

2017 TAER Conference: ECC - It's a Game Changer!

Pre-Conference Information & Schedule

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This year, we ask that you choose one of the following pre-conference sessions.

"Making Switches Accessible" A Make It and Take It

Participants in this session will discuss the purpose of cause and effect learning using switches to access battery operated toys. Then, using everyday available materials, participants will be able to make a battery interrupter and pressure switch. This will allow a single switch battery operated toy to be accessible for those children who are not able to independently activate toys. Follow up group discussion to investigate for various sites and activities to incorporate switch learning. (40 Participant Limit)

"Learning that My Reflection Matters" - An interactive session that will include ideas and techniques in helping students and young adults who are visually impaired/blind learn skills and tips for applying makeup, hygiene for both males and females, how to establish personal and professional relationships and general self-advocacy skills. (25 Participant Limit)

Keynote Speaker: Patricia Walsh

Patricia Walsh is our keynote speaker for the 2017 TAER Conference. She will share the incredible story of her journey from pediatric brain tumor patient to vision loss to world-class athlete. Her path has taken her many amazing places. She has achieved success as a runner, triathlete and Ironman, and her path also led to Rio as part of Team USA for the Paralympics and a subsequent trip to the White House. Also an engineer, author, and speaker, Walsh's path has been amazing by anyone's standards, and we are pleased we can bring her to speak with us and hopefully inspire us.

Schedule

Thursday, March 30, 2017

8:00-4:00	Registration
9:00-11:30	Pre-Conference:
	A. Making Switches Accessible
	B. "Learning That My Reflection Matters"
11:30-1:00	Lunch on your own
1:00-5:00	Exhibits Open
1:00-2:00	Welcome and Keynote Address
2:00-2:30	Board Nominations and Announcements
2:45-4:00	Session 1
4:00-4:15	Break
4:15-5:30	Session 2
6:00-8:00	President's Reception

Friday, March 31, 2017

7:30-4:30	Registration
8:00-4:00	Exhibits Open
8:00-9:00	Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:15	Session 3
10:15-10:45	Exhibit Visiting Time/Break
10:45-12:15	Session 4
12:15- 2:00	Luncheon and Awards
2:15-3:30	Session 5
3:30-3:45	Break
3:45-5:00	Session 6
5:00-6:00	Division Meetings

Saturday April 1, 2017

7:30-8:30	Registration
8:00-9:00	Breakfast and TAER Business Meeting
9:15-10:30	Session 7