



# Welcome to the

# Project Access

Fourteenth Annual Conference for Parents and Professionals

***Transitioning Students with Disabilities...  
Success on the Postsecondary Level and Beyond***

**April 28, 2016 ♦ 9:00 AM—4:00 PM**

(Registration 8:00 AM—9:00 AM)

**Charles I. Ecker Business Training Center  
6751 Columbia Gateway Drive | Columbia, MD 21046**

Featuring two keynote presentations:

**Carol A. Beatty, MS, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Disabilities.** Prior to her appointment as Secretary, Beatty served as the Executive Director of The Arc of Howard County, a private non-profit organization that provides advocacy and support services for more than 750 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. After giving a brief presentation, Beatty will moderate a panel on *Ensuring Access: Changing Maryland for the Better* that will include **Jade Ann Gingerich, MS, Director of Employment Policy for the Maryland Department of Disabilities; Christy H. Stuart, Ed.D., Secondary Transition Specialist, Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services; and Karen Lee, CESP, Executive Director at SEEC and Fellow at the Developmental Disabilities Administration.**

**Thomas G. West, Advisory Board member, Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study, George Mason University** and author of *In the Mind's Eye: Creative Visual Thinkers, Gifted Dyslexics and the Rise of Visual Technologies*, currently in its 14<sup>th</sup> printing, the recipient of a gold seal and selected as one of the “best of the best” by the Association of College and Research Libraries of the American Library Association (1998). Articles reviewing or citing *In the Mind's Eye* have appeared in *Vanity Fair, Computers in Physics, The American Bar Association Journal, The Boston Globe, The Roeper Review, The Financial Times, The Times Educational Supplement, The Independent, The Times, The Evening Standard, The Oxford Mail, The Australian, Kagaku Asahi Science Magazine and Nikkei Daily* among others. West is also the author of *Thinking Like Einstein – Returning to Our Visual Roots with the Emerging Revolution in Computer Information Visualization*. The topic of West's presentation will be *Amazing Shortcomings, Amazing Strengths: Beginning to Understand the Talents of Dyslexics*.

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**There will also be fascinating presentations on the following topics:**

**Gangs and Your Kids: Awareness, Recognition, and Prevention**

Gregory Shackelford, BA, Sergeant Maryland State Police, MCAC/CIS Gang Branch, Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center

**Double Consciousness: Navigating the College Experience as a Black and Disabled Student**

Joy Banks, PhD, Associate Dean for Research and Development, Bowie State University

**Getting the Most out of Kurzweil**

Crystal L. Tenan, MS, Assistive Technology Specialist, Towson University; Jill Pfau, BA, Assistive Technology Coordinator, Montgomery College

**Wading in: Exploring the Situation on the Ground for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder Post High School**

Connie M. Anderson, PhD, Director, Post Baccalaureate Certificate Program in Autism Studies, College of Health Professions, Towson University

**Talk Saves Lives**

Serena Schreiber, MSW, Director, Maryland area, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

**The ADA, Section 504, and Higher Education – A Legal Update**

Olabisi L. Okubadejo, Of Counsel, Ballard Spahr LLP, Baltimore; Amy Williams, Attorney, Office for Civil Rights, Washington, DC

**Bipolar Disorder and Co-morbid Conditions**

Marilyn Benoit, MD, Chief Medical Officer & Chief Clinical Officer, Devereux: A Leading National Behavioral Healthcare Provider, Washington, DC

**Reasonable Accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act**

Jennifer McKechnie, MEd, Instructional Team Leader for Student Services, Counselor, Centennial High School, Howard County Public School System; David Jordan, MBA, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, Associate Vice President of Human Resources, Howard Community College; Kathleen McSweeney, MA, Director, Disability Support Services, Howard Community College; Susan Willemin, MAS, Director, Disability Support Services, Towson University

**The Testing Accommodations Process in the Post-Secondary Institution**

Patrick Chachulski, MS, Testing Center Coordinator for Disability Support Services, Towson University

**Preparing your High School Student for the Transition to College**

Janet Price, BA, Regional Director for Community Education and Transition, College Living Experience, Rockville, Maryland; Co-author, *Take Control of Asperger's Syndrome* (2010); *Take Control of Dyslexia* (2012)

**6Q Writing Method: “Ask (6) Questions and Beat the Competition”**

Patrick J. O’Guinn Sr., JD, MPA, retired Professor of Criminal Justice, Howard Community College

**Social Media and Video Games: A Brain Perspective**

Vincent P. Culotta, PhD, ABN, Board certified neuropsychologist; President, Neurobehavioral Associates, Columbia, Maryland; Director of Neuropsychology, University of Maryland’s R. Adam’s Cowley Shock Trauma Center

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**A.M. Keynote Speaker 9:00—9:55**

Carol A. Beatty; Ensuring Access: Changing Maryland for the Better

**Luncheon Keynote Speaker 12:15—1:15**

Thomas G. West; Amazing Shortcomings, Amazing Strengths: Beginning to Understand the Talents of Dyslexics

**Workshop Session I 10:00—10:55**

Gangs and Your Kids: Awareness, Recognition, and Prevention

Double Consciousness: Navigating the College Experience as a Black and Disabled Student

Getting the Most out of Kurzweil

**Exhibitors/Networking 1:15—2:00**

**Workshop Session II 11:00—11:55**

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**Workshop Session III 2:00—2:55**

Bipolar Disorder and Co-morbid Conditions

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**Conference Attendee Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop Session IV 3:00—4:00**

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**REGISTRATION FEE: (Registration fee is non-refundable)**

Early Bird payment received on or before 3/30/16 **\$120**

Payment received after 3/30/16 **\$140**

Payment received after 4/21/16 **\$150**

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CEU's available**

**Accommodations:** I will need:

Sign Language Interpreter

Enlarged print/Braille materials

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information:**

Check: (Payable to Project Access)  Purchase Order (PO)

Credit Card:  American Express  Discover  Visa  MasterCard

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Box Lunch Included:**

*Please mark your selection:*

Turkey & Cheese  Italian Cold Cuts  Tuna

Vegetarian  Roast Beef

**Mail Registration to:** Attn: Mary Fuller, RCF 302  
Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway,  
Columbia, MD 21044. Fax to: 443-518.4499

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