16th Annual Conference for Wilson® Certified Teachers

July 9 –10, 2014
Omni Hotel • Providence, RI

Featured Keynote Presentations:

The Ron Clark Story
Ron Clark

Ron will discuss the Ron Clark Academy, which he opened in 2007 to empower youth to take charge of their own destinies, reach their goals, and fulfill their dreams with compassion, integrity, and honor. The Academy’s teachers are passionate, dedicated educators who teach in innovative, creative, and inspiring ways. He will share their strategies for creating a climate and culture that promotes student success.

Ron Clark has been called “America’s Educator.” His outstanding success with students from low-wealth areas of North Carolina and New York City led him to be named Disney’s American Teacher of the Year. He is a New York Times Best Selling author, and his classes have been honored at the White House on three separate occasions. He has been featured on The Today Show, CNN, and Oprah, and Ms. Winfrey even named him as her first “Phenomenal Man.” Ron’s teaching experiences in NYC are the subject of the uplifting film, The Ron Clark Story, starring Matthew Perry.

From Words to Text: Behavioral and Neurobiological Correlates of Reading
Laurie Cutting, Ph.D.

Individuals with dyslexia and other related difficulties face a broad array of challenges with regard to reading. Most predominately, they have difficulty with decoding and word recognition. Neurobiologically, not only do these individuals differ relative to typically developing readers, but also their neurobiological structure and function has been found to be useful for predicting responsiveness to intervention.

Professor Cutting will review research regarding the various levels of reading (word-level, comprehension), discuss the inter-relationships between the two, and how neurobiological approaches help to inform and refine both our understanding and treatment of reading disabilities.

Laurie Cutting, Ph.D., is the Patricia and Rodes Hart Associate Professor of Special Education, Vanderbilt University. She was the recipient of the 2013 Geschwind Award from the International Dyslexia Association.

~ Charting the Course Together Through Shifting Waters ~
## Conference Agenda

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| 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM | Welcome!  
Barbara Wilson, M.Ed.,  
Director & Co-Founder of  
Wilson Language Training |
| 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM | “Literacy and Leadership:  
Fulfilling Our Responsibility to Children”  
Tony Pedriana, author, Leaving Johnny Behind: Overcoming Barriers to Literacy and Reclaiming At-Risk Readers |
| 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Rotating Concurrent Sessions (see below)                                  |
| 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Box Lunch Provided                                                        |
| 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Keynote Presentation-  
“The Ron Clark Story”  
Ron Clark  
(see front cover for description) |
| 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM | Break & Author Signing                                                    |
| 3:15 PM – 4:45 PM | Rotating Concurrent Sessions                                              |
| 4:45 PM – 6:00 PM | Networking Reception  
Hosted by Barbara & Ed Wilson                                               |

### Thursday, July 10

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| 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM | “Imagine That!”  
Barbara Wilson, M.Ed.  
Barbara will talk about the “end goal” of your work: students reading with ease, expression and understanding …and feeling great about it! |
| 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Luncheon - Awards Presentation                                             |
| 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Rotating Concurrent Sessions                                              |
| 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | “Driving Better Outcomes Through Assistive Technology”  
Paul Edelblut – VP of Education Solutions for Learning Ally  
Mr. Edelblut will address the trends, challenges and opportunities for Assistive Technology to level the playing field for struggling readers, including new methods to access audiobooks and monitor student progress. |
| 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM | Closing Remarks with Barbara Wilson                                        |

### Rotating Concurrent Sessions

- **“Charting the Course for Older Students: Making Wilson Work for Adolescents and Young Adults”**  
  Dan Moriarty and Jo Anne Chambers  
This workshop will highlight the approaches, experiences and successes of two WRS teachers who work with middle and high school students from varied backgrounds. Topics will include: identifying students, grouping, scheduling, and communicating with parents, administrators, and teachers. Special attention will be dedicated to the topic of motivating and celebrating older students.

- **“Using Diagnostic Instruction to Maximize Lesson Effectiveness”**  
  Members of the Wilson Fidelity Team  
Identifying and targeting student trouble spots is a key component of diagnostic teaching. What happens when a student has multiple trouble spots, or when students in a group have varying difficulties? This interactive workshop provides guidance in diagnosing student weaknesses and in developing lesson plans to effectively address those needs.

- **“From Testing to Teaching”**  
  Eileen Harris, Psy.D., NCSP  
Wilson teachers often receive reports filled with test scores, labels, and recommendations for MSL instruction. The scores on various tests and subtests can indicate potential challenges with their instruction. This session focuses on the relationship between common test scores and Wilson instruction - including answering questions such as: How might fluency be impacted by evidence of a double or triple deficit? Which scores may predict a difficulty with memorization of high frequency words? How can scores be used to make lessons more diagnostic and effective?
Omni Providence Hotel
This landmark hotel in downtown Providence is in a premier location. Guests at the Omni Providence Hotel will find themselves within walking distance of the city’s historic attractions, gourmet restaurants, upscale shopping, entertainment, and more. The Providence Place Mall is right next door and is connected directly to the hotel.

Visitors to the hotel enjoy their choice of dining venues, including Centro Restaurant, Flemings Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, and Café Gusto.

For those in search of the spirit of the city, the Omni Providence Hotel, with its stunning views of downtown, places you within reach of all the best that Providence has to offer.

Satisfying the needs of both the active and serene traveler, the full-service Capital Club Spa, Capital Club Fitness Center, proximity to beaches, golf courses and tennis provide guests with endless options for relaxation and exercise.

Reserve Your Room
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