

**You must believe!**

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**Why do we expect everyone to think and learn the same way?**

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**St. Louise DeCadillac**

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**English, Reading  
&  
Spelling**

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**I don't care for people  
that can only spell a  
word one way."**

*- Mark Twain*

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**4 Phases**

- 1. Passive avoidance**
- 2. Class clown**
- 3. Acting out / Bully**
- 4. "I don't care"**

**Protection from Embarrassment**

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**Fixed Mindset – Self-enclosure**  
**Faced with challenges and setbacks**

- Feel defective
- Never able to change
- Resist feedback and criticism
- Loose spark
  - Shut down
  - Isolation

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**Your mind will always believe everything you tell it.**

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**Remind Students That...**

- Attitude
- Effort
- Engagement
- Growth
- Learning

**Are more important than grades**

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**Science, Social Studies and  
Math**

**Geography Bee**

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**Sister Ralph**

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**Sister "C"**

Simple words & actions  
can change lives.

Encouraging others = Encouraging yourself

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**Upper St. Clair High School**

**Biology – Geometry**

**Technical Drawing**

**World Cultures – History**

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- **Visual**
- **Tactical / hands on**
- **Class centered**
- **Stimulating / Action Oriented**
- **Outline format**
- **Objective testing**

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**Psychology, Sociology**

**Foreign Language**

**Film**

**Algebra**

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- **Reading based**
- **Writing – papers**
- **Monotone lecture**
- **Testing – Essay / completion**
- **Not multi-sensory**

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**Dear Algebra,**  
Stop asking us to find your X.  
She's not coming back.  
*and*  
We don't know Y either.

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**A Tale of Two Cities**

**A Tale of Two Daves**

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**“Dumb Jock”**

**When I internally labeled myself,**

**I then disabled myself**

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**All State Football Player**

**Dating a Cheerleader**

**Invited to most parties**

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**Learn from your past**

**Don't carry your past with you**

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**Duke**  
**T-shirt**

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**NC State**  
**Transitional anxiety**  
**Cling to comfort**  
**Bill**

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**I. U. P.**  
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**Ohio U.**  
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**Edinboro U.**

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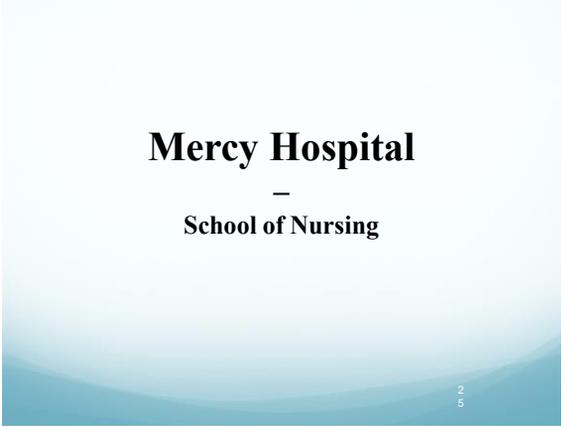
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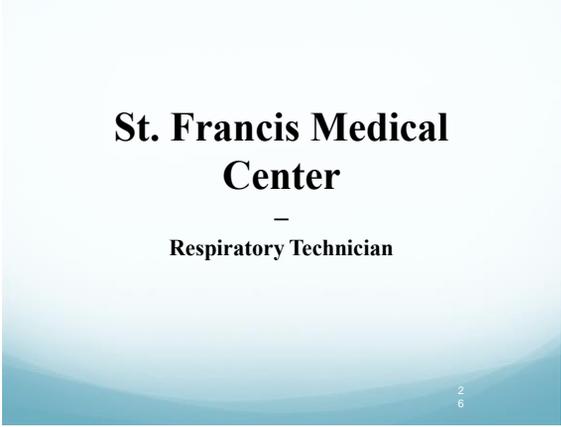
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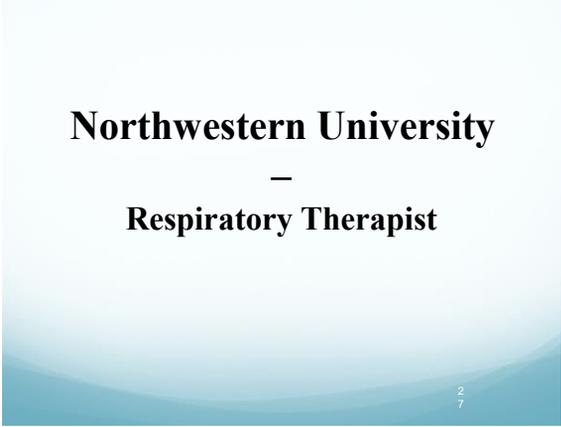
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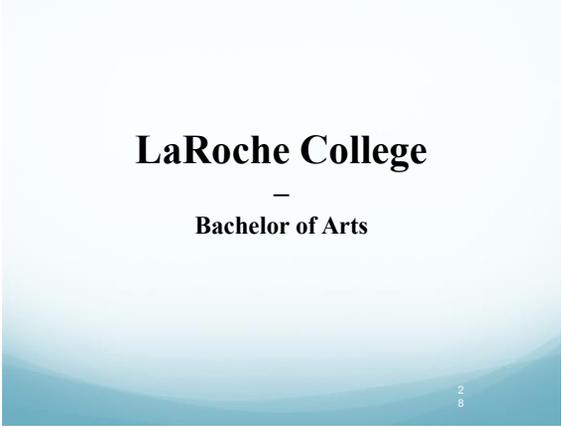
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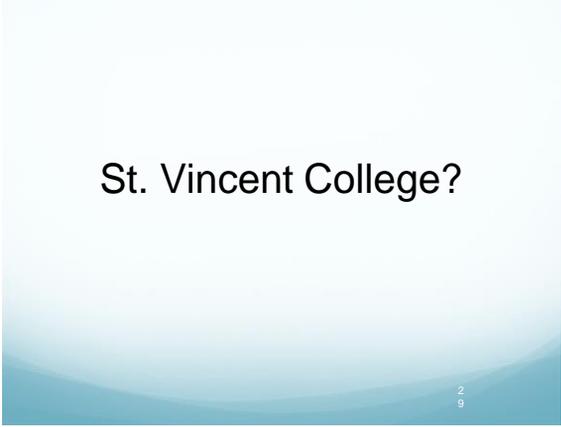
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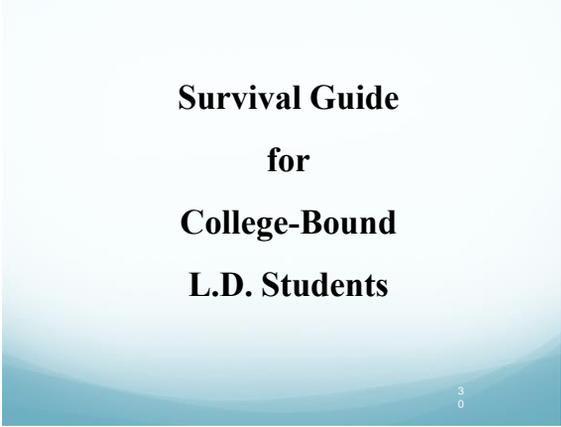
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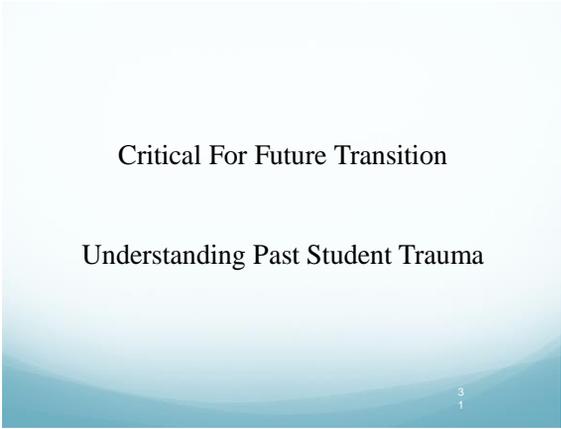
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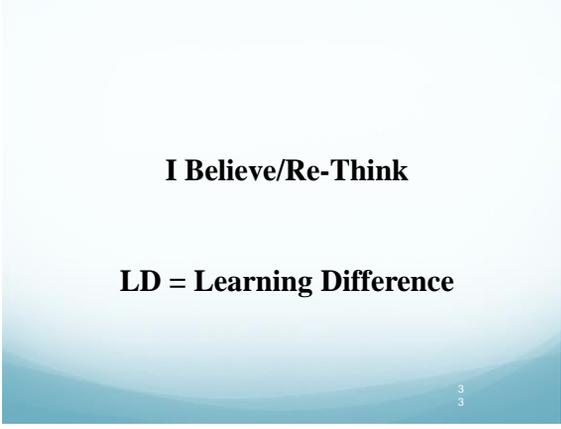
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**I Believe/Re-Think  
that I am smart**

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**I Believe/Re-Think  
Reading and Writing  
have nothing to do with  
intelligence**

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**I Believe/Re-Think  
that I must be resilient,  
never lose hope,  
and  
Keep Trying!**

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**“Failure is just another way  
to learn how to  
do something right.”**

*- Marian Wright Edelman*

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**I Believe/Re-Think  
school is better than real life**

**Stay in school**

**Realize your dream**

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**I Believe/Re-Think  
for colleges  
the next great group to recruit  
are students with LDs**

**Think big – Dream big**

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**1. Self-Identify**  
**30% do – 70% don't**  
**@ some colleges**  
**John**  
**paper**

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**Others can't help you**  
**unless they know.**

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**2. Interview instructors**  
**before signing up for**  
**courses**

**Teach the instructors ...**

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**3. Pace your semester**

**12 credits / term**

**M-W-F vs. T-Th**

**Test / quiz frequency**

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**4. Today not tomorrow,  
Today and tomorrow**

**If you plan to learn,  
you must learn to plan.**

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- **Test, quiz, paper and project calendar (small & large)**

- **Weekly / Daily Planner**

- **Study specific time each day**

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- **Study/work 20 minutes**
- **Walk 10 minutes**
- **6 times a day = 3 hours a day**

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- **Listen to it**
- **See it (color code)**
- **Say it**

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**Assistive Technology**

- **Dragon Naturally Speaking**
- **Kurzweil**
- **Livescribe Smartpen**

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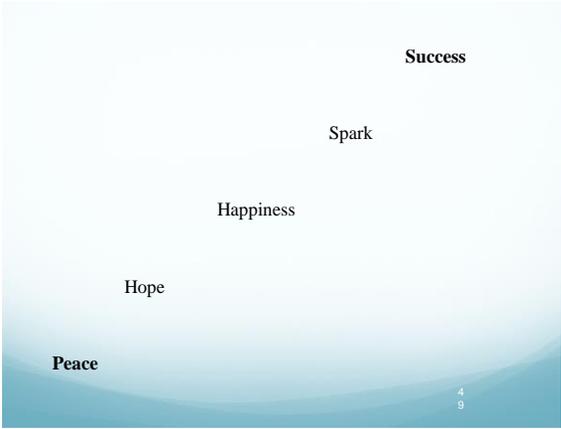
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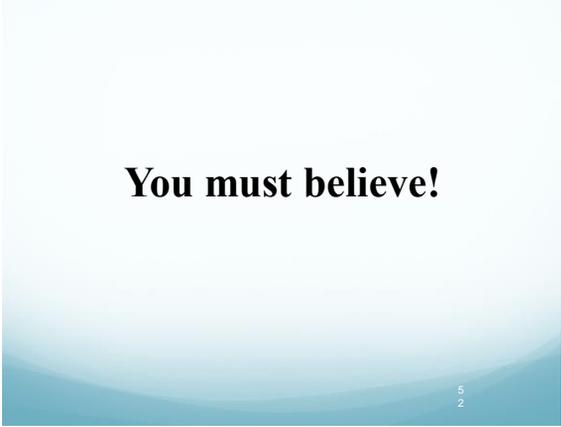
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