

CENTER NEWS

On June 12, 2007, the Board of Trustee of the Claude Worthington Benedum foundation authorized a generous grant of \$210,000 to fund two projects for the The Center for Education in Appalachia.

This funding will support the establishment of the West Virginia Education Policy Fellows Program. WV-EPFP will prepare a network of mid-level career professionals interested in participating in the formulation, implementation and revision of the education policy making process within West Virginia. The program will also connect these individuals to a larger national network of education policy stakeholders.

Benedum funding will also support the creation of local study groups to generate information unique to West Virginia and its rural Appalachian communities about education issues. The publication of this information will help inform the policy making process within the state for more successful policy formulation and implementation within local communities.

Center Director Dr. Craig McClellan commented, "Once again the CW Benedum Foundation shows its commitment to the communities and children of West Virginia. We are very appreciative for their confidence in our work at The Center and at Fairmont State University."