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ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chaturi Edrisinha Gives Presentations on Autism

Chaturi Edrisinha conducted a two-day workshop on “In-Service Training on ASD Transition Planning for High School Teachers and Counselors” for the Langley ISD in Langley, WA.

The workshop focused specifically on what aspects of the law and legal requirements teachers and counselors need to understand and prepare their students as they transition to a college environment.

Dr. Edrisinha also presented on “Addressing Sexuality with Individuals with Autism on a



University Campus” at the Annual Michigan Autism Conference in Kalamazoo, MI from October 10 – 12.

She presented on issues related to high school students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) who enter as freshman college students.

She said they immediately lose access to the benefits and coverage of IDEA and enter the world of ADA and FERPA. The responsibility of identifying, documenting, initiating services and advocacy shift from the school personnel to the individual student.

University students over 18 are considered adults. Issues related to relationships, sexuality, sexual health, consent and sexual behaviors are topics that are not always specifically addressed with students regardless of their prior history of accessing services through K–12. Yet, these are the very issues that high-achieving students on the autism spectrum struggle most with. Left unaddressed, these behaviors may result in negative outcomes not only to the individual and their quality of life, but also the university community, affecting college attrition, completion rates and campus culture.

She discussed some ways to address this timely topic with incoming freshman students.

Congratulations, Chaturi!

OUCARES Award Story Played on WWJ Radio

In September, OUCARES' Pre-Employment Skills Training Program [received an Engagement Award](#) from the [University Professional and Continuing Education Association](#) (UPCEA). The program, which is a collaboration with Professional and Continuing Education (PACE), helps adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) succeed in the job market.



On Wednesday, October 24, this story was picked up by WWJ Newsradio 950AM during their “Education Today” segment with WWJ reporter Laura Bonnell. To listen to the segment, [visit the WWJ website](#) or [download the MP3](#).

Congratulations to OUCARES and PACE!

IN THE NEWS

Weekly ERL Update: Kids Need to See Themselves in Books

Dyslexia is a language-based learning difference usually resulting in difficulties with word recognition, pronunciation, reading fluency, spelling and writing. Perhaps you know some children living with dyslexia who would like to see themselves in the books they read and to identify with characters who share



their point of view and experience. Here are a few suggestions:

A popular series of books written by [Henry Winkler](#) and [Lin Oliver](#) feature main character Hank Zipzer, an underachieving student who is diagnosed as dyslexic. The books have plenty of white space, and are written in a new type-font, designed for kids with dyslexia. The ERL owns four of the books in the [Hank Zipzer series](#).

In Rick Riordan's *[Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief](#)*, the main character is portrayed as having dyslexia and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). He finds that his "disabilities" in this world actually have a purpose, helping him in his role as a hero and descendant of the Greek gods.

Patricia Polacco, a Michigan author and illustrator, thought she was stupid and struggled in school until a teacher spotted her dyslexia, helping her to get the support she needed. Her autobiographical tribute, dedicated to him, is a picture book called *[Thank You, Mr. Falker](#)*.

SEHS Celebrates Dr. Ron Cramer's Work

During AUFD 2018, we're #celebratingCRAMER once again in recognition of Ron Cramer's 50 years of service to Oakland University in the Department of Reading and Language Arts. For those of you who did not know Dr. Cramer, he was a writer with a genuine love for language and poetry. Below are the first and second of eight "found poems" that students, staff and faculty made from each selecting a sentence or one-word strip that spoke to them. These sentences and strips were taken from emails and literature written by Dr. Cramer.

Found Poem #1 of 8

Find a kind soul
and be strong.
Swim, stand still
look back and say:
explore your own interests.
Oh, the magnificence of it.
Overcome any setback
because someone out there hears your voice
over the extended discussion of nothing
and unanswerable questions.
Rejection is rejection, even when it is nice.
Appreciate its beauty and its meaning.
Take a chance,
goodness, me.
And laugh out loud
for your idea was spoken into existence.

Found Poem #2 of 8

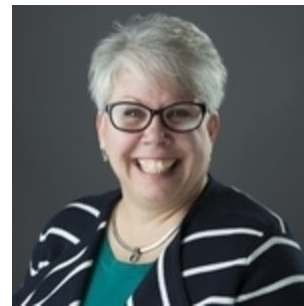


Overcome this setback,
take a chance,
and find a kind soul.
Your idea has spoken
And it reminds us all:
to laugh out loud
to file off the too sharp edges
to appreciate their beauty and their meaning
They were wrong. You are strong.
Stand still
or else you miss out on all of the goodness.

UPCOMING EVENTS

“What’s at Stake for Education in Michigan?” – November 5

The Equity and Multicultural Education Committee is pleased to invite you to an informational event to be held on Monday, November 5 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the ERL. Titled “What’s at Stake for Education in Michigan?”, this event will feature Paula Herbart, current president of the Michigan Education Association. She will be discussing the educational issues that are at stake in the upcoming midterm elections and will be answering questions.



Light refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. We hope to see you there!

For more information, [view the event flyer](#).

BIRTHDAYS



If you do not wish to have your birthday included, contact [Trevor Tyle](#).

ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN

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