



CEN

COLLEGIATE EDUCATION

#WeAreRural

2023

2023 | A YEAR IN REVIEW

THE RURAL DILEMMA

Rural environments have disproportionately higher poverty rates, lower educational achievement, low-wage jobs, and struggling economies. Quality educational systems are our best bet for preparing rural students to compete globally for jobs and have satisfying careers.

WHAT'S INSIDE

PART 1

OUR WHY

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR YEAR IN REVIEW, FINANCIALS, MEET OUR STAFF, AND LEARN OUR “WHY”

PART 2

PILAR 1 - PK12

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR 2023 EFFORTS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES, AGE APPROPRIATE RESEARCH, AND DEGREE//CERTIFICATION ATTAINMENT

PART 3

POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE

LAST YEAR'S EFFORTS HIGHLIGHTED THE MANY PATHWAYS TO BACHELOR DEGREES AND BEYOND INCLUDING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, MEETING RURAL WORKFORCE NEEDS, AND MORE!

PART 4

RURAL FOCUSED RESEARCH AND IMPACT

IN 2023, WE WORKED TO EXPAND FUNDING, BUILD BEST PRACTICES AND REMAIN RURAL THOUGHT LEADERS FOR IMPACTS REACHING FAR BEYOND RURAL

COLLEGIATE EDU-NATION IMPACTS

2023 SNAPSHOT

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

CTE FUNDING

209 increased FTE
\$2.6 Million increased
CTE funding (19:23)

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

\$5+ million CEN
Generated/Supported
Funding for Network

DEGREES EARNED

32% Degree
Attainment by
HS Graduation

CTE FUNDING

209 increased FTE
\$2.6 Million increased
CTE funding (19:23)

RURAL HOPE CAMPAIGN

Reached goal to raise
\$10 million, earning
\$11.1 million

COLLEGE CREDIT

61% CEN network
students earning
dual credit

IBCs

60% IBC Attainment by
HS Graduation



Part 1

“OUR WHY”

Welcome Statement from Our Founder

Welcome to Collegiate Edu-Nation where we believe the future of our state, nation and the world is in the hands of our youth! As we transition from a 20th Century education system that served us well when a high school diploma and strong work ethic equated to opportunity, today we live in a rapidly changing world that requires workforce credentials well beyond the high school diploma. With that said, the mission of CEN is to align rural K12 with higher education and workforce to ensure that ALL students can enjoy meaningful careers, in which they are able to provide a good living for themselves and their families.

This system redesign, necessary to prepare students for a much different world than that for which many of us were prepared, requires educators to look at our professions much differently. While being entrenched in an antiquated accountability system driven by standardized testing, we are faced with designing an education system that is more meaningful for students and their parents, in terms of life success. As a result, we are required to work longer, harder and smarter than our counterparts, who are satisfied with less meaningful student outcomes.

Fortunately for rural students in Texas and around the United States, we are finding more and more school leaders who are willing to roll up their sleeves and do this difficult work. As a result, in 2024, CEN looks to expand into over 30 Texas schools and communities, and impact in excess of 30,000 rural Texas students, not to mention similar conversations in 9 other states with large rural populations, including West Virginia, Idaho, North Dakota, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Colorado and North Carolina.

As CEO of Collegiate Edu-Nation I am blessed to play a small role in this life changing opportunity for rural communities. I invite you to join us in the P20 Movement, as there is opportunity for rural everywhere we look these days. Our children are our future!

--Dr. Kim Alexander | Founder & CEO

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Founder & CEO

MEET THE TEAM



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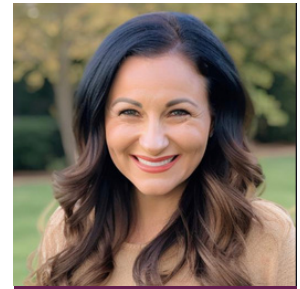
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Coordinator



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Director of P-TECH



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RLA Instructional Coach



CHANTEL
SCHULZ
CTE Instructional Specialist



DAN
BOREN
STEM Instructional Coach



TRACY
RICKERSON
Math Instructional Coach



KATIE
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Program Coordinator



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REYNA
4-H AgriLife Extension



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Community Development Consultant



MARSHA
ALEXANDER
Co-Founder & Consultant



NELSON
COULTER
Organizational Leadership Consultant



VISION

To End Generational
Poverty In
Rural America



MISSION

To empower rural
school districts to
support and educate
students/youth,
beginning at home,
continuing from the
first day of Pre-K
through
postsecondary, leading
to meaningful careers
for lifetime success.



ASPIRATION

To achieve the highest
student performance
outcomes in the
country resulting in the
reinvention
of rural community
economies and better
quality of life.

OUR VISION, MISSION & ASPIRATIONS

OUR CORE VALUES

We are a non-profit organization engaging whole communities to reinvigorate education, revitalize local economies, and reimagine what's possible for rural America.

1

RURAL MATTERS. WE BELIEVE IN THE TALENT AND POTENTIAL OF ALL **RURAL STUDENTS** TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROSPERITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF THEIR **COMMUNITY, COUNTRY, AND WORLD.**

2

SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS REQUIRES A P-20 CULTURE SHIFT. WE BELIEVE IN AN **INTEGRATED APPROACH** THAT RAISES ASPIRATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR **ALL STUDENTS** FROM THE MOMENT THEY FIRST SET FOOT IN A CLASSROOM TO THE DAY THEY START HIGH-WAGE, HIGH-DEMAND CAREERS.

3

EDUCATION MUST CONSTANTLY ADAPT TO THE CHANGING WORLD. WE ARE COMMITTED TO **REAL-WORLD LEARNING** AND 1:1 SUPPORT, PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A LIFE OF CHOICE AND IMPACT. EDUCATION IS A LIFELONG COMMUNITY EFFORT. **WE DEVELOP PROMISING COMMUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION** AND CAREER POTENTIAL BY HARNESSING RURAL AMERICA'S **CONNECTIVITY, RESOURCEFULNESS, AND GRIT.**



CEN THEORY OF CHANGE

CEN STUDENT JOURNEY The Rural P-20 System Model Elements

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Not just an education. Lifelong contribution.

CEN students research locally relevant problems starting in elementary school. This engagement turns students into leaders and problem-solvers within their communities.

CAREER EXPERIENCE



Not just workforce readiness. Career experience.

Students engage in work-based learning opportunities with high-wage earning employers connected to their rural community, preparing them to build meaningful careers while reducing rural brain drain and revitalizing communities.

COLLEGE SUCCESS



Not just college readiness. A college degree.

An affordable college degree prepares students for a life of opportunity, choice, and impact - and narrows the rural poverty gap.

Learning and Instructional Rounds (Harvard Rounds)

Mentoring (Peer, Adult, Administrators)

Capstone Projects

Age-Appropriate Research

100% HS Graduation

90% HWHD IBC

STEM Strategies

Work Based Learning (WBL)

P-TECH

RSSI Support

TSI

1:1 Coaching

Nontraditional Bachelor's

80% Baccalaureate Degrees

Dual Credit

90% Associates Degrees

Instructional Models PK-12 (Experiential, Blended, PBL)

HQIM & Academic Rigor

RBIS Toolbox (AVID-WICOR-CIF)

PK 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Culture of Innovation: A P-20 continuum of rigorous and relevant education that launches students into successful careers.

NWEA MAP

Academic Data Tracking & Clearinghouse



OUR BELIEFS

STUDENTS FROM RURAL COMMUNITIES SHOULD HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS CHALLENGING CAREER PATHS AND ACHIEVE POSTSECONDARY DEGREES AND INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATIONS.

RURAL SCHOOLS ARE STRONGER THROUGH COLLABORATION AND NETWORKING.

RURAL COMMUNITIES NURTURE BIG DREAMS BY DEVELOPING AND APPLYING INNOVATION.

EDUCATION DOES NOT WORK IN SILOS. THROUGH ECONOMIES OF SCALE AND CONNECTIONS AMONG PASSIONATE EDUCATORS, WE CAN DO MORE FOR STUDENTS AS A DYNAMIC NETWORK THAN FOR THEM ALONE.

OUR BEST TEACHERS IN AMERICA SHOULD MENTOR RURAL STUDENTS.

OPTIMAL STUDENT LEARNING IS ALWAYS PREDICATED ON OPTIMAL EDUCATOR LEARNING.

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COLLEGIATE EDU-NATION

More than 22,000
RURAL STUDENTS

Raised more than
\$11.1 MILLION

21
NETWORK SCHOOLS

33
**HIGHER EDUCATION
INSTITUTIONS**

215
**BUSINESS
PARTNERSHIPS**

CEN BOARD



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A LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Welcome to CEN.

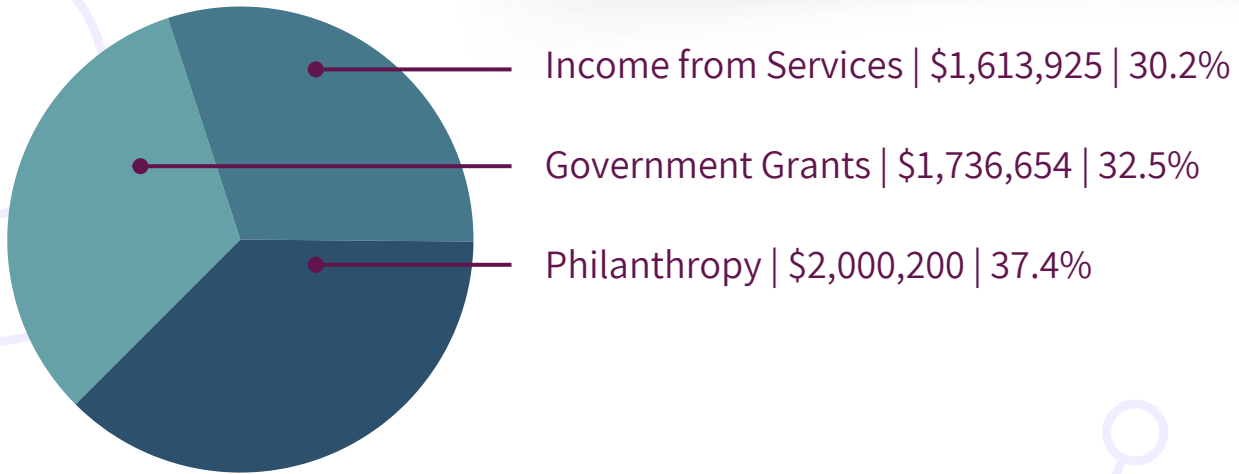
We are excited to be presenting our annual report. After a year of phenomenal progress and expansion, we are proud to showcase the amazing work of our school districts and their students, teachers, and staff--all with the outstanding support of the Collegiate Edu-Nation staff and their commitment to the highest educational outcomes in the nation. I will highlight just a few of this year's accomplishments. CEN has launched a Rural Educator Teacher Prep Program in partnership with West Texas A&M. Over the past two years, CEN has raised more than five million dollars for our partner districts through special programs, grants, and philanthropy programs. We are now serving over 22,000 rural students and are spreading the P20 model beyond Texas through partnerships with AASA and SPN. There is much more to review for 2023--all contained in the report. The Collegiate Edu-Nation board is proud of the continued growth and advancement of the organization and stands solidly in support of the ongoing mission. We are truly making a difference in the educational and economic development of our rural communities.

Dr. Susan Holley
CEN Board President

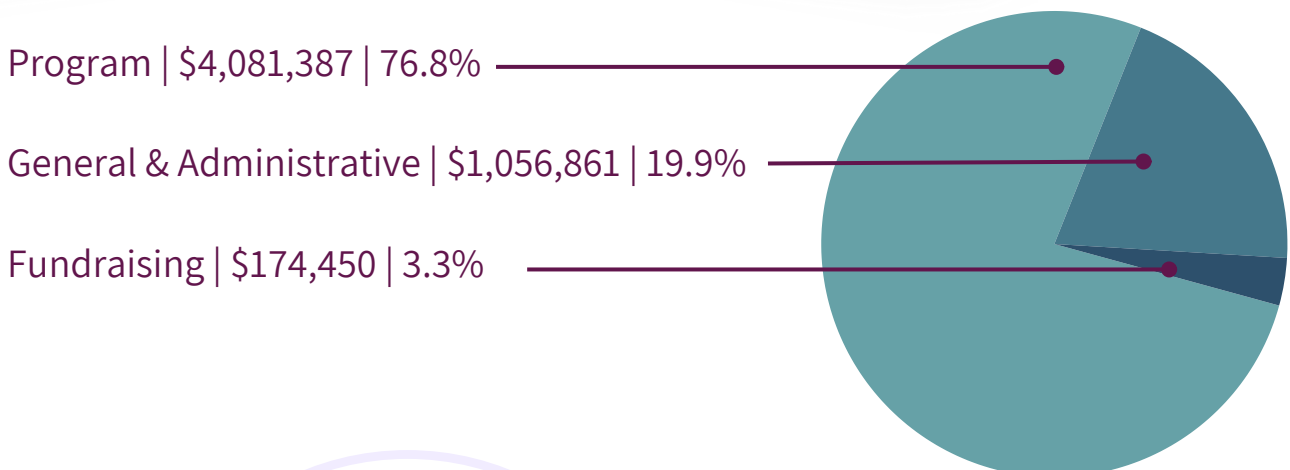
For complete bios on each board member, please visit the Collegiate Edu-Nation website at: <https://edu-nation.org/who-we-are/>

CEN 2023 FINANCIALS

SOURCES OF INCOME



CATEGORIES OF EXPENSES



Part 2

PK-12



EXPERENTIAL LEARNING

THESE IRAAN-SHEFFIELD CISD STUDENTS PRACTICED THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANTIBIOTIC DROPS IN THEIR VETERINARY MEDICINE CLASS. WHAT AN AWESOME HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCE!



CHECK OUT THE SMILING FACES OF THESE GUSTINE ISD PRE-K STUDENTS AND THEIR WORK BUILDING COMMUNITIES IN THEIR CLASSROOM. WE LOVE SEEING PROJECT BASED LEARNING IN ACTION TO HELP THEM LEARN ABOUT 'HELPERS' IN THEIR COMMUNITY.





CONGRATS GRADS!

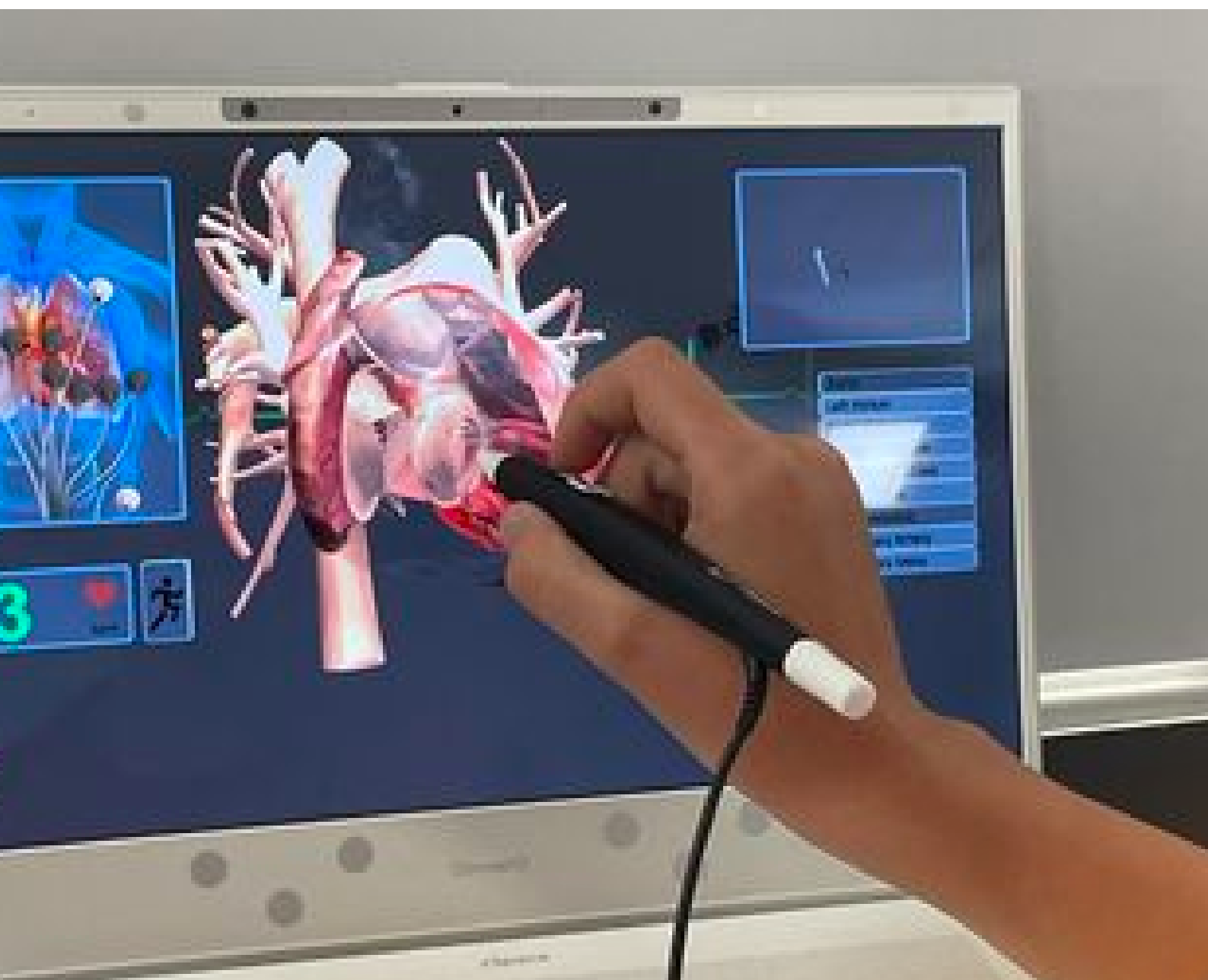
**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CEN
NETWORK GRADUATES FOR RECEIVING
THEIR ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES IN 2023!**

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND WE KNOW
YOUR RURAL COMMUNITIES ARE TOO!**



CEN partners directly with network schools to create a custom implementation plan. Therefore, this report is not an exhaustive resource for a single district.

We will continue to learn and lead as we work together in the coming years.



NATIONAL EXPANSION



West Virginia Districts

12 Campuses

Over 3,100 Students



Illinois School Districts

Bunker Hill CUSD 8

3 campuses

Over 500 students

CEN NETWORK

DATA

CEN NETWORK DISTRICT ENROLLMENT AND DEMOGRAPHICS, FALL 2023

District	Enrollment	Percent of Total CEN ISD enrollment	Low SES Pop	Special Ed	English Language Learners (ELL)	Hispanic	White	African American	Two or More Races	Other
ROSCOE	605	3.84%	56.20%	11.90%	12.40%	55.83%	36.36%	2.48%	1.16%	0.17%
HAMLIN	269	1.71%	72.43%	16.04%	5.26%	44.61%	46.62%	3.76%	4.51%	0.50%
THROCKMORTON	158	1.00%	59.49%	7.59%	0.00%	15.82%	81.60%	2.53%	0.00%	0.05%
FLOYDADA	684	4.34%	66.37%	9.80%	3.65%	76.61%	19.01%	3.51%	0.44%	0.43%
CUMBY	435	2.76%	59.77%	15.17%	4.83%	12.87%	80.69%	1.15%	3.22%	2.07
SUNRAY	675	4.28%	55.56%	17.59%	3.24%	12.50%	81.02%	0.93%	1.85%	3.70%
LYTLE	1810	11.49%	74.86%	12.15%	14.64%	83.20%	14.64%	0.55%	1.00%	0.61%
IRAAN - SHEFFIELD	361	2.29%	60.11%	15.79%	13.57%	68.06%	30.19%	0.83%	0.00%	0.92%
BANQUETTE	843	5.355	72.60%	12.93%	2.49%	84.34%	14.95%	0.24%	0.12%	0.35%
BELLVILLE	2251	14.29%	46.87%	13.55%	10.00%	31.32%	57.66%	7.02%	3.33%	0.67%
COLORADO CITY	949	6.02%	64.17%	13.91%	4.95%	52.05%	38.46%	5.58%	3.37%	0.54%
FREER	734	4.66%	80.93%	14.31%	3.00%	93.73%	5.18%	0.41%	0.27%	0.41%
HICO	591	3.75%	55.00%	13.50%	14.00%	21.40%	74.80%	1.00%	1.80%	1.00%
SPURGER	360	2.28%	89.72%	19.72%	3.06%	0.00%	96.94%	0.56%	0.005	2.50%
VENUS	2273	14.43%	89.00%	11.00%	30.00%	64.00%	28.00%	4.00%	2.00%	2.00%
GUSTINE	129	0.82%	66.67%	20.93%	30.23%	67.44%	31.78%	0.00%	0.00%	0.78%
JOURDANTON	1590	10.09%	57.61%	15.85%	2.89%	61.19%	36.54%	0.57%	1.13%	0.57%
POST	705	4.47%	58.72%	15.74%	1.56%	63.26%	26.52%	4.11%	5.53%	0.58%
WHITE DEER	334	2.12%	53.29%	13.47%	2.40%	16.77%	81.44%	0.60%	0.60%	0.59%
TOTAL/AVERAGE	15,756	100.00%	65.23%	14.26%	8.53%	48.89%	46.44%	2.10%	1.60%	0.97%

CEN NETWORK

DATA

CEN NETWORK DISTRICT ENROLLMENT AND POST SECONDARY INFORMATION JUNE 2022

District	Enrollment	PK-8 Enrollment	9-12 Enrollment	Class of 2023 Enrollment	Grades 9-12 earning college credit	# college hours taken by 9-12	Class of 2023 Earning Industry Certification	Class of 2023 Earning Associate Degrees	Class of 2023 Year 13-14 Enrollment
ROSCOE	605	424	181	39	88.00%	1727	59.00%	64.00%	59.00%
HAMLIN	399	269	130	35	62.00%	734	23.00%	26.00%	45.71%
THROCKMORTON	158	106	52	14	79.00%	433	57.00%	43.00%	28.57%
FLOYDADA	684	485	199	47	56.00%	933	53.00%	4.00%	19.15%
CUMBY	435	309	126	49	52.00%	729	18.00%	22.00%	
SUNRAY	675	495	180	35	26.00%	765	20.00%	20.00%	
LYTLE	1810	1316	494	118	22.00%	1566	28.00%	6.00%	
IRAAN-SHEFFIELD	361	250	111	24	83.00%	895	88.00%	8.00%	
BANQUETTE	843	275	568	47	15.00%	275	64.00%	2.00%	
BELVILLE	2251	698	1553	145	42.00%	489	38.00%	0.00%	
COLORADO CITY	949	241	708	44	41.00%	794	2.00%	11.00%	
FREER	734	170	564	50	43.00%	258	22.00%	0.00%	
HICO	591	145	446	27	24.00%	375	37.00%	0.00%	
SPURGER	360	93	267	22	33.00%	236	82.00%	0.00%	
VENUS	2273	1566	707	149	17.00%	1012	32.00%	0.00%	
GUSTINE	140	39	101	88	46.00%	122	0.00%	0.00%	
JOURDANTON	1590	454	1136	108	50.00%	405	4.00%	0.00%	
POST	705	247	458	43	10.00%	339	16.00%	0.00%	
WHITE DEER	334	242	92	25	18.00%	281	4.00%	4.00%	
TOTAL/AVERAGE	15897	5643	10254	1109	42%	12368	34%	11%	

STUDENT LED RESEARCH





STUDENT-DIRECTED RESEARCH

Community of Practice

TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

CEN
COLLEGIATE EDU-NATION

IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT LED RESEARCH

Encouraging students to formulate research questions that relate to their local communities fosters a host of important skills such as curiosity, critical thinking, and societal engagement. This approach not only makes learning more relevant for students but also empowers them to contribute meaningfully to their community.

ENGAGED SCHOOLS

Roscoe Collegiate ISD, Hamlin Collegiate ISD, Floydada Collegiate ISD, Throckmorton, Cumby ISD, Colorado City engaged over 1,100 students in nearly 300 student-led research projects.

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

In 2023, CEN created an engaged inner-network of teachers and administrators involved in student research in their classrooms. This allowed CEN to communicate specific information with practitioners to enhance their experiential learning efforts in the classroom. Over 40 school employees and leaders of student led research were engaged in this network last year.

BRINGING EXPERTS TO THE CLASSROOM

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Ensuring teachers have adequate training to build a framework around student-led research was vitally important. Helping students and teachers choose projects that were challenging yet manageable and allowing students to achieve success while developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills was key throughout the year. To aid in this effort, CEN hosted multiple virtual trainings and acquired nationally known speakers to discuss specific research topics in the **Meet the Expert Series**.

MEET THE EXPERT

CAREER EXPLORATION SERIES

FEATURED EXPERT:

POSITION:

Dr. Davey Griffin, PhD, Professor and Meat Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

EXPERTISE:

Meat Science, Meat Processing Techniques, Value-based Marketing, and Consumer Issues

AGENDA:

INTRODUCTION TO MEAT SCIENCE:

- Explore the intricate field of meat science and understand its significance in the food industry.
- Dive into various career paths available within this domain.

MEAT PROCESSING TECHNIQUES:

- Gain valuable insights into meat processing techniques, such as curing, smoking, and aging.
- Learn about their impact on meat quality.



DR. DAVEY GRIFFIN
Professor and Meat Specialist

DETAILS:

EVENT: "Meet the Expert" Series

FOCUS AREA: Food Systems & Culinary Arts

DATE: September 27, 2023

TIME: 9:00 - 9:50 am

PLATFORM: Virtual (Zoom)

JOIN US HERE:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/869376305>

ABOUT THE EXPERT

Dr. Griffin, Ph.D., is a revered professor and Extension meat specialist with the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. He holds both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M University. His professional journey includes working with Oscar Mayer Foods Corp. and serving as a sales and marketing specialist before returning to academia.

Dr. Griffin is responsible for bridging the gap between industry, commodity groups, and medical and dietitians by providing them with up-to-date research and technology. His primary focus areas include the cutability and composition of carcasses, value-based marketing, consumer issues concerning meat, youth development, and cooperative research projects.

He holds professional memberships in organizations such as the American Meat Science Association, the American Society of Animal Science, and Phi Tau Sigma. In 2003, he was elected to the board of directors for the American Meat Association.

MEET THE EXPERT

CAREER EXPLORATION SERIES

FEATURED EXPERT:

POSITION:

Tammi Frederick, Food Safety Vice President, Quality Assurance at HEB

EXPERTISE:

Meat Science, Meat Processing Techniques, Value-based Marketing, and Consumer Issues

AGENDA:

INNOVATIONS IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Discuss the latest advancements in food technology, including food processing techniques, packaging innovations, and emerging trends.

FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Understand the principles of food safety and quality assurance, including regulatory requirements, HACCP, and best practices for ensuring safe food production.

CAREERS IN FOOD SAFETY AND DISTRIBUTION



TAMMI FREDERICK
Food Safety Vice President

DETAILS:

EVENT: "Meet the Expert" Series

FOCUS AREA: Food Technology and Safety, and Careers in Food Safety & Distribution

DATE: November 1, 2023

TIME: 10:00 - 10:50 am

PLATFORM: Virtual (Edu-Connect)

JOIN US HERE:

<https://edu-connect.ncoris.com/app/events/food-systems-culinary-arts-meet-expert-series-23>

ABOUT THE EXPERT

Tammi is Vice President for Food Safety and Quality Assurance at HEB Food Corporation, a major retail chain with stores all over Texas. In this capacity, she leverages her extensive background in food safety to ensure that the company adheres to the highest standards in food safety and quality. Her role is integral to the corporation, impacting the health and well-being of countless consumers across the state.

Throughout her career, Tammi has been the recipient of multiple awards and recognitions, cementing her position as a highly regarded professional in her field. Her work has been referenced in scientific journals, and she often serves as a keynote speaker at industry events and academic symposia.

Tammi Frederick stands as an example of what can be achieved with passion, hard work, and a solid educational background. Her journey from an award-winning 4-H participant in Victoria County to a

MEET THE EXPERT

CAREER EXPLORATION SERIES

FEATURED EXPERT:

POSITION:

Dr. Elsa A. Murano, Professor, Director of Borlaug Institute, President Emerita, Texas A&M University

EXPERTISE:

Food Safety Policy

AGENDA:

FOOD MICROBIOLOGY AND FOODBORNE ILLNESSES:

Understanding the fundamentals of food microbiology, common foodborne illnesses, and strategies for preventing food contamination. International Agriculture.



DR. ELSA A. MURANO
Dr. Elsa A. Murano, Professor, Director of

DETAILS:

EVENT: "Meet the Expert" Series

FOCUS AREA: Food Safety Policy

DATE: December 13, 2023

TIME: 1:00 - 1:50 pm

PLATFORM: Virtual (Edu-Connect)

JOIN US HERE:

*link here

ABOUT THE EXPERT

Dr. Elsa Murano received her B.S. Biological Sciences, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, her M.S. Anaerobic Microbiology, Virginia Tech University, and her Ph.D. Food Science & Technology, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Beyond her academic credentials, Dr. Murano has served in numerous leadership capacities. She currently serves as the Director of the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture at Texas A&M University. In the past, she served as Vice Chancellor and Dean of the College of Agriculture, as well as President of Texas A&M University. She is not just a scholar but also a practitioner, having served as the Undersecretary for Food Safety at the USDA, the highest-ranked food safety official in the U.S. government.

Dr. Murano's global outreach is marked by her current role as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI),

spotlight

DISTRICTS



FLOYDADA CISD

Floydada CISD has been recognized as a TEA School Action Spotlight district for its remarkable academic improvement over the past three years, laying a solid foundation for secondary success. The district is also leading in innovative education by integrating age-appropriate academic research, including engaging projects like pumpkin studies and soil experiments.



CUMBY ISD

Cumby ISD proudly unveiled its new high school facility, featuring dedicated space for its P-TECH program, symbolizing a leap forward in career and technical education. Further enriching its educational landscape, the district is nurturing future educators through the CEN AmeriCorps program, part of its robust education and training pathway.

FREER: PIONEERING THE P-20 MODEL IN THE RURAL SCHOOLS INNOVATION ZONE

This year marked a significant milestone for educational innovation in South Texas, as Freer became the first school in the Rural Schools Innovation Zone (RSIZ) to also start planning to fully adopt the CEN P-20 system model. This integration represents a groundbreaking approach to rural education, seamlessly combining RSIZ's horizontal integration strategy with the vertical educational continuum of the P-20 model.



The synergy between RSIZ's broad-based approach and the P-20 system's depth has resulted in a dynamic educational ecosystem. This pioneering integration is not just reshaping the educational landscape in Freer; it's setting a precedent for rural education, demonstrating the power of innovative, integrated strategies in fostering educational success. The early outcomes from Freer are promising, indicating that this model could be a template for other rural communities striving to enhance their educational systems.

The P-20 system, spanning from preschool through postgraduate education, ensures a continuous and cohesive educational journey, critically important in rural settings. In Freer, this model has fostered a more robust and interconnected educational framework, enabling students to transition smoothly at each educational stage while remaining within their community.



OUR SCHOOLS ON THE RISE



WHITE DEER ISD ALIGNS ITS MISSION AND VISION BY INTEGRATING P-20 PLANS WITH STAKEHOLDER ASPIRATIONS, ENSURING EDUCATIONAL STRATEGIES RESONATE COMMUNITY-WIDE. THE DISTRICT IS IN THE MIDST OF AN EXCITING REBRANDING PHASE, REFLECTING ITS COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION AND COLLECTIVE GOALS.



VENUS ISD INTEGRATED THE P20 MODEL INTO ITS LESSON CYCLE, EMPHASIZING STUDENT OWNERSHIP AND BLENDED LEARNING. THE DISTRICT RECENTLY INAUGURATED A NEW STEM CENTER AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL, BOLSTERING P-TECH PROGRAMS FUNDED BY A TEXAS WORKFORCE JET GRANT INITIATIVE. DISCOVER MORE THROUGH THIS LINK.

UNVEILING THE MAGIC OF READING:

CEN Schools Pave the Way to Success



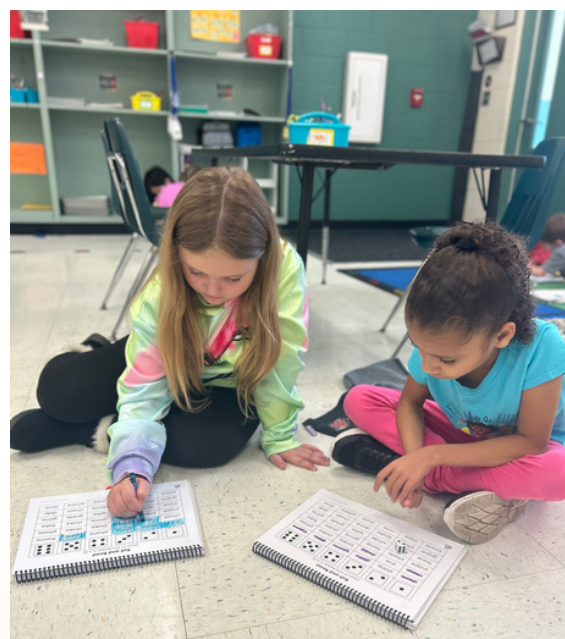
GUSTINE

Home of the Tigers

Gustine ISD is making significant strides in its educational offerings, implementing AVID in grades 9-12 to prepare students for college readiness and success. The district has also introduced the Leader In Me program in PK-8, fostering leadership skills from an early age. With an expansion in CTE course offerings and pathways, Gustine ISD is ensuring a diverse and practical learning experience. Additionally, the innovative "Career Conversations" initiative connects students with area employers, while college visits for high school students provide valuable insights into post-secondary opportunities.

SUNRAY ISD RECEIVES READING GRANT

Sunray ISD has received a grant that has facilitated the adoption of the Really Great Reading curriculum district-wide. This initiative represents a significant investment in literacy, offering students a comprehensive and engaging approach to mastering reading skills at all grade levels.



SCHOOL CULTURE AND CLIMATE: A CORNERSTONE OF COLLEGIATE EDU-NATION

Culture and strategy are the primary forces that affect organizational viability and effectiveness. Culture expresses goals through values and beliefs. The strategy offers logic for the school's purposes and orients people around those goals.

**“CULTURE EXPRESSES
GOALS THROUGH
VALUES AND BELIEFS”**

Unquestionably, culture broadly describes who we are. There are macro-differences between Paris, Texas, and Paris, France—not better or worse, but *très différent*. Equally valid, there are micro-differences among rural stakeholders. Progress is more likely when we collectively clarify, understand, communicate, and honor our diversity.

CEN seeks to understand rural school cultures and community values that shape schools for the 2030 future.



Dr. Larry Polk delivered an inspirational message to new teachers at Colorado ISD wrapping up their New Teacher Orientation in August!



Freer ISD kicked off a day of culture training with a rousing welcome from the band! A great way to start a day full of insightful training!

BELLVILLE'S COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION

Bellville ISD highlights its commitment to innovation and student engagement through the "Brahmas on the Square" facility, a unique space fostering community interaction and educational opportunities. The district's Learner Profile system further exemplifies this commitment, providing a tailored approach to education that recognizes and nurtures individual student strengths, preparing them comprehensively for future academic and career success.

WATCH THE

NEWS STORY [HERE](#)

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TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

CEN is very proud of the teams from **Floydada Independent School District** Junior High School and Colorado City Middle School for their outstanding work at the National KidWind Challenge held in Boulder, Colorado last week. Both teams did a fantastic job and learned so much about wind and solar energy generation.

It was exciting for them to be with other students from across the nation and to learn from their work.

The National KidWind Challenge was held in conjunction with the Collegiate Wind Competition, which gave our students from West Texas an opportunity to see what college students are learning and creating.



SPURGER GETS CREATIVE

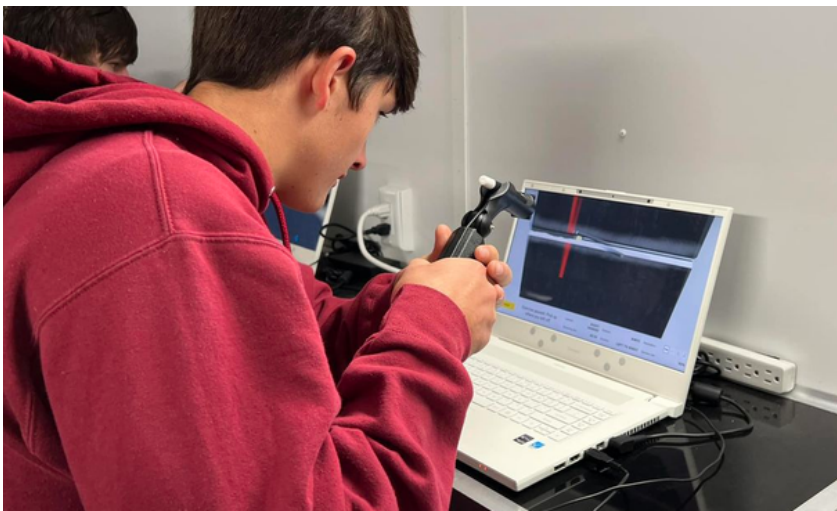


Spurger ISD is enhancing its learning environment with innovative write-on furniture and smart board technology in all elementary classrooms, fostering interactive and creative education.

The district's commitment to hands-on learning is further exemplified by its new plasma table for the welding program. Celebrating skill and teamwork, Spurger's welding team, notably inclusive with a female member, triumphed in a build-off against larger 5A and 6A schools, securing first place.

This remarkable team is now gearing up to showcase their prowess at the state level in May. They also have two Edu-businesses: digital media and welding.

STEM ON THE MOVE



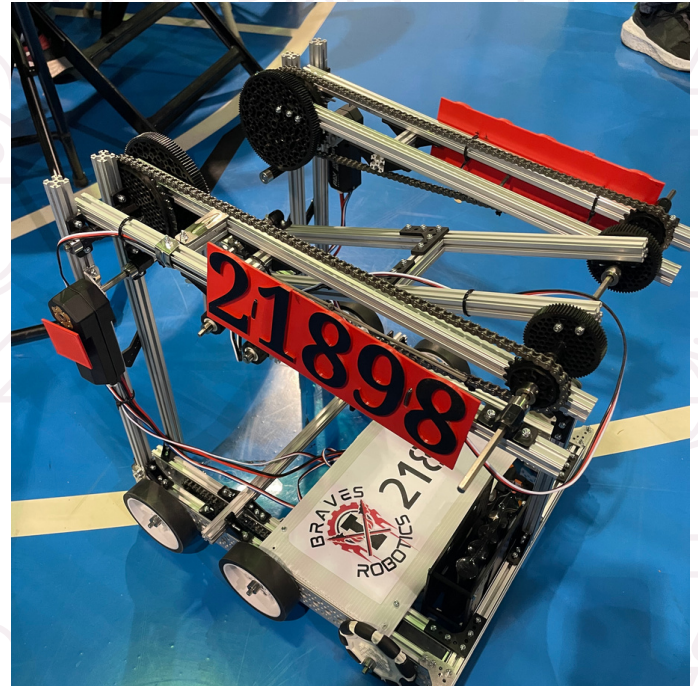
PROJECT SPOTLIGHT TRAVELING STEM LAB

Our STEM mobile lab was on the road at Hico Secondary School! This mobile STEM lab has given the students the opportunity to interact with incredible VR/AR spaces. In partnership with CEN, Roscoe will be sending the mobile lab to other schools in the CEN Network such as; Colorado City, Hamlin, Throckmorton, and more!



ROBOTICS IN ACTION

Iraan-Sheffield- Iraan-Sheffield ISD was included in CEN's initial Texas Workforce Commission Youth robotics grant. The team, behind the capable leadership of their coaches, was successful from the start.



Team #21898 was very competitive throughout the league meets, and ultimately made it to the elimination rounds of the Odessa League. Following the season, their head coach and their lead coder participated in the monthly podcast presented by CEN and shared their experiences during their first year.

The student's personal story was especially powerful as she shared about how the opportunities offered through being involved in robotics had allowed her to excel at computer programming. A field of study she had never really considered or heard of before those experiences.



The coaches also were very intentional in purchasing additive and subtractive manufacturing tools that provided their students with opportunities to be exposed to the emerging technologies in these high-wage high-demand industries.

ROBOTICS IN ROSCOE

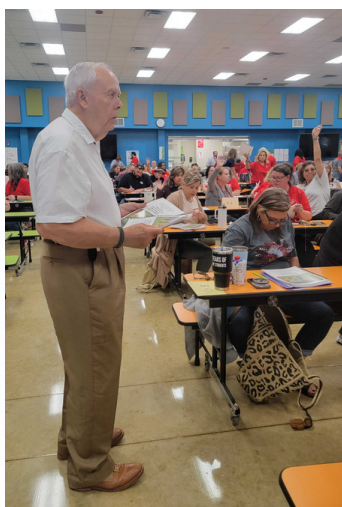
Roscoe Collegiate ISD hosted its first Robotics competition. A total of 9 teams competed in this inaugural event, from Venus ISD, Sunray Collegiate ISD, Floydada Independent School District, Spurger ISD, Hico Independent School District, and Hamlin Collegiate Independent School District. The CEN Unified team was comprised of special needs students. All teams truly embodied CEN's core values of success and education – truly showing that rural matters!



FORGING A PATH OF INNOVATION



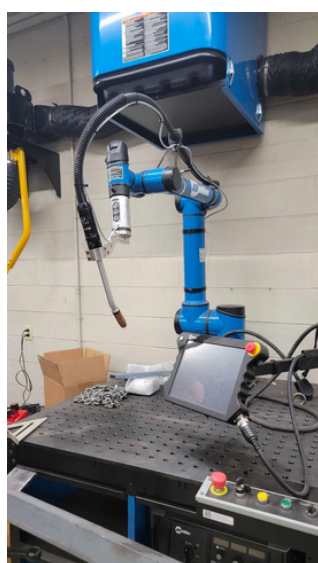
Hico ISD sets the standard with its exemplary P-TECH website, serving as a model for other districts aiming for excellence in career and technical education. The district recently marked a significant milestone with a groundbreaking ceremony for its new state-of-the-art CTE facility, signaling a future of innovation and opportunity.



Jourdanton ISD is forging a path of innovation and comprehensive growth through its recent completion of the PTECH Application, alongside active collaboration with the IHE to establish robust educational pathways.

With the introduction of MAP this year, the district is leveraging data-driven insights to enhance learning outcomes. Moreover, the initiation of the P20 initiative marks a district-wide cultural evolution, engaging staff at all echelons in a unified effort to cultivate and advance the P20 model, reflecting a deep-seated commitment to educational excellence and community development.

TEXAS WORKFORCE SUPPORT



HAMLIN CISD

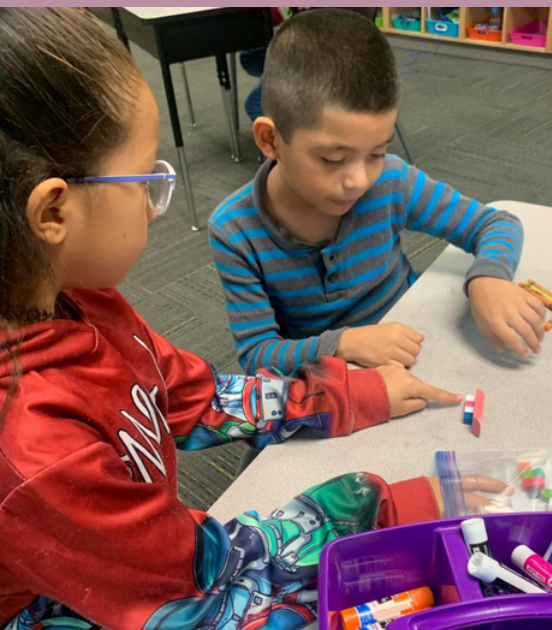
In 2023, HCISD {Hamlin CISD} received three JET Grants from Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas to help alleviate the initial costs associated with establishing career and technical education programs.

Big things are continuously happening in Hamlin. In their efforts to enrich CTE programs for their students, their new innovation center will house programs like HVAC, Advanced Manufacturing, Welding, Robotics and more!

Pictured, Collegiate Edu-Nation team member, Andy Wilson, had the privilege to show around local business partner, CEO Mark McClain of Big Country Electric Cooperative.



INNOVATIVE MILESTONES



Post ISD has successfully integrated AVID at the Middle School level, driving a transformative education model. This integration is propelling project-based learning, career awareness, and positive behavior strategies, creating a school-wide synergy that effectively encapsulates various facets of the P20 model.

Banquete ISD is at the forefront of educational innovation, planning a groundbreaking program in water and wastewater management, recently greenlit in the last legislative session. This initiative positions students at the cutting edge of environmental stewardship and resource management, preparing them for critical roles in our sustainable future.



Throckmorton ISD proudly introduces its new Ag facility, reinforcing its commitment to practical, skills-based education. In a landmark event, the district celebrated two young achievers, Years 13-14 students, who completed their lineman certification and signed on to start their careers with Oncor, showcasing the real-world impact of its educational programs.

CEN KIDS + CEN WIND!

In the fall of 2023, we held the CEN-TSTC Wind Activity Day, bringing together four school districts: Roscoe Collegiate ISD, Hamlin Collegiate ISD, Floydada Collegiate ISD, and Colorado ISD. This event, hosted by Texas State Technical College (TSTC) and co-sponsored by CEN, ENEL, and TSTC, served as a pivotal platform to introduce 170 eighth-grade students to the burgeoning field of renewable energy, specifically focusing on wind energy. The TSTC Wind Technician program was highlighted, emphasizing the exciting career opportunities in this sector. The presence of KidWind, known for their interactive and engaging approach to learning, enriched the day's activities. KidWind not only offered a hands-on learning experience but also encouraged students to participate in the upcoming KidWind Challenge, an event designed to ignite a deeper interest in renewable energy technologies among the younger generation. This educational initiative marks a significant step in nurturing future talents in the renewable energy industry.

In February 2024, CEN will co-sponsor the 2nd annual Big Country KidWind Challenge. We're expecting about 80-100 middle and high school students to compete with a couple of lucky teams moving on to Minneapolis for the KidWind World Challenge in May.



COLORADO ISD TRAVELS TO BOULDER COLORADO

COLORADO ISD
COLORADO CITY, TEXAS



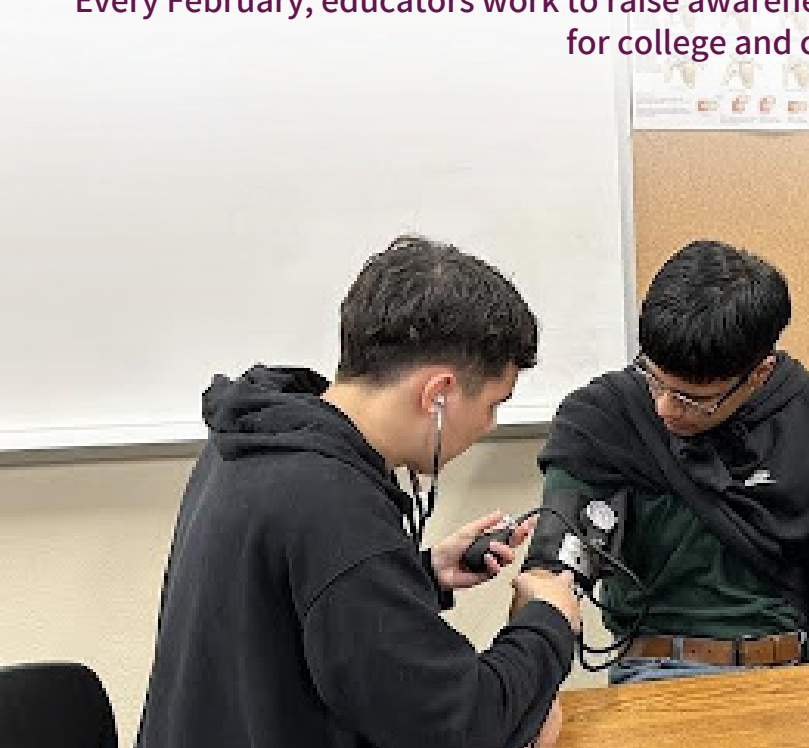
After hearing about the KidWind opportunity in the fall of 2022, Colorado ISD put together a team of students who wanted to learn more about renewable energy and compete with other students to create a wind turbine that would create energy. They competed in the first annual Big Country KidWind Challenge held at TSTC Sweetwater in March of 2023 and won a trip to the National KidWind Challenge which was held in Boulder Colorado.

Students and coaches flew to Boulder in May to compete at a national level. Although they didn't place, they had a good showing and they learned much in the process. Colorado ISD's one team has now grown to four teams and they are registered to compete in the 2nd Annual Big Country KidWind Challenge this February and at the Texas Tech KidWind Challenge in March in hopes to advance the the World KidWind Challenge held in Minneapolis this May.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

CTE MONTH

In 2023, we celebrated CTE (Career and Technical Education) Month across our 21 districts. Every February, educators work to raise awareness of the role that CTE has in readying learners for college and career success.



These Floydada Independent School District students in Introduction to Health Science class got hands-on practice with their healthcare skills! These are valuable lessons in the classroom that prepare students for future career success.



In Iraan-Sheffield Collegiate ISD, these 8th Grade Agriculture students are building fishing rods from start to finish with Mrs. Shattuck. They also got to put these rods to the test at Independence Creek Preserve. Awesome work, Warriors!

ASU + GSV SUMMIT



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WIN HERE

ASU+GSV SUMMIT

At the 2023 ASU+GSV Summit, the Education Innovation Showcase was presented by ClassIn, which celebrates the Innovation and Impact of **K-12 education** system leaders. The winner was indeed CEN who won The grand prize which included \$20,000 cash, a design sprint from Transcend Education, and a school visit from Darryl himself.

Our project, **Putting Rural on the Map**, demonstrated how they pioneered a P-20 rural education model equipping all students with in-demand degrees and certifications for high-paying careers.



PART 2 | PK-12

ASU + GSV SUMMIT



We're so thankful for our experience in San Diego at the ASU GSV Summit
and all of the experiences we were afforded as part of our prize.
It was an incredible few days of learning and advocating for RURAL EDUCATION.

It was an honor to meet Sabari Raja, an ASU+GSV board member.

PICTURED BELOW



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE BIG IMPACTS IN RURAL DISTRICTS.



Presented by

DARRYL "DMC" MCDANIELS

VISITS LYTLE ISD

As part of our prize, the emcee of the Showcase, Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, visited one CEN District, Lytle ISD.

At this visit, Darryl shared inspirational words at an assembly with the junior high and high school students, as well as read his book to elementary students and participate in student-led interviews through the school's "Skull Studios" program.

Darryl "DMC" McDaniels is co-founder of the legendary group RunDMC, selling over 40 million albums and changing music history.



**THERE ARE OBSTACLES AND DOORS
YOU HAVE TO "GO THROUGH" TO "GET
TO" WHERE YOU'RE MEANT TO BE--
YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH TO GET TO.**

DARRYL "DMC" MCDANIELS



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**TO READ MORE ABOUT DARRYL
"DMC"'S VISIT TO LYTLE ISD**

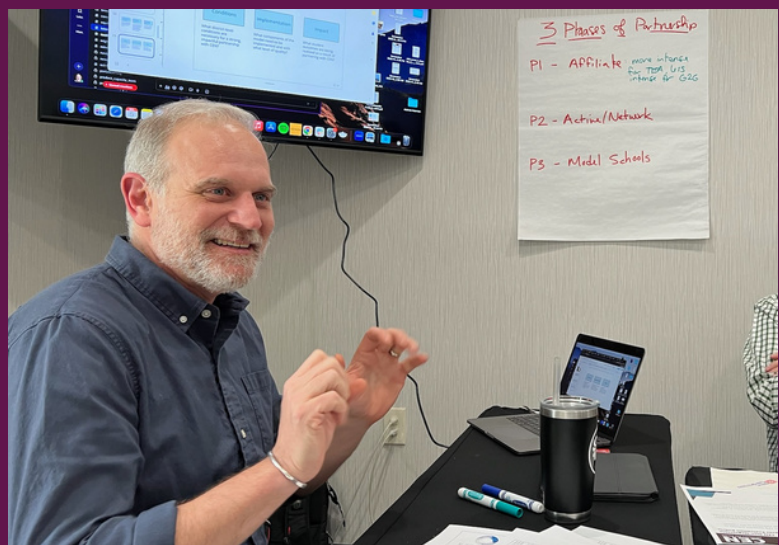


DESIGN SPRINT

THE CEN LEADERSHIP ENGAGED WITH
TRANSCEND EDUCATION IN DECEMBER
DURING A 'DESIGN SPRINT' FOR THE TEXAS
RURAL EDUCATION MODEL.

THIS WAS A COMPONENT OF THE ASU-GSV
INNOVATIVE SHOWCASE AWARD.

ALTOGETHER, IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR TEAM
MEMBERS TO CONNECT, COLLABORATE AND
BUILD NEW IDEAS!





Part 3

Postsecondary and Workforce

A NEW AGE OF ADULT EDUCATION



EduREACH
COLLEGIATE EDU-NATION

CEN SECURES ECMC FOUNDATION GRANT TO LAUNCH THE "EDU-REACH" RURAL HOPE REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Collegiate Edu-Nation (CEN) was proud to receive a significant grant from ECMC Foundation. This grant will support the launch of the CEN Rural Hope Revitalization: Post Secondary Education and Apprenticeship Project, known as **"Edu-REACH" (Rural Education Achievement for Community Hope)**.

With funding spanning from August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2026, Edu-REACH is poised to make a substantial impact on rural communities by addressing the challenges faced by rural students in accessing post-secondary education and apprenticeships.

This project has been in the works for quite some time, and we are eager to see this plan set into motion. At the forefront of rural education, this project will truly change the lives of rural post-secondary students and communities alike, ” Kim Alexander, CEN Chief Executive Officer, shared. “We are extremely thankful to ECMC Foundation for this remarkable financial support.

This transformative project aims to provide a clear pathway for rural post-secondary students and adults in the workforce to complete degrees without having to leave their local communities, thus increasing access to high-quality education and training opportunities that lead to meaningful careers and enhanced economic prospects.

National APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

NOVEMBER 13-19, 2023

We kicked off National Apprenticeship Week at Cisco College in Abilene, TX!

Laura Jones, Workforce Management Analyst from the United States Department of Energy from Washington, D.C. was in attendance to recognize the incredible work of CEN and partnerships with Cisco College and local workforces facilitating change-making apprenticeship programs.

It was our privilege to also host Kelley Johnson with the U.S. Department of Labor, Chandra Eggemeyer with Texas Workforce Commission, and Weldon Hurt, Mayor of Abilene.



It was altogether a WEEK in rural Texas paving the way for the future of rural communities!

AN APPRENTICE TRAILBLAZER

WHAT IS APPRENTICESHIP?

Registered Apprenticeship has a proven track record of producing strong results for both employers and workers.



PAID JOB



EDUCATION



CREDENTIALS

JOEY COOK

CEN's very own first registered apprentice, **Joey Cook**, was officially accepted by the U.S. Department of Labor as an--

“APPRENTICE TRAILBLAZER”

This honor is in recognition of Joey, CEN, and industry partner support in promoting, expanding, and diversifying Registered Apprenticeship Programs.

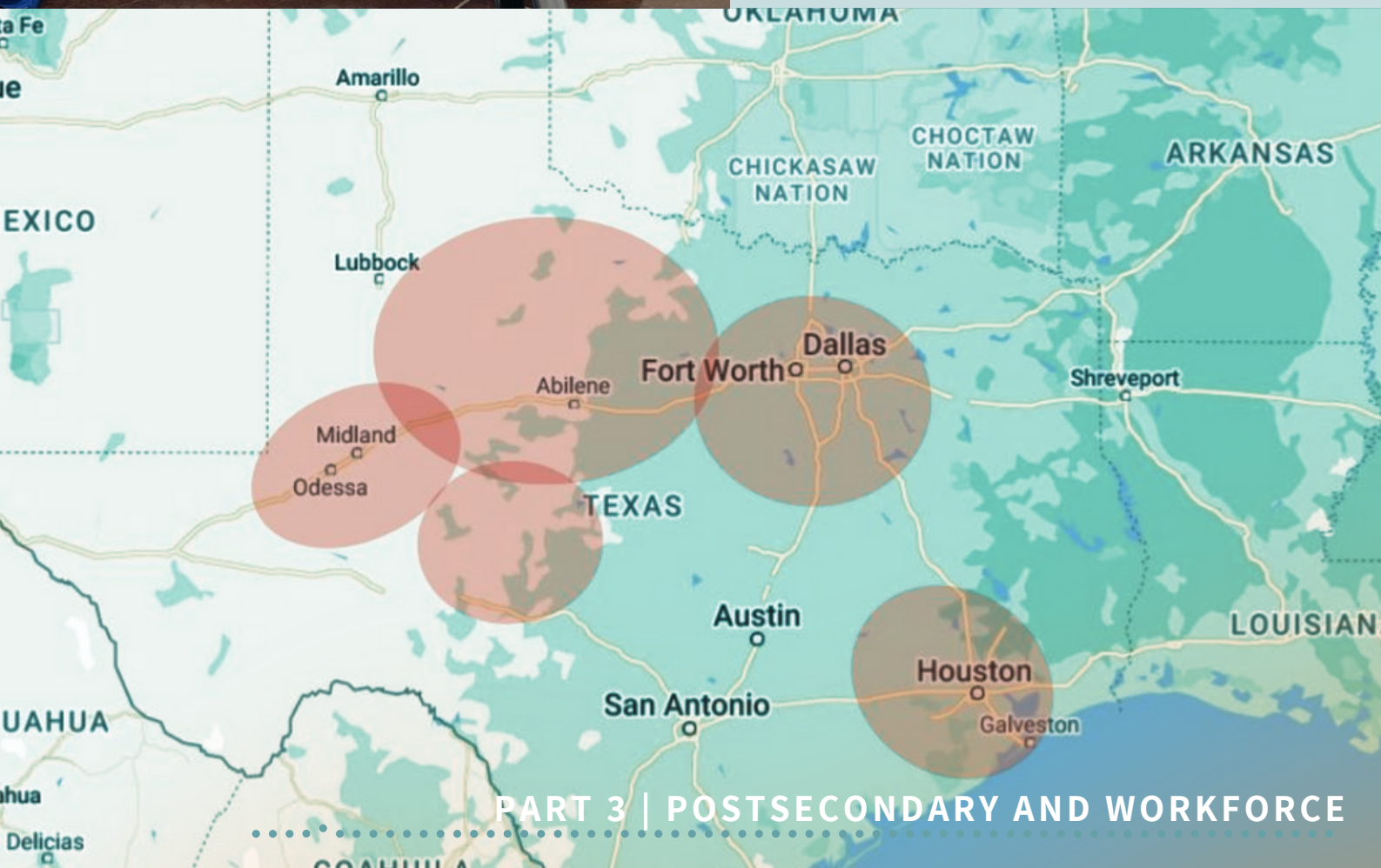


CARY SERVICES

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TUNE INTO
JOEY'S
INTERVIEW](#)



Cary Services has been a strong supporter of the Edu-REACH Registered Apprenticeship Program. They hired our very first Apprentice, Joey Cook and we continue working with them to expand the HVAC Technician program across the state



ARROW FORD



HEAR FROM MEGAN ZUNIGA,
ARROW FORD APPRENTICE

CEN AMERICORPS: TEACH WHERE IT MATTERS

OUR PARTNERS



AmeriCorps



#TEACHWHEREITMATTERS

CEN's "Teach Where It Matters" initiative, a collaborative effort with West Texas A&M, strategically addresses the acute teacher shortage in rural Texas. The initiative focuses on growing local talent by recruiting a diverse pool of participants, offering benefits and thorough training for teacher certification.

Funded by CEN's AmeriCorps grant, the initiative supports various components like work-based learning internships, mentor teacher training, college and career advising, alongside CEN's Registered Apprenticeship P-20 Teacher Program, providing a flexible, supportive path to certification and shaping a sustainable future for rural P-20 education in Texas.



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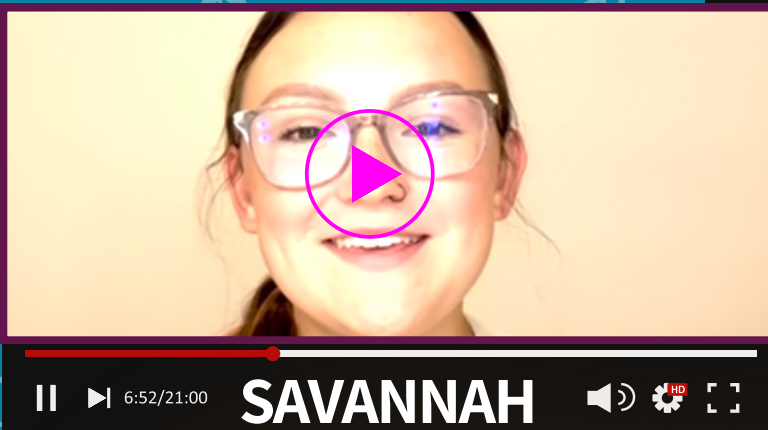
TAP THE VIDEOS
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OUR TEACHERS-
IN-TRAINING!



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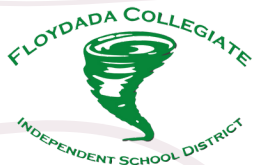
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**HAMLIN
COLLEGIATE**
CRIT ASPIRATION HOPE



COLORADO ISD
COLORADO CITY, TEXAS



#TEACH WHERE IT MATTERS

CEN TAKES FLIGHT



HCISD graduate, Gabriel Guerrero completed his first night flight in 2023.

Hamlin Collegiate High School offers a variety of programs that expose students to countless careers and opportunities. Their experienced educators have the ability to prepare students for a future in aerospace engineering, aircraft control, or becoming a professional pilot!

It all starts with Intro to Aircraft (Drone 1), a two-semester course which covers everything needed to pass the FAA's Remote Pilot Knowledge Test which is required to obtain an FAA Remote Pilot license for commercial operations.

SAVANNAH



Part 4

RURAL FOCUSED RESEARCH AND IMPACT

REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Collegiate Edu-Nation's Regional Advisory Committees are defined as a body that provides non-binding strategic advice for ensuring program relevance, enhancing community engagement, developing scaling strategies, program advocacy, program interpretation and resource development. It consists of accomplished professionals and experts and opinion leaders in a region.

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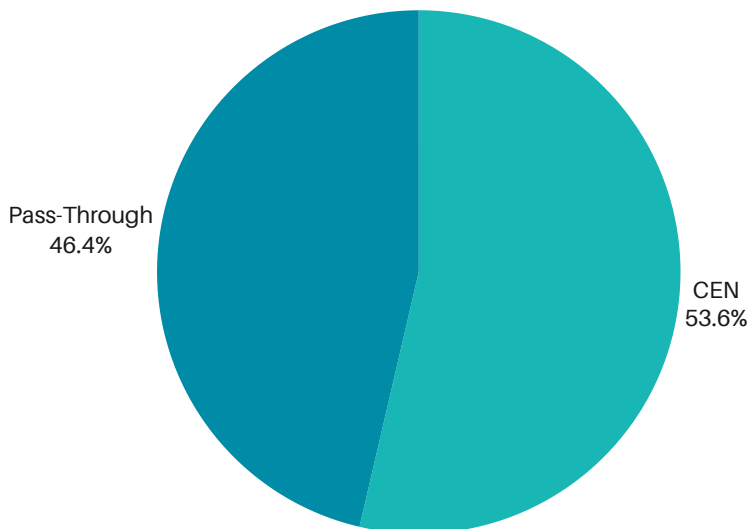
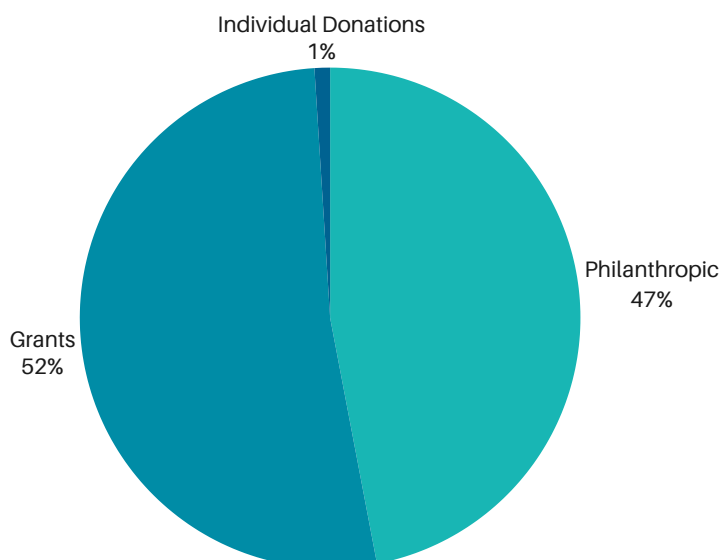
GOAL

\$10M

RAISED

\$11.1M

- **\$7.3 MILLION**
- **\$10 MILLION**
- **\$11.1 MILLION**



- **\$5.9 MILLION- CEN**
- **\$5.1 MILLION- DISTRICTS**

CEN RURAL HOPE CAMPAIGN

RURAL HOPE SOCIETY

LIFETIME CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALING OVER \$1,000,000

Greater Texas F2Foundation
Thoma Foundation

RURAL HOPE FOUNDER

LIFETIME CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALING \$250,000 TO \$999,999

ECMC
AmeriCorps/OneStar
Catalyze

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Texas Pioneer Foundation
EduTexas Pathway Grant

RURAL HOPE BUILDER

LIFETIME CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALING \$25,000 TO \$49,999

Stronger Connections Grant
King Foundation

RURAL HOPE PATRON

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ASU/GSV Innovative Award
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RURAL HOPE AMBASSADOR

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Paula Windham

RURAL HOPE

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EXPERTS IN RURAL 2023 TASA CONFERENCE

**WE HAD THE BEST TIME DURING THE
TASA MIDWINTER CONFERENCE IN 2023!**



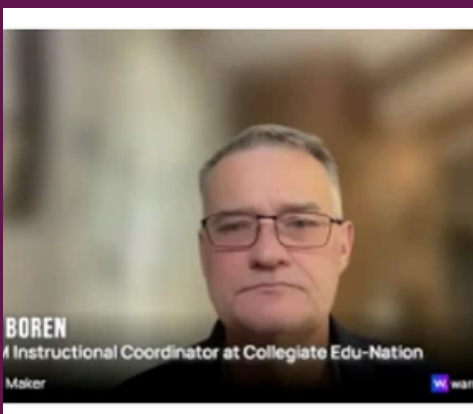
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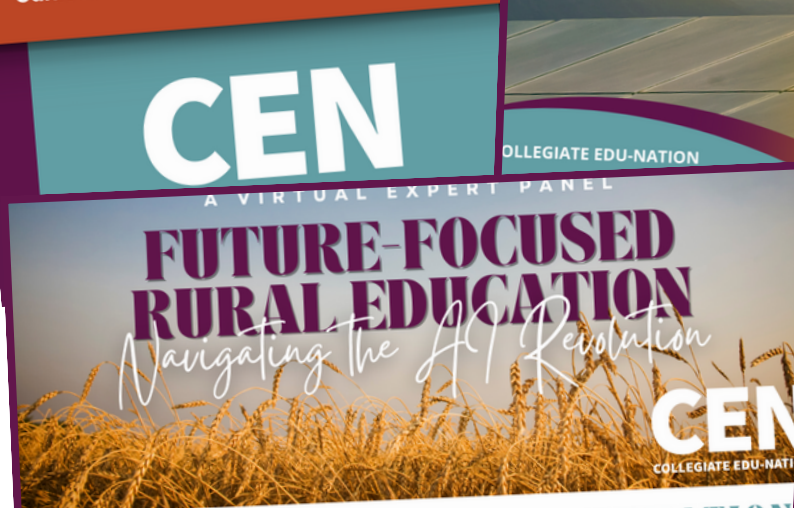
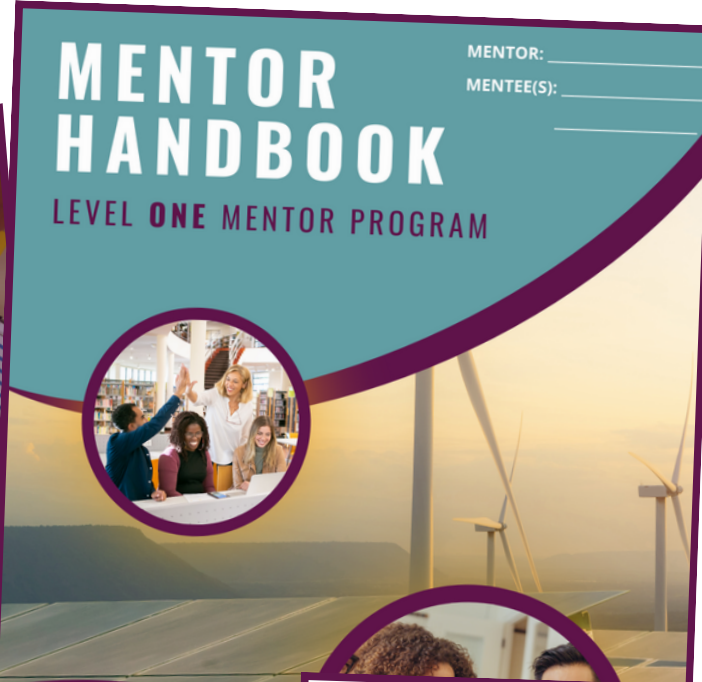
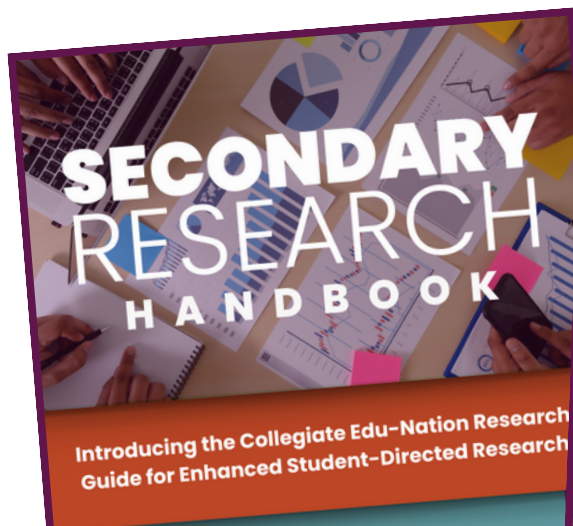




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DISCUSSING THE TRANSFORMATIVE FUTURE OF RURAL EDUCATION.

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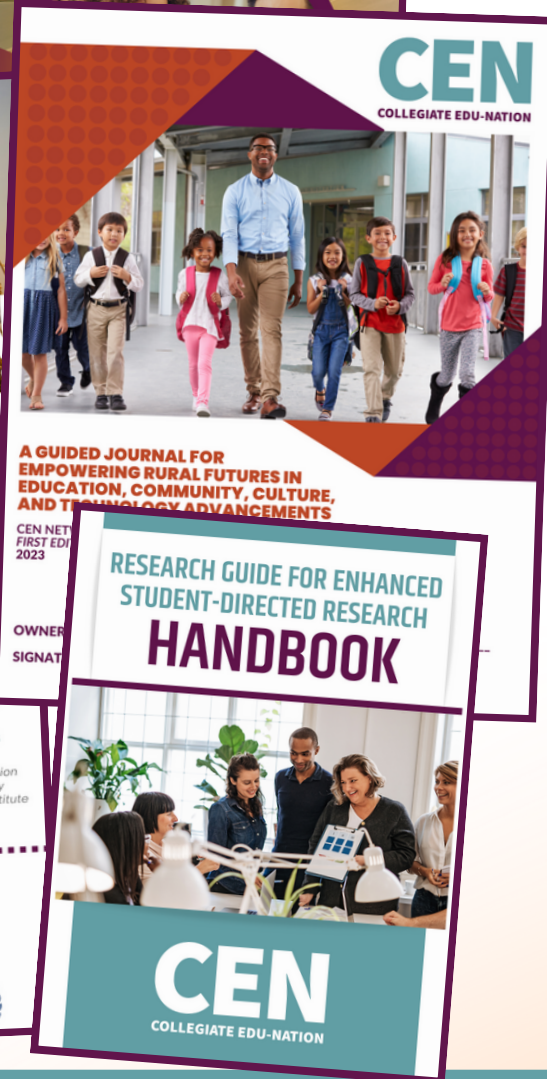
ANNE WICKS
Facilitator
Director of Education
and Opportunity
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OCTOBER 25
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VIRTUAL (ZOOM)
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COUNTLESS RESOURCES FOR OUR NETWORK

NATIONAL EXPERTS SHOWCASED IN 2023

OCTOBER VIRTUAL PLC SERIES

03

INSTRUCTIONAL PLC

MAP GROWTH ESSENTIAL REPORTS

(GAIN INTRODUCTION TO CLASS & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 4 PM

04

WHAT'S UP WEDNESDAY

WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION IN RURAL DISTRICTS

PART 1 OF A THREE PART SERIES WITH DR. BILL DAGGETT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 1 PM

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P-20/CTE PLC

ACT DATA ANALYSIS WORKSHOP

ANALYZE AND BREAK DOWN YOUR ACT DATA AND LEARN HOW THE ACT STANDARDS ALIGN WITH THE TEKS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 4 PM

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CULTURE/DATA PLC

"SO WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN?"

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT 1 PM

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COLLEGIATE EDU-NATION

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Morning Session:

Guided by Dr. Daggett, will present a comprehensive overview of future-focused education.

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Afternoon Session:

Interactive work-session, strategically aligning the P-20 System Model and current educational practices with the proven strategies that pave the way for student success in the future.

DALLAS COLLEGE GARLAND CENTER

SEPT 28

10 AM - 3:30 PM

DR. BILL DAGGETT

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COLLEGIATE EDU-NATION

OUR VERY OWN DR. KIM ALEXANDER WAS HONORED TO SERVE AS THE MODERATOR LAST WEEK FOR THE "BEACONS OF LIGHT: AASA LEARNING 2025 LIGHTHOUSE SYSTEMS SHARE THEIR JOURNEY" SESSION AT THE NATIONAL AASA CONFERENCE.



LOOKING AHEAD

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COLLEGIATE EDU-NATION (CEN) ANNOUNCES HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP WITH TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO TACKLE RURAL ONE HEALTH CRISIS



Collegiate Edu-Nation (CEN) is thrilled to announce a groundbreaking collaboration with the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) to establish the “One Health Initiative for Rural Texas.” This initiative aims to address the critical One Health Crisis in rural areas of Texas and create a sustainable solution through education and community development.

The partnership brings together the expertise of CEN and the renowned TAMUS Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture, and AgriLife Extension/Research. By leveraging the strengths of multiple institutions, the One Health Initiative seeks to build a highly educated rural workforce that will be equipped to address the unique challenges faced by rural communities.



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