Keynote
From Disability to Possibilities: The Power of Lifelong Inclusive Practices

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Using real life stories — from womb to tomb — of individuals with possibilities, Dr. Patrick Schwarz will illustrate what supports are successful and what else is needed for effectiveness in education and human services for all people. These compelling examples will motivate participants to re-imagine and support individuals in new and inventive ways. Be prepared for something fun and different.

The objectives for the keynote are:
1. Participants will define inclusion as a lifelong practice from home to neighborhood to school to community.
2. Participants will describe techniques for curricular inclusion including differentiation, universal design for learning and individual accommodations.
3. Participants will identify practices in person-centered planning to promote career and community inclusion.

Dr. Patrick Schwarz is a dynamic and engaging professor, author, motivational speaker and leader in Education (Inclusive Education, Special Education, General Education, Educational Leadership) and Human Services. He is the CEO of Creative Culture Consulting LLC and Professor Emeritus at National Louis University, Chicago. He is the author of From Disability to Possibility™, You’re Welcome (with Dr. Paula Kluth), Just Give Him the Whale (with Dr. Paula Kluth) and Pedro’s Whale (with Dr. Paula Kluth). His latest book is From Possibility to Success.
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Keynote
Exclusively Inclusive: What Does a Meaningfully Inclusive System Look Like? (Oshkosh only)
Scott Allen
Waisman Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Scott Allen is an autism-spectrum advocate with a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome. He has a Master's degree in counseling and much of his professional life has involved young adults on the autism spectrum. As a volunteer, he has been actively advocating for the rights and dignity of people on the spectrum since 2002.

Keynote
True Grit (La Crosse only)
Jesse Horn

Definition: Grit can be defined as a non-cognitive trait based on someone’s ability to persevere despite the presence of many challenges and obstacles to achieve a given goal. The grittiest people are the people that change the world.

Grit and passion can open doors and the world to some on the spectrum. I will share my story, passion and goal of giving hope to families who face an ASD or different ability diagnosis.

Jesse Horn was born in Wabasha, Minnesota and was diagnosed with autism at age three at a Mayo affiliate in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Jesse currently lives in Buffalo City, Wisconsin, and attends Minnesota State College Southeast in Winona, Minnesota.

- 2013 and 2014 Wisconsin State Forensics Silver and Bronze Medal Winner
- Six time Gold Medal Winner in age division events at the 2012-2017 Sport Stacking Championship AAU Junior Olympic Games
- 2014 AAU Joel Ferrell Outstanding Performance Award Winner
- Placed First Overall at eight Sport Stacking Tournaments
- Attended 34 Sport Stacking Tournaments located in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Texas, Missouri, Michigan, Florida, Virginia, Canada and the Bahamas
- Minnesota State College Southeast Presidents List, 3.96 grade point average and inducted into Phi Theta Kappa on March 21, 2017