Unmasking Their Potential, 2013
Nicholls State University - Thibodaux, Louisiana

Please join The Louisiana Center for Dyslexia & Related Learning Disorders on January 26, 2013 for *Unmasking Their Potential, 2013*, a conference for parents, teachers, guidance counselors, and anyone else interested in making a difference in the lives of students with dyslexia. Enjoy the presentation of our wonderful keynote speaker and participate in a series of breakout sessions. An added bonus is the opportunity to meet other parents, teachers, and tutors who have the same challenges and enjoy the same successes as you!

Our Keynote Speaker

Reverend Joseph Wallace-Williams, a native of New Orleans, is the Associate Rector at Grace - St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tennessee. Father Joseph has struggled with dyslexia his whole life, but he has pushed through all the challenges that come with the disorder and never let them stand in the way of accomplishing his dream. He earned his undergraduate degree at Nicholls State University and his master’s degree from the School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee. Join us in listening to Father Joseph’s inspirational story.

This conference is dedicated to the memory of our dearly departed friend and supporter, Dianne Savoie, who touched the lives of many students with dyslexia for over 20 years.
Breakout Sessions

Session A (9:05–10:20)
A1 – Preparing for College – Anyone working with high school students will want to attend this presentation. The presenter will provide valuable information for helping your high school student prepare for and succeed in college. (Parents, High School Educators) Presented by Rachel Hebert, LA Center for Dyslexia

A2 – Practical Strategies – The presenter will share a variety of practical behavioral strategies for assisting students in the classroom. (Educators, Parents) Presented by Tiffany Quick, LA Center for Dyslexia

A3 – Walk a Mile in My Shoes (Parent Session) – Step into the shoes of a person with dyslexia. In this simulation activity, you will experience the difficulties faced by students with dyslexia. (Parents) Presented by Ashley Munson & Jason Talbot, LA Center for Dyslexia

A4 – Reading Big Words – When struggling readers encounter words they don't know, they most often skip them. This negatively affects comprehension. This presentation will show participants how to teach students to read and spell multisyllabic words. (Educators, Parents) Presented by Karen Chauvin, LA Center for Dyslexia

A5 – Cool Tools on the iPad – Come learn about some very helpful apps on the iPad to help your students with note taking, reading, organizing, etc. (Educators, Parents) Presented by Octave Hymel, LA Center for Dyslexia

Session B (10:30 – 11:45)
B1 – The Emotional Side of Dyslexia (Parent Session) – This session will identify some of the emotional issues individuals with dyslexia face and provide strategies for overcoming those emotional issues. (Parents) Presented by Tracy Purvis, LA Center for Dyslexia

B2 – Walk a Mile in My Shoes (Teacher Session) – Step into the shoes of a person with dyslexia. In this simulation activity, you will experience the difficulties faced by students with dyslexia. (Teachers) Presented by Ashley Munson & Rachel Hebert, LA Center for Dyslexia

B3 – Kurzweil Demonstration – This session is a product presentation. The Kurzweil software helps struggling learners with reading, writing, and studying. (Educators, Parents) Presented by Missy Tatum, Audio Optical Systems of Austin

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B5 – Visualizing for Comprehension – Many students can read the words but struggle to understand or even remember what they read. This session will provide a technique for developing visual imagery, a necessary step in the development of reading comprehension. (Parents, Educators) Presented by Karen Chauvin, LA Center for Dyslexia
B6 – Assistive Technology – The presenter will demonstrate assistive devices that help struggling learners with reading, writing, and studying. (Educators, Parents) Presented by Octave Hymel, LA Center for Dyslexia

Session C (12:45 – 2:00)
C1 – Math Strategies for Dyslexic Students – Do you want to help your child learn math easier? Attend this session to learn some specific strategies for assisting students in learning mathematics. (Educators, Parents) Presented by DesLey Plaisance, Ph.D., Department of Mathematics, Nicholls State University

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C3 – Dyslexia: What is it anyway? – Dyslexia can appear different in different children. This presenter will help you understand what to look for when trying to figure out if a child has dyslexia. (All Educators, Parents) Presented by Jason Talbot, LA Center for Dyslexia

C4 – The Emotional Side of Dyslexia (Teacher Session) – This session will identify some of the emotional issues individuals with dyslexia face and provide strategies for overcoming those emotional issues. (Teachers) Presented by Tracy Purvis, LA Center for Dyslexia

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Conference Bonus: Movie Time! (2:10 – 3:15)
If you would like, you may join us back in the Ballroom to view and discuss parts of a documentary that was produced to bring about awareness of the struggles and successes of individuals with dyslexia.
Louisiana Center for Dyslexia & Related Learning Disorders
Conference Registration Form
January 26, 2013

Name: ___________________________________  Phone: ______________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________
Street  City  State  Zip Code

E-Mail: __________________________________________________________________

Please check:  ☐ Parent  ☐ Teacher  ☐ Student  ☐ Other _____________________

Conference fees, including lunch, are as follows:

- Pre-registration (on or before January 25, 2013)  $60.00
- On-site registration  $65.00
- Full-time Student (must provide proof – copy of current ID, fee slip, etc.)  $25.00

Mail checks (payable to Nicholls State University) with registration forms to:
Nicholls State University
Office of Continuing Education
P.O. Box 2119
Thibodaux, LA 70310

For conference information, call 985-448-4214. For registration information, call 985-448-4444.

Conference Schedule

Please check in at the Bollinger Memorial Student Union. See http://www.nicholls.edu/about/directions/ for directions to campus and a campus map.

7:45 – 8:15  Check-In
8:15 – 8:30  Welcome & Introductions
8:30 – 9:00  Keynote Presentation – Father Joseph Wallace-Williams

9:05 – 10:20  Session A – please check one Session A choice:
☐ A1 Preparing for College
☐ A2 Practical Strategies
☐ A3 Walk a Mile in My Shoes - Parents
☐ A4 Reading Big Words
☐ A5 Cool Tools on the iPad

10:30 – 11:45  Session B - please check one Session B choice
☐ B1 Emotional Side of Dyslexia - Parents
☐ B2 Walk a Mile in My Shoes - Teachers
☐ B3 Kurzweil
☐ B4 Practical Strategies
☐ B5 Visualizing for Comprehension
☐ B5 Assistive Technology

11:45 – 12:35  BRUNCH in Cafeteria (included in fee)

12:45 – 2:00  Session C - please check one Session C choice:
☐ C1 Math Strategies
☐ C2 Reading Big Words
☐ C3 Dyslexia: What is it Anyway?
☐ C4 Emotional Side of Dyslexia - Teachers
☐ C5 Kurzweil

2:10 - 3:15  Movie time!