

# Ontario CEC

## 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Education Conference



On behalf of the Ontario CEC Board of Directors, I am pleased to extend an invitation for you to attend the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Special Education Conference, which will be held November 22 – 23, 2013 at the Marriott Gateway on the Falls.

The 2013 Conference will focus on evidence-based practices, instructional strategies, and technology to support the learning and achievement of students with special needs. The conference program features more than 60 lecture and poster presentations in numerous topical areas, including mental health, at-risk children & youth, autism spectrum disorder, assistive/adaptive technology (whiteboards, iPads, SMART technology), behavioural disorders, learning disabilities, low incidence exceptionalities, differentiated instruction, assessment and instructional strategies.

We are delighted that Bob McKay, self-advocate, inspirational speaker and Ph.D. Candidate, will deliver the opening keynote address. Other conference highlights include:

- ◆ Ministry of Education Strand
- ◆ Publisher & Exhibitor Display
- ◆ Yes I Can! Student Award Luncheon
- ◆ Ontario CEC Award Presentations
- ◆ Autism Strand
- ◆ Technology Strand
- ◆ Poster Presentations
- ◆ President's Dinner

Conference registration includes the opening keynote address, breakout and poster presentations, the Exhibitor/Publisher Display and all meals. Special conference rates apply for CEC members and full-time University & College students.

Please mark these dates and plan to join Ontario CEC for this comprehensive professional learning opportunity!

For further information, please contact:

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# Conference Overview

## Friday, November 22, 2013

- ◆ Registration & Continental Breakfast
- ◆ **Opening Session** includes both the **Keynote Address** & **Ontario CEC Award Presentations**
- ◆ Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Exhibitor/ Publisher Display
- ◆ Community Agency Display
- ◆ Poster Presentations/Wine & Cheese Reception
- ◆ President's Dinner & **Ontario CEC Award Presentations**

## Saturday, November 23, 2013

- ◆ Registration & Continental Breakfast
- ◆ Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Exhibitor/Publisher Display
- ◆ Community Agency Display
- ◆ **Closing Session** includes the **Yes I Can! Student Awards Luncheon**
- ◆ **Yes I Can! Student Award Recipient Reception**



### Ministry of Education Strand

*Continuous Improvement of IEPs and Transition Planning for  
Student with Special Education Needs*

*Supporting Special Education Programs in Alternative Areas*

*Effective Practices and Ministry Resources Supporting Students  
with Special Education Needs*

*The Yes I Can! Student Awards Luncheon is Generously Supported by  
Microcomputer Science Centre Inc.*



# Featured Sessions Include:

**Bob McKay**

## **Opening Keynote Address**

*The Success of Us: How my  
Dreams became my Life*

**Dr. Sheila Bennett, Dr. Debra  
Harwood & Poling Bork**

*Using Play to Unlock the Silence  
of Children with Selective Mutism*

**Julia Reynolds-McNeill**

*A Cognitive Approach to Understanding  
Attention Deficit Disorders as they  
Relate to LD*

**Barbara Lazarou & Leigh Little**

*Programming for Potential: An  
Understanding of Programming for  
Gifted Learners on the Spectrum*

**Bridges Canada**

*All About Symbols: Who, What,  
Where, Why and How  
iPads and Accessibility: Where are we at?*

**Kathryn Hansen & Linda Jones**

*The Many Hats of the  
Educational Assistant:  
Developing an Effective Skill Set*

**Ashley Short**

**Dr. John McNamara**

*Reading Rocks: A Research-Based  
Program to Support Children with  
Reading Difficulties*

**Dr. Carla Baetz, Katie Plaunt  
& Christine Munoz**

*Enrichment through Play: Enhancing  
Communication and Literacy skills in  
Full-Day Kindergarten*

**Surrey Place Centre**

*Comprehensive Strand on  
Autism Spectrum Disorder*

**Microcomputer Science Centre**

*Assistive Technology Training Lab:  
Hands-On, Interactive Learning!*

**Psychology Staff**

**Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB**

*Every Child has a Brain: The Case for  
Neuropsychology in School Boards*

**Amanda Ajodhia-Andrews**

*What Makes me Feel Included and  
Excluded? Thoughts from  
Children with Disabilities*

*A complete listing of presentations is available at the conference website:*

<http://www.cvent.com/d/l4qzjw/6X>

# Conference Registration

Please note that online conference registration may be accessed through this link <http://www.cvent.com/d/l4q7jw> and Ontario CEC's website [www.cecontario.ca](http://www.cecontario.ca)

Registration Includes	Conference Delegate Rate	CEC Member & Presenter Rate	Student/CEC Pioneer Rate
2-Day Conference - Includes 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and the President's Dinner on Friday	\$325.00	\$250.00	\$200.00
Additional President's Dinner tickets	\$60.00		
Additional Awards Luncheon tickets	\$35.00		

## Conference Hotel/Room Bookings

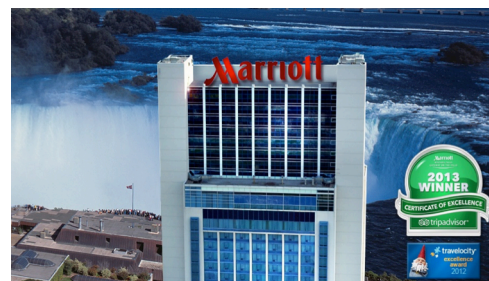
### *Marriott Gateway on the Falls*

6755 Fallsview Boulevard

Niagara Falls, Ontario

Canada L2G 3W7

<http://www.marriottgatewayonthefalls.com>



For guests looking to experience the best that Niagara Falls has to offer, the Marriott Gateway is situated in the heart of the [Fallsview Boulevard](#) tourist district, minutes away from area attractions, world-class wineries, golf and casinos. Recipient of the 2013 Trip Advisor Award of Excellence! The wide range of amenities at the hotel include wireless Internet access (WiFi) in the lobby and restaurants, indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool, a state-of-the-art fitness centre and the [Milestones Grill + Bar](#) (featuring one of the best views of the falls) and [Starbucks](#) in the lobby lounge. Guestroom rates include complimentary WiFi in guestrooms and discounted onsite self-parking at \$10.00 per night.

A block of guest rooms for conference presenters/delegates/exhibitors is available at the Marriott Gateway, for November 20 - 24, 2013. Reservations must be booked by November 14, 2013 either by calling the hotel directly at 905.374.1077 and referencing the booking code, "Ontario Council for Exceptional Children", or by reserving online through one of these links:

City view Single or Double Booking **\$119** per night

[Book Cityview SGL/DBL Booking at Niagara Falls Marriott Gateway on the Falls for \\$119 per night](#)

Falls view Single or Double Booking **\$139** per night

[Book Fallsview SGL/DBL Booking at Niagara Falls Marriott Gateway on the Falls for \\$139 per night](#)