9th Annual Winning Strategies Conference for Future Teachers and Paraprofessionals
Saturday, March 8, 2014   Normandale Community College

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Location: Normandale Community College, 9700 France Ave. South
Bloomington, MN 55431

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Breakout Session Topics include:
- An Introduction to Communication Tools
- Motivating Students
- Twitter: An Educator’s Guide to Professional Development
- Chromebooks and iPads for Special Needs
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Using Technology with Students with DCD
- Fluency Strategies for Grades K-9
- Mental Health: How it Impacts School-Aged Children
- Looking Deeper at the Puzzle of Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Traumatic Brain Injury Strategies
- How Attitudes and Relationships can Decrease Challenging Behaviors in Children Ages 3-5
- Strategies for Working with Students with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- Free Online Training Tools: Helping Educators Teach Students with ASD

Keynote Speaker: Wayne Urbaniak

“Resilience: The Para’s Edge”

Resilience is the ability to bounce back. Paraprofessionals are often masters of resilience—demonstrating the ability to bounce back from a student’s crisis, from a co-worker’s insensitivity, from life’s discouragement. Resilience is vital for our students, and paraprofessionals are often the ones who teach it the best. This keynote will suggest strategies for teaching students resilience and provide a framework for each of us to affirm and strengthen our own resilience.

Wayne Urbaniak is an educator and speaker who lives in Minneapolis. He appreciates the vital work that paraprofessionals do; he has been privileged to work with many outstanding paraprofessionals throughout his career. Since retiring in 2003 after 34 years in Intermediate School District 287, Wayne has led workshops and given keynote presentations in school districts across Minnesota; he also teaches at the University of St. Thomas.

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Registration Deadline: February 26, 2014

Cost: $15/person (includes continental breakfast & lunch)
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