



2021-22 Annual Report
CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION
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The Connecticut Association of Schools established the Center for Leadership and Innovation to address the professional learning and related needs of aspiring and practicing school leaders. CAS Associate Executive Director Bill Silva is the director of the Center. The Center is guided by an advisory committee of active principals and assistant principals.

Leadership Academies

Leadership Academies did not meet in 2021-22 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Two Leadership Academies will return in the 2022-23 school year, hosted by the Meriden and Waterford school districts.

Leadership Series Offerings

All CLI offerings were offered virtually this year, typically in a webinar format, on a variety of topics and issues of interest to school leaders, including school law, administrator wellness and self-care, special education, teaching and learning, equity and inclusion (including a three-session Equity Summit), and others. All webinars were recorded and posted on the CAS website.

Men of Color in Leadership Conference

CAS (in partnership with CIAC) hosted a virtual Men of Color in Leadership Conference for middle and high school students from across the state on October 26, 2021. The students heard presentations from seven men of color in leadership positions in the fields of education and athletics, as well as from three high school student leaders.

Women in Leadership Conference

CAS (in partnership with CIAC) hosted a virtual Women in Leadership Conference for middle and high school students from across the state on May 10, 2022. The students heard presentations from eight women in leadership positions in the fields of education, law and law enforcement, finance and entrepreneurship, media, and e-sports, as well as from three high school student leaders.

❑ **Administrator Evaluation Training**

The Center was charged by the Connecticut State Department of Education with the training of school and district leaders on the administrator evaluation and support model included in the *Connecticut Guidelines for Educator Evaluation 2017* and the *2021-22 Flexibilities*. These sessions were conducted virtually.

❑ ***School Sims* Simulation Series**

In partnership with the Connecticut State Department of Education and the Connecticut Center for School Change, CAS offered a series of facilitated simulations for novice school administrators, each of which focused on an issue or challenge involving students, faculty and staff, or parents and the community.