



About us:

The Central States Private Education Network (CSPEN) is a unique, third-party initiated, multi-state collaborative promoting private education and the benefits these institutions of higher education provide to a growing number of both non-traditional and traditional postsecondary student

Why CSPEN:

1. We are not a group trying to create jobs or pay large salaries. We understand the need to stay lean while being a mouthpiece, communicator, and advocator for schools within our sector. In this organization, **a little goes a long way.**
2. We advocate for **career colleges and trade schools.** Our small school approach provides a larger voice for schools who cannot afford a lot of travel, ongoing dues, or large membership commitments.
3. We work together with accreditors, state agencies, and national organizations to centralize communications and constantly provide **regulatory updates through emails, webinars, and our annual conference.**
4. This is a 501(c)(3), so any small donation is not only **tax deductible**, but still makes a big dent on what we can offer to our partners.
5. We have the agility to ask our community what they need from us and nimbleness **to re-calibrate who we are and what we do on a constant basis.**
6. This is an organization **RUN BY OUR PARTNERS.** For what it's worth, all of the board members and CSPEN group are schools, vendors, and advocators for our schools.
7. Fresh information from Capitol Hill **every week.**
8. We are school driven. **You talk, we listen!**

Our Mission:

The Central States Private Education Network (CSPEN) is a 501(c)(3) charitable education organization dedicated to promote the interests of students and private schools. CSPEN works collaboratively with other like-minded national and state organizations, their representatives, and the supporters of our shared community throughout the United States.

CSPEN's mission is to provide postsecondary educational institutions with access to resources and information designed to assist them in meeting state and federal legislative guidelines and regulatory challenges that institutions face, through the promotion of student access, completion, and successful entry into the occupational discipline and career of their choosing. CSPEN helps to achieve this mission by providing an array of tools, including publication and dissemination of the latest news and events at federal and targeted state levels, presentation of innovative webinars,

Our Focus:

Community

Community Supported/Community Focused. Arguably CSPEN's greatest success has been our ability to establish a charitable educational organization supported through higher education community vendor sponsorships and charitable donations from institutions, organizations, and supporters of private education students and schools - not membership dues.

Compliance

CSPEN regularly obtains and reports on the latest guidance provided primarily, but not exclusively, on regulatory guidance from the Department of Education - sharing key deadlines and information institutions need to remain compliant.

Innovation

CSPEN is exploring new ways to help promote our community, our value, and new ways to influence public awareness and perception at no additional cost to our community.

Communication

Timely, accurate updates for everyone. CSPEN has established an extensive database of interested parties who we regularly share "breaking news," updates, and reminders to the community.

**Join us in Chicago August 6th for
our annual conference.**

Please join us!

**Our success depends on support
from schools like yours.**

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Institution:

Pledge Amount:

\$1,500 \$2,500 \$5,000

\$7,500 \$10,000 Other

Testimonial:

The #1 reason my college decided to partner with CSPEN was because it gave a voice to me and my organization, which is a small, family owned & operated private career college. Because we were a small group of colleges the issues that were important to us were often not being considered in the national conversation. CSPEN didn't just bring us back into the conversation. They made us the conversation! If you are looking for a place where you can partner with others like yourself consider becoming a partner in **CSPEN**.

Sharon Rhoads, Vice President, Academic Operations at West Virginia Junior College

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