

MEDIA ALERT

AIU's Jon Amelio Named as One of 2016 Pittsburgh Smart 50 Award Winners

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PITTSBURGH, October 24, 2016 – The Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) is thrilled to announce that its chief technology officer, Jon Amelio, has been selected by Smart Business Magazine as one of the [2016 Pittsburgh Smart 50 Award winners](#). Presented by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., the Smart 50 Awards recognize the top executives of the smartest 50 companies in the Pittsburgh region for their ability to effectively build and lead savvy organizations. While the award winners represent a diverse group of business and industries, the AIU is the only public education entity to have representation in the honoree lineup.

Mr. Amelio joined in the AIU in 2014 after serving in a variety of information technology positions throughout the region. He holds a bachelor's degree in Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree in Business Administration from Robert Morris University. Mr. Amelio is responsible for all IT functions, systems, services, programs and equipment for all of the AIU's nearly 130 programs at 441 unique sites throughout Allegheny County. Earlier this year, Mr. Amelio was as a finalist for the Pittsburgh Technology Council's CIO of the Year.

During the 2015-2016 school year, Mr. Amelio successfully facilitated the re-bidding and selection of a new solution for connecting Allegheny County school districts, called the Regional Wide Area Network (RWAN). This telecommunications network was designed to efficiently share data involved with administrative and instructional applications, such as distance learning, video content and educational software. Having launched on July 1, 2016, the RWAN is already helping school districts save thousands of dollars every month in network costs. Mr. Amelio said that he was honored to have been named as one of the 2016 Pittsburgh Smart 50 honorees.

"The information technology field is very competitive and filled with truly exceptional leaders. It is an honor to be recognized," he said.

Award winners will be honored at the November 10, 2016 Smart Awards banquet, at the Fairmont Pittsburgh Hotel.

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ABOUT THE AIU

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) is a branch of the Pennsylvania Department of Education and provides specialized education services to 42 suburban public school districts, five vocational and technical schools, and operates 11 family centers and three schools for exceptional children.