

LD@LAB Meeting  
April 4, 2006

Paula Worthington welcomed the group and introduced Julie Marie Lemon, who introduced the evening's speakers: Suzan Snook (SS), learning consultant for the high school; and Patty Kovacs (PK), college counselor.

SS began by describing the differences between (public) high schools colleges in terms of the legal environments and expectations. She discussed the types of accommodations colleges must provide and those that they need not, but sometimes, provide, and she emphasized the role of the student in the whole process. She encouraged parents on campus visits to meet with staff involved with serving students with disabilities, and she suggested numerous questions parents and students should ask, in order to learn about the services provided at that institution.

PK followed with her presentation on college planning for LD students. She emphasized the importance of self-advocacy and keeping college options open. She also discussed the main pre-college tests (SAT, ACT, etc.) and what is involved with requesting special testing accommodations (short version: a lot!). She pointed out that choosing a college is a matter of finding the right "fit"—simply "getting into" a college is not the end, it is the beginning! She also discussed certain aspects of if, how, and when to reveal to a college that a student has a learning disability.

The meeting ended at about 8:30 p.m.

Notes prepared by Paula Worthington