

# *Eighteenth Annual Narrowing the Gulf*

*for Underrepresented Students in Postsecondary Education*

**April 6-7, 2017**

St. Petersburg College EpiCenter  
13805 58th Street North  
Clearwater, FL 33760

Co-sponsored by:  
St. Petersburg College Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), Florida Association on Higher Education and Disability (FL-AHEAD) and St. Petersburg College's Retention Services Department

**Join your colleagues for two days of learning and networking.  
Topics for sessions include:**

- Working with Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Twice-Exceptional Post-Secondary Students
- Determining Accommodations for Lab and Clinical Component of Allied Health Programs
- New Florida High School Graduation Requirements
- Successful Strategies in Working and Serving Today's Veteran Students with Disabilities
- Customer Service for ALL students; Listening, Preparing and Opening Doors
- Connection Between ADHD and Addictive Behavior
- Post-Secondary Program or Individual with Autism
- Strategies for Effective Transitioning from High School to College
- Engaging Hispanic Students Through High Altitude Ballooning
- Transitioning Students with Asperger's to a Postsecondary Setting
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (Recognition and Response)
- Innovative strategies for developing critical thinking skills in classroom and online teaching and Math Strategies for students with disabilities
- Developing a purpose for the disability office and Avoid Stereotyping
- Understanding Learning Disabilities and What Works
- The Social Construct of Disability; A conversation to have on our campus.
- Student Involvement in Career exploration and Internships
- Defining Transformative Learning and Its Value for Students with Disabilities and Understanding the Adult Learner
- Behavioral Health



**What previous conference attendees say about Narrowing the Gulf:**

*I had a great experience as a presenter and a participant. The closing keynote speaker was great! This was a wonderful conference!*

— Marian Colello, Director, Occupational Program Support Services and Perkins Grant Coordinator, Bucks County Community College, Penn.

*Narrowing the Gulf is a perfect example of life-long learning. I've been an educator for thirty plus years and I have learned many things from this conference.*

— Elaine Cope, Technical College of the Low Country, Beaufort, SC

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## **Opening Keynote Speaker: Justin Beauchesne**

Justin Beauchesne has been a top performer in his education, personal life and professional life. He is a proven leader, motivational speaker and empowers those around him to do the very best that they can; despite any perceived obstacles. Justin's education includes obtaining a degree in television production with additional successes such as winning multiple state level technical awards and being the lead producer of the morning show at his school.

While working for Best Buy; Justin specialized in computer phone sales and support. He earned continued recognition for his sales and

customer service. Justin is a professional skater, an active member of the Adaptive Skating team, and a motivational speaker. Justin won the "Yes I Can" international award for his abilities to overcome his disability in the area of sports, later earning the "Star of the Year" award from the "John Lynch Foundation." His peers and employees will tell you that he is a self-starter and a forward thinker that exceeds his goals through hard work, humor and fun.



## **Closing Keynote Speaker: Master Sergeant Cedric King**

Master Sergeant Cedric King entered the United States Army in 1995. During a career that took him from an infantry private to a position of leadership in the elite Rangers, King graduated from a number of distinguished Army schools. These included The United States Army Jumpmaster Course, United States Army Pathfinder course, Air Assault course, The United States Army Ranger Course, and others. He is the recipient of the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, and is a four-time Best Ranger Competition participant.

On July 25, 2012, during his second tour in Afghanistan, King was severely injured by an improvised explosive device. The blast caused major internal injuries, permanent loss to

part of his right arm and hand, and the amputation of both legs. He applied the same determined, can do mindset to his recovery that he had relied on to succeed as an elite Army Ranger. With the love and support of his wife Khieda and daughters Amari and Khayma, he began rebuilding his life. Just 21 months after losing both legs, King completed the Boston Marathon, running on prosthetic blades. He has gone on to compete in a number of physically daunting events, including a 70.3 mile half Ironman Triathlon, the



2014 New York City Marathon, and the 48.6 mile Disney Marathon series. There, he successfully completed four runs in four days a 5k, 10k, half marathon, and full marathon. King shares his inspirational story of endurance with audiences across the country, including schools, churches, the National Football League, and Fortune 500 companies. Just as he led and motivated men in combat, he now leads and motivates others to see the possibilities in their own lives.

## **Special Presentation by: Alex Jordan, Florida Department of Education, Division of Florida Colleges**

Open Discussion for the Florida Disability Service Providers to learn what is happening at the state level regarding the issues that affect students with disabilities, including Course Substitutions, documentation standards, etc.

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***The closing session will be a tribute to our veterans and military families.***

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## **Workshop Presenters include:**

- Linda M Casalina, Cleveland State University
- Jeff Cavanaugh, St. Petersburg College
- Mike Davis, St. Petersburg College
- Francine Fuentes, St. Petersburg College
- Robin Hofman, Seminole State College of Florida
- Patricia & Brad Jenkins, St. Petersburg College
- Dr. Jayme Joslyn, Pinellas County Schools
- Heidi Tilney Kramer, University of Southern Florida/Eckerd College
- Chris Littlewood, St. Petersburg College
- Manoli Mantzaris, Baycare Behavioral Health
- Dr. Kenneth Marquard, Jose Maria Vargas University
- Adam Meyer, University of Central Florida
- Lucy Meyers, Anamarie Root, Yvonne Williams, St. Petersburg College
- Christian Moriarty & Alissa Klein, St. Petersburg College
- Dr. Paul Nolting, Hillsborough Community College
- Krista N Price, Seminole State College of Florida
- Susan Richmond, Learning Academy/ University of South Florida
- Stephanie Sarkis, Sarkis Institute
- Stefanie C Silvers, St. Petersburg College
- Saunya R Talley, St. Petersburg College
- Federico Valadez, University of Southern Florida
- Randall Ward, Purdue University
- Valeree Williams, Florida Atlantic University

## **Agenda:**

### **Thursday, April 6, 2017**

7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Registration and Information Table Open
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Opening General Session Keynote Address by Justin Beauchesne
9:30-9:55 a.m.	Break
9:55-10:55 a.m.	Breakout Session I
10:55-11:10 a.m.	Break
11:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m.	Breakout Session II
12:10-1:45 p.m.	Lunch on your own FL-AHEAD Luncheon and Spring Meeting (Tickets Required)
1:45-2:45 p.m.	Breakout Session III/Collaborative Lab
2:45-3 p.m.	Break
3-4 p.m.	Breakout Session IV/Collaborative Lab continued
4-4:15 p.m.	Break
4:15-5:15 p.m.	State of Florida Update

### **Friday, April 7, 2016**

7:30 a.m.-noon	Registration and Information Desk Open
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Breakout Session V
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Breakout Session VI
10:45-11 a.m.	Break
11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Closing General Session Key address by Master Sargent Cedric King

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## Conference Registration Fee:

Early Bird (before February 20, 2017):	\$125.00
February 21-March 7, 2017:	\$150.00
After March 7, 2017:	\$175.00
AHEAD Members (National Association or state affiliate)	\$ 99.00
Students	\$ 50.00

## Conference Site

This conference is held at St. Petersburg College's EpiCenter, a joint-use facility between the college and Pinellas County where professionals from business, government and academia come together to provide a unique blend of information and services. The EpiCenter hosts SPC's Corporate Training Center, providing innovative business solutions and training to meet the needs of businesses

and individuals. The Corporate Training Center offers credit and non-credit classes in professional development, technology, regulated industries, and business solutions. The facility also provides more than 10,000 square feet of innovative Collaborative Labs space where businesses can focus on planning, strategizing, problem-solving and business development. Additionally, instructional space for SPC's Technology Management bachelor's degree program is housed at the EpiCenter.

## Hotel

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference participants at the Holiday Inn Express, 13625 ICOT Blvd, Clearwater, FL. This newly renovated hotel is within walking distance of the conference site. Transportation will also be provided for those who prefer to ride. Room rates: Standard

room \$109.00 per night plus tax. King suite: \$139.00 per night plus tax. Guest room rates may include a hot breakfast each morning. Call 1-800-465-4329 and ask for a reservation with the St. Petersburg College Narrowing the Gulf group rate.

Registration can be completed online at [www.spcollege.edu/dr.htm](http://www.spcollege.edu/dr.htm) or by completing the registration form below and fax, mail or email to:

Aimee Stubbs, Conference Coordinator  
St. Petersburg College  
PO Box 13489  
St. Petersburg, FL 33733  
727-341-3398  
FAX: 727-499-9023  
[Stubbs.aimee@spcollege.edu](mailto:Stubbs.aimee@spcollege.edu)

## 18th Annual Conference Narrowing The Gulf For Underrepresented Students In Post-Secondary Education Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name as you would like it to appear on badge \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PAYMENT METHOD:** Credit cards are not accepted for this conference

- Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check \_\_\_\_\_ (St. Petersburg College Employer Identification #: 59-1211489)

Do you need special accommodations to participate in this conference? If yes, a representative from the conference will contact you to arrange accommodations.

- Yes  No

Please submit registration form with your check or money order to:

Rita Ajazi  
Accessibility Services, St. Petersburg College  
PO Box 13489, St. Petersburg, FL 33733  
(727) 341-341-4510

Purchase Orders may be submitted electronically with registration form to: [ajazi.rita@spcollege.edu](mailto:ajazi.rita@spcollege.edu) or [stubbs.aimee@spcollege.edu](mailto:stubbs.aimee@spcollege.edu)

### Registration Fee:

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 After March 7, 2017 ..... \$ 175.00  
 FL-AHEAD, any AHEAD affiliate or the national association members (includes cost of Thursday luncheon).....\$ 99.00  
 Student.....\$ 50.00

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