

13th Annual Winning Strategies Conference For Paraprofessionals and Future Teachers

January 27, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Normandale Community College

Keynote Presentation

Reaching All Students!
Dr. Duchess Harris



This year's keynote speaker, Dr. Duchess Harris, through experiences, research and placing current and historical events in context, challenges us to reach all students in classrooms, cultures, races and/or socio-economic levels. She reminds us that events outside the classroom impact students' mindset and motivation in school.

Breakout Topics

- Using a Trauma Sensitive Approach
- Trauma and Toxic Stress Impact on Students
- Captioning for Access
- The World Café; Handling Difficult Cultural Conversations
- Using Visual Strategies and Language Techniques to Manage Behavior in Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Nurtured Heart Approach Refresher
- Social Stories on the Go
- How Diverse is Children's Literature?
- Tips and Tools for Working with English Language Learners
- Behavior and Other Gifts
- Poverty and the Impact in the Classroom
- Everyone Has a Story



Metro ECSU, MN Low Incidence Projects-Region 11 and Normandale Community College are proud to present the 13th Annual Winning Strategies Conference.

Registration

Registration is open at:

<http://metroecu.myquickreg.com/register/event/>

Registration Deadline: Jan 19, 2018

FEE: \$25 (includes morning beverages only, lunch and handouts)

Conference Information

8:00 a.m. Registration & Networking

9:00 a.m. Keynote begins

Morning beverages, lunch & handouts provided.

Site Information

Normandale Community College

9700 France Avenue South

Bloomington, MN 55431

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Keynote Presenter Bio

Dr. Duchess Harris is author of the following books for students: *Hidden Human Computers*, *Black Lives Matter*, *Race and Policing*. Dr. Harris has a Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Minnesota and a Juris Doctorate with expertise in Civil Rights Law. She is a Professor of American Studies at Macalester College. She was motivated to write *Hidden Human Computers* that the movie, *Hidden Figures* is based upon, as her grandmother was one of the African American women who worked for NASA.

Breakouts

Participants will attend three (3) breakout sessions. Sessions will be selected at the event.

- *Using a Trauma Sensitive Approach*, Gwen Johnson, OT, Northeast Metro 916
- *Trauma and Toxic Stress Impact on Students*, Gwen Johnson, OT, Northeast Metro 916
- *Captioning for Access*, Emily Manson, Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf/HH, St. Paul Public Schools
- *The World Café; Handling Difficult Cultural Conversations*, Krista Happ, Normandale Community College
- *Using Visual Strategies and Language Techniques to Manage Behavior in Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders*, Suzi Pierce Fish, Shakopee High School, Shakopee District
- *Nurtured Heart Approach Refresher*, Deb West, WestEd Consulting
- *Social Stories on the Go*, Deb West, WestEd Consulting
- *How Diverse is Children's Literature?*, Deb Williams, Rosemount/Apple Valley/Eagan District 196
- *Tips and Tools for Working with English Language Learners*, Jacob Law, Metro ECSU
- *Behavior and Other Gifts*, Barb Sisco, Minnesota Department of Education
- *Poverty and the Impact in the Classroom*, Emily Saed, MN Foundation for Student Organizations, Certified Poverty Coach
- *Everyone Has a Story*, Tracy Reimer, Bethel University

Campus Maps & Directions

Normandale Community College

From the **North**: Take MN-100 South
Continue on County Hwy-34 S/Normandale Blvd
Turn left at W 98th Street
Proceed east to campus, turn left into lots

From the **West**: Take I-494 East
Take France Avenue exit
At end of exit ramp, turn right
Proceed south to 98th Street. turn right at traffic light

From the **East**: Take I-494 West
Take France Avenue exit
At end of exit ramp, turn left
Proceed south to 98th Street, turn right at traffic light

From the **Southeast**: Take I-35W North
Take exit 6 for 98th Street/County Hwy-1
At end of exit ramp, turn left
Move to the right lane to stay on 98th Street
Proceed west to the college at France Avenue



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