

Wuenschel named
director of the year



Dr. Peter Wuenschel, head of Communities In Schools-Bay (CIS) Area, has been named Texas Executive Director of the Year by the state's dropout prevention program. CIS-Bay Area serves 15 schools in Clear Creek and Dickinson Independent School Districts and is one of 28 programs in Texas serving more than 75,000 students.

The dropout prevention program helps students stay in school and prepare for life. "I was so pleased to nominate Peter for this award as I knew he deserved state-wide recognition. The entire board is proud to have Peter as executive director of CIS-Bay Area and congratulates him on this prestigious award. Through his leadership of the

organization, the students of CCISD and DISD have a greater chance of succeeding in school and life," said Sandy Johnson, president of the board of directors of CIS-Bay Area.

Wuenschel has been executive director of CIS-Bay Area for 12 years. He has doctorate and master's degrees in Social Work from the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work. In addition to running the dropout prevention program, Wuenschel serves as chairman of the Education Division of the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and sits on the Advisory Council to the University of Houston-Clear Lake Bachelor of Social Work Program. He is a past president of the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families.

"I have enjoyed working in the field of education and social service because members of this community truly believe that the community must

have a strong education system that meets the needs of all students. "CCISD and DISD have been active in supporting better funding of public education, recognizing the dedication of public school teachers and advocating for all levels of education in order to enhance the relationship between the business community and the education system," Wuenschel said.