

2011 Speakers and Teachers

Kirk Martin, Celebrate Calm, Keynote Address (on November 15)



Laugh-out loud funny, practical and life-changing! That is how over 100,000 parents have described Celebrate Calm Founder and Behavioral Therapist, Kirk Martin. Based on work with 1,500 challenging children in his own home, Kirk's strategies will eliminate the power struggles, yelling and arguing that stress you out. Using the latest brain research, he'll show you how to make homework fun again so your kids are motivated to learn. You must come and find out why PARENTING magazine, USA TODAY and PARADE Magazine rely on Kirk for advice that really works. Learn more at www.CelebrateCalm.com. **Video Links**

for a Kirk Martin preview: Video for the keynote address- <http://tinyurl.com/3z8qth5>; Video with practical tips with sensory, etc for teachers and other professionals- <http://tinyurl.com/44fschq>

Barbara Dooley (Wife of Coach Vince Dooley), Keynote Address (on November 16)



Recognized as one of the wittiest, most entertaining women, both on stage and off, Barbara Dooley can wow an audience. If you need a speaker with sparkle and dynamic delivery, look no further because here she is. It is simply Southern humor at its captivating best. A storyteller of unmatched proportions, she rivets a crowd with stories of her decades spent as a football coach's wife. Her tales of mischief and mayhem will have an audience rolling with laughter and begging for more. Adding another important dimension to her presentations is the inspiration she can deliver as a breast cancer survivor. Her story is powerful, moving and motivating to others who are battling challenges. Her message is always, "Make the best of any situation

and find a way to laugh about it." She is also a woman of great faith. Expect a standing ovation because with this gracious and gifted storyteller, that is exactly what you'll get.

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Rose Iovannone, Ph.D., University of South Florida




Rose Iovannone, Ph.D. is an assistant professor in the college of the Florida Mental Health Institute, Department of Child and Family Studies, Division of Applied Research and Educational Support at the University of South Florida in Tampa. She received her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Houston. Her Master's and Bachelor's degrees are in Special Education. Dr. Iovannone previously served as the assistant director for the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD). Currently, she is the Director of a federally-funded Behavior Research Center, the *Prevent-Teach-Reinforce (PTR) Project*. She also serves as the co-principal investigator in the Professional Development in Autism (PDA) project. She has extensive experience in working with individuals with autism, developmental disabilities, learning disabilities and emotional disabilities. Her principal activities and research interests have been in the areas of autism and related disabilities, functional behavior assessment and positive behavior supports, augmentative/alternative communication, and assessment/evaluation.

Carol Goossens', Ph.D., Henry Viscardi School, Albertson, New York




Dr. Goossens' holds B.Sc. (C.D) and M.S degrees in *Communication Disorders* from the University of Western Ontario and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, respectively. Her Ph.D. in *Special Education* (specializing in Augmentative and Alternative Communication) was received in 1983 from Purdue University. Over the course of her career she has held many positions serving individuals with communication disorders and developmental delays. She has worked with adults in a residential center in Ontario; served as a member of an interdisciplinary team at the Sparks Center (Regional Assessment Center) in Birmingham, AL and provided augmentative communication services to preschool and school-age children through a private practice in Birmingham AL. Upon moving to New York City she worked as an Augmentative Communication Consultant to various agencies in the New York City area (Herbert G. Birch Services, The Shield Institute, United Cerebral Palsy of New York City and New York City Schools). She is currently addressing the needs of early childhood students with physical disabilities at the Henry Viscardi School in Albertson, New York. Dr. Goossens' has taught courses in special education at the University of Alabama (Birmingham) and a Computer Applications in Special Education course at Teachers College-Columbia University (New York City). She has published several clinical books regarding her work in the field of Augmentative and Alternative Communication. Dr. Goossens' is known for her creative approaches for the implementation of augmentative communication in both self-contained and inclusive classroom settings. She has presented these concepts and innovations nationally and internationally (England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa).

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