

**Solutions for Assistive Technology
Regular Conference Sessions
Thursday, April 29, 2010**

**7:30 – 8:30 am
Complimentary Continental Breakfast - Salon II**

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Azalea - A Complete Line of Smart Solutions

Presenter: Allison Yates, Vermilion Parish

Come experience how the Smart-Series of augmentative devices are changing the face of static display communication. Participants will learn about device features that decrease communication interruption, provide limitless levels of vocabulary, and more. To go along with the Smart-Series of devices, view the latest series of Smart-Ease pre-made communication overlays and activities.

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Camelia - Providing AIM using WYNN

Presenter: Bonnie Hill, Freedom Scientific, Learning System Group

The time is right for Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) providing the support needed for each student to gain knowledge, support writing, studying, use the Internet and improve self-esteem. The path to student independence will be shown using WYNN, one of the *easiest to use* text-to-speech options supporting individuals with identified or hidden learning disabilities (RtI). Easy is key for a quick launch. Come hear from a Parish how their staff was motivated to AIM high using the same classroom content as others for comprehension, increasing vocabulary, spelling words, making quick study guides and more, all with the ease of digital text. Come see WYNN's approach for learning and testing.

Beauregard - How Classroom Suite 4 Templates and Creative Tools Align with Stages

Presenters: Dee Garcia & Suzanne Feit, Cambium Learning

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Salon II – Exhibits

9:45 am – 10:45 am

Azalea - The Suitcase Series for IntelliTools Classroom Suite

Presenter: Byron Wilkes, Learning Magic

This session will examine four Learning Magic products that provide finished activities and templates that extend Clicker 5's base offerings. The Learning Magic Products are "The Wonders and Magic of Nature", "Cause & Effect Puzzles", The Suitcase Series for Clicker 5 and Dakota's Adventures.

Magnolia - Using Laureate's Free Syntax Assessment Software

Presenter: Mary Wilson, Laureate Learning Systems

Participants will learn how to use Laureate's syntax assessment software for screening, AT, and AAC evaluations. Laureate is now offering a FREE *Syntax Tests* CD to help professionals and parents assess 33 basic grammatical forms essential to sentence comprehension and production.

Camelia - What Teachers Need to Know About AIM in Louisiana's Curriculum

Presenter: Donna Broussard, LADOE

This presentation provides an overview of Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) and procedures to provide AIM to students who are unable to use standard print-based textbooks and curriculum materials. This participant packet will include a Presenter's Guide that can be used by individuals who will re-present this training in their own LEAs.

Beauregard - Sorting through Portable Behavior and Task Supports

Presenter: Kelly Fonner, Fonner Consulting; Scott Marfilus, AT Consultant

During this fast-paced, intermediate level presentation we will explore the features of portable memory support tools that clinicians, therapists, educators and family members are utilizing with persons with intellectual or cognitive disabilities. We will demonstrate the features that should be considered during assessment and selection of these supports for behavior reminders, tasks and memory. This session is not about what product we think is the best, this is about sorting through the options available so that you can be more informed when making decisions.

Napoleon - Implementation of a Student's New AAC Device

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Azalea - Smilebox + Video Modeling = A New Innovative Way To Teach!

Presenters: Lauren Pharr, OT; Debbie Frederick, ST; Vickie Bergeron, ST, Evangeline Parish

Smilebox + Video Modeling = a new innovative way to teach will be a hands-on training session on how to access/utilize a FREE on-line scrapbook website for educational purposes. Smilebox® is an on-line photo service that lets you quickly turn life's moments into digital creations to share with others or save for yourself. With Smilebox, you can create animated scrapbooks, photobooks, slideshows, postcards, and ecards for any occasion, and email them to anyone. Through the use of the website www.smilebox.com you can create innovative teaching tools utilizing video modeling techniques to achieve IEP goals relating to pre-writing/fine motor skills, oral-motor skills, receptive and expressive communication skills, and socialization skills.

Magnolia - If They Can Think It, They Can Write It - Co:Writer 6!

Presenter: Jason Burk, Don Johnston, Inc.

Almost two decades ago, Co:Writer revolutionized the way students with disabilities wrote by introducing them to \"word prediction.\" We are poised to do it again, with Co:Writer 6~the most exciting version yet, taking word prediction simplicity and transparency to whole new level. If students can Think It, they can Write It!

Camelia – UDL, RTI, AIM? Kurzweil 3000 is the Answer!

Presenter: Missy Tatum, Kurzweil/Audio Optical Systems

Kurzweil 3000 is a very flexible, comprehensive, multisensory learning tool that can read aloud virtually any text. Because of it's flexibility, it supports Universal Design for Learning principles, all tiers of RtI, and it's an excellent tool for creation and delivery of Accessible Instructional Materials. This session will provide an overview of Kurzweil 3000 with a focus on UDL, RtI, and AIM.

Beauregard - Sono Suite: New Ready-Made Vocabulary Page Sets

Presenter: Betsy Walker, Tobii/ATI

Sono Suite is a new suite of communication page sets from Tobii ATI made up of three products: Sono Lexis, Sono Key, and Sono Scribe. This presentation will focus on Sono Lexis, a high structure, symbol based communication page set that capitalizes on motor memory.

Napoleon - Classroom Strategies for Teaching Core Vocabulary

Presenter: Meher Banajee, LSU Health Science Center

One of the major challenges of implementing AAC systems with non-literate students in general education classrooms is the vocabulary needed to participate in the classroom lessons. A commonly used approach to classroom participation requires the student to have all the lesson-specific vocabulary programmed into the AAC device. This vocabulary is rarely used outside of the lesson. A descriptive approach to classroom participation focuses on helping the student participate using a small, stable set of 300 core words programmed in the student's AAC device. This approach will be discussed during this presentation, with a demonstration of strategies for teaching core vocabulary and using it classroom lessons.

Salon II – Exhibits

12:45 – 1:45 pm - Lunch On Your Own

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Azalea - Satalight - A Unique Learning Tool

Presenter: Mike Palecek, InfoCor

The satalight is a 48% diagonal touch screen, which was originally designed as a height and angle adjustable SMART Board for wheelchair users. In this seminar, learn how the satalight is used as a unique teaching tool with OT, VI and AU users, with a wide range of educational software and websites.

Magnolia - Introducing Endeavor Desktop Environment

Presenter: Joan Cunningham, AbleLink, Inc.

Endeavor Desktop Environment will change your definition of an accessible computing environment! See how easy it is to deliver customized digital information, content, news, media, learning supports and more within a sophisticated framework. Manage content across audiences and customize for individuals on personalized desktops. EDE will rock your world!

Camelia - Introducing the Access Guide (All Struggling Learners)

Presenter: Kristina Braud, LADOE

This session will provide an on-line demonstration of the Access Guide, an electronic resource developed by Louisiana educators and the Department of Education. This resource is a companion to the Louisiana Comprehensive Curriculum and provides a variety of suggestions, resources, and tools to maximize access to the curriculum and increase the likelihood of higher academic achievement for ALL students, including struggling learners, students with disabilities, and those who need added rigor. Launched during the 2008-09 school year, the site will expand over time in response to user input. (<http://sda.doe.louisiana.gov/AccessGuide>)

Beauregard - Writing First: Strategies for Struggling Writers

Presenter: Scott Marfilus, AT Consultant

Too often writing takes a back seat to reading. Encouraging writing makes an impact on reading ability and technology can be a great motivator. During this presentation we will apply assistive technology tools to instructional writing strategies for individuals who struggle with expressive written communication. Technology used in this session will include text readers, symbol to text systems, graphic organizers, and a variety of word processing supports. This session is beyond teaching you to use the tools; it's about implementing these tools. Working through the basic stages of the writing process, participants will explore good teaching strategies using technology.

Napoleon - PowerPoint: Not Just for Presentations

Presenters: Sharon Edwards, Kristie Stapler, Region 3 LATI

This presentation will show that PowerPoint has more value than just a slide show. Teachers create the structure and the students interact in design mode to make it their own. Give your students the opportunity to interact with activities that assist with learning across the curriculum. Participants will leave with a CD of many activities and examples.

Salon I – Exhibits

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Azalea - Implementing AAC with Difficult Access Issues

Presenter: Jennifer Henry, Prentke Romich Company

Learn Methods and Device Programming options to help the PRC device user effectively utilize his or her device no matter what the access challenge may be.

Magnolia - Creative Activity Schedules for Children with Autism

Presenters: Marilyn Dorman, Fallon Zito, Iberville Parish

Examples of Photographic Activity Schedules and how to create a schedule within a schedule for more complex activities will be shown. Along with videos, the presenters will demonstrate step by step how to follow an activity schedule. We will show how positive reinforcers and well planned activities lead to success.

Camelia - Introducing the Access Guide (Significant Disabilities)

Presenter: Nanette Olivier, LADOE

This session will provide an on-line demonstration of the **significant disabilities** portion of the Access Guide, an electronic resource developed by Louisiana educators and the Department of Education. This resource provides extensive information and sample products related to curriculum, assessment, and instructional issues for students with significant disabilities. The resource can be used in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of a student's educational program linked to grade-level content. (<http://sda.doe.louisiana.gov>)

Beauregard – A Low Cost Solution Relieving Readers and Scribes

Presenter: Bonnie Hill, Freedom Scientific, Learning System Group

Until recently, human readers were the only way students with reading difficulties could have a test read aloud. This presentation will demonstrate how one or many students can all test *independently*, at the same time, with TESTTALKER. This is perfect addition for those using free or low cost AT or for those wanting broad Parish wide accommodations. The price will fit your budget for Parish wide use.

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Exhibit Hall - Salon II – Social & Prize Drawing

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Beauregard – Using Adobe Acrobat Professional to Create Accessible Instructional Materials

Presenter: Scott Marfilius, AT Consultant

This session will look at features that are part of adobe that can assist you in creating materials that are accessible for many students. Features in Adobe Pro will be shared and strategies that you can use to create documents students could use with the free version of Adobe Reader.

Salon II - Exhibits

9:45 am – 10:45 am

Azalea - Pocket Endeavor - Memory and Organization Supports in the Palm of Your Hand - Presenter: Joan Cunningham, AbleLink, Inc.

Survivors of traumatic brain injuries have limited choices for AT that is engineered to specifically meet their needs. Now, there is Pocket Endeavor, based research with soldiers with brain injuries. Pocket Endeavor addresses the executive functioning needs with scheduling, voice recording/notetaking, and an accessible cell phone single device!

Magnolia - Research Based Question Comprehension & Use

Presenter: Dr. Mary Wilson, Laureate Learning Systems

Software will be demonstrated that trains comprehension of wh- and yes/no questions. Participants will learn how to follow up this training with expressive asking and answering activities.

Camelia - Curriculum Access for Struggling Readers and Writers

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Camelia - Creating Static Communication Page Sets

Presenter: Allison Yates, Vermilion Parish

This presentation will demonstrate how to create overlays using the computer for the 128 static display devices. You will be able to assign or record sound files to these overlays. You will also be able to save these overlays and reuse the over and over. You can add your own pictures and sound to the overlays too.

Beauregard - Initial Eye Control Assessment and Setup Principles

Presenter: Betsy Walker, Tobii/ATI

Eye control technology is exciting and incredibly powerful. However, few people have been taught the basic principles of eye control assessment. This presentation will explain best practices for an initial eye control assessment. Handouts regarding assessment, practice and funding considerations will be provided.

Salon II – Exhibits

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Azalea - Extending My Own Bookshelf

Presenter: Byron Wilkes, Learning Magic; Missy Weaver, Caddo Parish

This session will look at a number of the Learning Magic finished book collections that were developed in My Own Bookshelf. We will explore samples from The Nature Series, The Animal Kingdom, The Magic Bookshelves and Dakota's Discoveries and maybe much more. Each collection were developed to provide both guided and self selected reading materials which meet national standards for learning.

Magnolia - Assistive Technology Tracker *Web*

Presenter: Sherry Hollingsworth, Adaptive Solutions

You ask for it and now it is here – Assistive Technology Tracker **Web**. The new version of AT Tracker is now web based and even a lot easier to use. ATT **Web** is accessible to all disabilities via the web. The new ATT **Web** can be accessed any place you can open your browser on any device and any operating system. No special hardware requirements, free upgrades for life, expandable to any size and many more options. Existing owners of the desktop and network versions will receive a cost break for the installation of the new ATT **Web**.

Camelia - Writing to Learn with Kurzweil 3000

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2:30 – 3:30 pm

Azalea - The Writing Bin - Early Skills (IntelliTools Classroom Suite)

Presenter: Byron Wilkes, Learning Magic

This session will examine both the eight underlying easy-to-use templates that allow educators to quickly create writing activities extending from errorless writing up to and inclusive of writing activities with scrambled word toolbar support. We will also be reviewing a few of the over 25 finished writing units that are included in this 2 CD collection.

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