**Conference Registration Fees**

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**Registration**

Register online or fill out the Conference Registration Form.

**Conference Agenda**

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**SESSION SCHEDULE**

**Full session schedule** in pdf format.

**SESSION TOPICS**

- Accessibility in online learning
- Top 10 trends impacting higher education and disabilities
- Transitioning issues that impact college freshmen with autism spectrum and learning disabilities
- Diversity in the classroom: understanding and appreciating cultural differences
- Ethical considerations in decision making
- Revelation theory of learning
• Strategies for preparing tests for all learners
• Transitioning from secondary to postsecondary for students with disabilities
• Understanding the difference between autism, Asperger syndrome, ADHD and dyslexia
• Achieving student independence for students with learning disabilities
• Legal issues and cases from the Office of Civil Rights
• Rethinking visual communication: designing effective and accessible PowerPoint presentations
• Working with deaf and hard of hearing students
• Fundamentals of critical thinking
• Working with returning disabled veterans
• Hands-on assistive technology workshop
• Florida state and national updates
• Mastering the art of writing objective test items
• Perceptions of critical thinking as important to employers and employees
• Improving critical thinking skills using Google tools
• Utilizing graphic organizers to infuse critical thinking into content areas
• Engaging students with PowerPoint presentations
• Universal design of accommodations
• Top 10 classroom strategies to get your students to think

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**Opening Keynote Address:**
**Dr. Barry S. Stein**

Dr. Barry S. Stein is chairperson and professor of psychology at Tennessee Technological University. He is also the principal investigator for the Center for Assessment and Improvement of Learning at TTU. The center has received continuing funding from the National Science Foundation for the development and national dissemination of a unique tool designed to assess and promote the improvement of critical thinking and real-world problem solving skills. The instrument is the product of extensive development, testing, and refinement with a broad range of institutions, faculty, and students across the country. This instrument is currently used by a broad range of institutions across the U.S. as part of broader efforts to improve student learning.

Dr. Stein received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University (1977) in cognitive psychology and has authored and coauthored numerous articles on learning, problem solving, and critical thinking throughout his career. He is coauthor of the Ideal Problem Solver: A Guide for Improving Thinking, Learning and Creativity. Dr. Stein is a frequent speaker at national conferences on assessment and accreditation.

**Closing Keynote Address:**
**John O’Brien**

A person’s character is the foundation for survival in today’s fast changing world, not only in the business sector, but also in one’s
personal life. Retired U.S. Marine Corps Captain John O'Brien knows first-hand how his character saved his life. And how it propels him to embrace life and live it to the fullest today.

While landing a Harrier Jump Jet during a training mission in 1993 near Cherry Point, N.C., John's airplane veered off the road and exploded upon impact. He was severely burned over 36% of his body, ultimately leading to the amputation of his left arm and left leg. John teaches how key character traits aided in his survival and recovery.

Personal integrity, trust, loyalty, honesty and self-confidence are just a few of the key character traits that helped John maintain a positive mindset and enabled him to recover from the devastating effects of losing two limbs and skin graft surgeries. These same traits are what drive John today to pursue a life filled with happiness and joy. John believes that a person's character, if built upon a solid foundation, will enable the mind to resolve and overcome any problem or personal challenge that exists.

**Workshop Presenters**

- Dr. Bea Awoniyi, Florida State University
- Katherine Bruni, PEPNet South, GA
- Jeff Cavanagh, St. Petersburg College
- John Connor, Daytona State College
- Dr. Jesse Coraggio, St. Petersburg College
- Tom Derzypolski, St. Petersburg College
- Dr. Lyman Dukes, University of South Florida
- Denise Giarusso, Florida State College at Jacksonville
- Mickie Hayes, Hillsborough Community College
- Karen Hesting, St. Petersburg College
- Dr. Linda Hogans, St. Petersburg College
- Debbie Huffman, Beacon College, FL
- Dr. Szabi Istai-Zee, Lincoln University, PA
- Aaron Kornegay, St. Petersburg College
- Nicole Lambert, Hillsborough Community College
- Dr. Richard Mercadante, St. Petersburg College
- Laurie Milburn, University of Missouri
- Regina Miller, St. Petersburg College
- Nancy Munce, St. Petersburg College
- Dr. Andree Robinson-Neal, Azusa Pacific University, CA
- Stefanie Silvers, St. Petersburg College
- Dr. Betsy Stoutmorill, Beacon College, FL
- David Sullivan, St. Petersburg College
- Dr. Eric Tucker, St. Petersburg College
- Dr. Nancy Watkins, St. Petersburg College
- Dr. Kris Webb, University of North Florida
- Dr. Lusharon Wiley, University of West Florida
- Trudy Williams, St. Petersburg College
CONFERENE SITE

This year’s conference will be at the EpiCenter, a joint-use facility between St. Petersburg College and Pinellas County where professionals from business, government and academia come together to provide a unique blend of information and services. The EpiCenter houses SPC’s Corporate Training Center, which provides innovative business solutions and training to meet the needs of businesses and individuals through credit and non-credit classes in professional development, technology, regulated industries, and business solutions.

The EpiCenter also houses the 10,000-squarefoot Collaborative Labs, where businesses can focus on planning, strategizing, problem solving, and business development. Additionally, the EpiCenter has instructional space for several of SPC’s high-tech, two-year programs, as well as the college’s four-year Technology Management program.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference participants at the Holiday Inn Express, 13625 ICOT Blvd., Largo, Fla. This newly renovated hotel is within walking distance of the conference site. Transportation also will be provided for those who prefer to ride. Room rates: $119 per night plus tax. There are suites available at $149 per night plus tax. Guest room rates include a hot breakfast each morning. Call 1-800-465-4329 and ask for a group-rate reservation with St. Petersburg College’s Narrowing the Gulf Conference.

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