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52nd Annual Learning Disabilities Association of America Conference in Chicago to address current issues such as employment, technology, and education as they relate to individuals with learning disabilities

Educators, Professionals, Parents and Individuals gather at national conference.

February 10, 2015— Assistive technology, diversity and other timely topics will be featured at the 52nd annual international conference of the Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA) at the Hilton Chicago, February 17-21, 2015.

This conference attracts educators, administrators, support professionals, parents and adults with learning disabilities from around the country as well as from other countries to take a comprehensive look at issues and best practices in professional preparation and evaluation; advances in research, assessment for learning disabilities, and the transition from school to work or college.

The four-day conference includes 200 breakout sessions and workshops featuring leading experts in education, assistive technology, research, mental health, classroom techniques, public policy, advocacy, juvenile justice and much more. Keynote sessions include “*Will the Current Tech Revolution Usher in a Golden Age for All Learners?*” presented by Betsy Beaumon, President of Benetech and “*No Greatness Without Goodness. The World Needs You,*” presented by Randy Lewis, Fortune 50 Senior Executive and Disability Employment Visionary. Melody Musgrove, Ph.D., director, Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education, will present a Friday afternoon workshop on how special education stakeholders can leverage opportunities to realize the ideals of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Special sessions include the showing of the film “*Toxic Hot Seat*” on Wednesday, February 18th followed by a discussion and questions by the award-winning Chicago Tribune journalists featured in the film. This year’s conference also highlights two special presentations of inspiration and promise. Tyron Hampton shares his moving story, “*From Experience to Practice,*” during Thursday’s Adult Luncheon. Friday evening’s Banquet spotlights the ever-entertaining “*Shut-up*” Sisters who invite us to join “*The Movement of Imperfection*” with poignant tales from their book, “*Shut Up about Your Perfect Kid.*”

LDA is a non-profit organization of parents, professionals and adults with learning disabilities providing support, information, and advocacy on behalf of individuals with learning disabilities.

For further information go to www.ldaamerica.org/conference/index.asp

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