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Kim graduated with honors from West Virginia University (WVU) with her B.S.J. (journalism) and minors in English, political science, and fine arts. She is a lifetime member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

She has received additional training and certifications in in Total Quality Management (TQM), leadership, communications, fund-raising, and Women's Studies. The majority of her career has been dedicated to education.

Ms. Dillinger has provided more than 25 years of leadership in the for-profit and non-profit arenas; most of it in higher education. Her experience includes project management, educational advocacy, TQM facilitation, public relations, community relations, fund-raising, alumni relations, volunteer recruitment, grant/proposal writing, and special events. For CASE/nCASE, she also received special training by NortelLearnIT in Washington, D.C. and the National Institute of Aerospace in Hampton, Virginia.

Kim gained tremendous insight into higher education as an administrator for WVU for nearly a decade. While there, she received two outstanding employee awards; held the positions of Development Manager and Assistant Director of Development at the College of Business and Economics (B&E); chaired the President's Council for Women's Concerns; served on the President's Social Justice Council, university-wide Communications Committee and steering committee for the University's first major Capital Campaign; supervised the Women's Century Project (two-year celebration of 100 years of women's education); assisted with Center for Chinese Business; managed the English Department; and served on the steering committees and emceed the annual Women of Color Day and Take Your Daughters to Work Day campus-wide celebrations.

For Penn State-Fayette, Kim managed its USDA Rural Telecommunications Grant and a variety of its outreach programs, including its summer camps for underprivileged children.

Prior to joining CASE/nCASE as associate director, Kim worked for Fay-Penn Economic Development Council in Pennsylvania, where she managed REACH (Reaching Educational Achievement with Community Help). Its primary mission was to develop collaboration between private industry and education to implement systemic change in the region's educational system. She expanded this vision to include all the major sectors of the community. Kim made the extended community aware of not only the challenges, but also the achievements of the County's school districts and was a regular on local media programs regarding these various concerns, goals and objectives. She created opportunities for business leaders to play an active role in the classroom and assist in the development of relevant curriculum. Kim made Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) an area of focus for REACH. Kim represented REACH at several national, state and regional conferences on education while working closely with the county school superintendents and business partners to identify and fund best practices to improve the County educational system.

While at Fay-Penn, Kim saw the need for better utilization and recognition of vocational education as part of the economic and workforce development of the region. To address this, she partnered with the Fayette County Vocational Technical School and helped create several successful initiatives that responded to this concern.

Kim has always believed in giving back to her community where she has held offices and memberships in Rotary, Salvation Army and United Way. She is active in her local church where she leads small-group studies for youth and has traveled to Mexico as a missionary to orphaned children. Kim is a trained vocalist and has performed most of her life in a variety of musical productions as either a soloist or group member. Her happiest and proudest moments are those involving her daughter, Emily.