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Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development

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20th Anniversary Conference
The Power of Place:
Regional Higher Education Networks for Community
Transformation
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Mission

Build the capacity of member institutions to develop mutually beneficial, sustained, and democratic community-based service-learning partnerships.




Mission

Revitalize *local*
communities and
schools and foster
civic responsibility
 among the region's
 colleges and
 universities.



Mission

Provide a vehicle for coordinating and, where appropriate, combining the efforts of higher eds so that they can make a significant contribution to improving the entire Philadelphia region.



Early History



1987 - Four founding institutions



Swarthmore

Early History

1991 -
organizational
meeting draws 20
participants



Early History

1993 – Summer of Service project “ICARE”. Nursing students immunize public school children



Early History

1994 – Pennsylvania Service Scholars program, precursor to AmeriCorps Education Award Only program



Learn and Serve

- 1997
 - Learn and Serve Higher Education Consortia grant received



Learn and Serve

- 1997
 - Staff hired
 - Subgrants to member institutions for partnership development, course creation, and capacity building

Growth of Network

1997-2001

- Network continues to grow



Growth of Network

1997-2001

Many of today's activities begin:

- Annual conference
 - Quarterly PHENND Meetings
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Growth of Network

PHENND Weekly Update (e-newsletter)

☐ **Subject:** PHENND Update - Jan 7, 2000
From: Hillary R. Aisenstein
Reply-To: hillarya@pobox.upenn.edu
Date: 1/7/2000 5:19 PM
To: PHENNDbiweekly@topica.com

PHENND Update January 7, 2000

Dear PHENND folks-

Welcome back! Now that you've survived the anticlimax of Y2K, it's time to get back to work! Dare I say this is the first Bi-Weekly Update you'll find the first PHENND events of the millennium. And a request for articles for the first PHENND Newsletter of the millennium. C and best wishes in the new millen...er, year.

Warmly,

Hillary

Growth of Network

1997-2001

- By 2001, 40 institutional members and 2,500 individuals receiving the PHENND Update

Project-Based Years

2002-present

Public Benefits

- Food Stamp Enrollment Campaign
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Project-Based Years

- 2 years:
- 100 students, 7 campuses, 3 courses

**Do you need
help paying
for groceries?**



Check out food stamps.
Find out how much you could receive by calling **215-430-0556**.

*It's fast.
It's easy.
It's free.*



For online information: www.compass.state.pa.us

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Project-Based Years

2002-present

Public Benefits

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
 - 6 years: Primarily in Delaware County with Widener and Swarthmore



Project-Based Years

Last year:
1,000 families
served for \$1.2
million in refunds



Project-Based Years

2000-2004

School District of
Philadelphia

- GEAR-UP
 - 4 years: Helped support university involvement with college access initiative



Project-Based Years

2007-present

School District of
Philadelphia

- Senior Projects
 - 1 year: Partnering 7 high schools with colleges
 - College students serve as “academic coaches” to high school seniors for state-mandated exit project



Scholars in Service to PA

- Multi-university, state-wide, AmeriCorps Education Award Only program
 - 5 years: approx. 300 students per year across 35 campuses
 - PHENND coordinates paperwork, training & technical assistance



Learn and Serve (again)

- 2006
 - Under PA/NY Campus Compact Consortium
 - 8 campuses “Institutionalizing Service Learning”



Learn and Serve (again)

- 2006
 - “beginner” campuses focusing on faculty development, community partnership
 - “advanced” campuses working on strategic initiatives, evaluation

The Future

- Strategic Planning
 - Tighten and clarify governance structure
 - Increase institutional investment from member campuses
 - Establish widely recognized, measurable goals and objectives to guide programming
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