

Assistant Superintendent
Northampton Area School District

Dr. Cathine Garner-Gilchrist

Dean, School of Education
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Nan Marie Hamberger

Associate Professor, Education Department
Alvernia College

Jackie Kallal

Director of Institutional Advancement
The Pennsylvania State University - New Kensington

Dr. William J. Katip

Senior Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs
Robert Morris University

Joanne Kinsey

Director of Child Nutrition
Allentown School District

Michael A. Pearson, Col. (Retired)

Executive Secretary - Treasurer, Alumni Association
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Pennsylvania House of Representatives

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The Pennsylvania State University - Harrisburg

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Principal, Fairless Intermediate School
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Pennsylvania Department of Education

Daniel M. Welliver

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Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

Lesley Yeselavage

Program Analyst
Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency