

WIN INCLUSION CONFERENCE



John Rose from the Washtenaw ISD discusses transition to a university location.



Keynote speaker Barbara Mick, elementary principal from Grayling, MI speaks of her school's journey to inclusion.



Jeff Strully presenting a session.

Thanks to all of the Michigan schools who sent staff and to all the great parents, advocates and other interested people who attended the conference! Kudos to Grosse Pointe Public Schools, Comstock Public Schools, and Jenison Public Schools for sending between thirteen to eighteen participants each.



GVSU Special Education Prof., Dr. Barbara Doumanian, instructs on creating classroom community.



Cathy Macfarlane presents the benefits of inclusion for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

2001: Celebrate the Possibilities!



Self advocates, Shaun Walters & Clark Goodrich, present their ideas on the importance of inclusion.



Over 270 people attended this year's conference.



The Eberhard Center provided a beautiful view of downtown in between sessions.

A Keynote Speaker

Jeff Strully, Director of the Jay Nolan Community Services in Los Angeles, presented "Creating Desirable Futures". He has written extensively about the importance of friendships for people with disabilities and how to help create those. During his keynote address, Jeff spoke about his daughter, Shauntell, who has a significant physical and cognitive disability but leads a very full life. Jeff stated that he and his wife, Cindy,

While Shauntell needs daily support of friends and caregivers, she is not limited by anyone's pre-conceived notions about her level of abilities. Jeff

Strully's presentation was full of pictures of Shauntell doing enjoyable activities like para-sailing with friends and dancing in the Caribbean. Jeff made it clear during his presentation that when assuming what people with disabilities can or cannot un-



chose to raise their daughter as normally as possible, not limiting her life experiences because she had a disability. They determined they were not going to try to "fix her", because she was not "broken". Shauntell was fully included throughout elementary, middle and high school and proceeded to attend four years of college. She currently lives in a home she owns and owns her own business.

derstand or do, always err on the side of assuming the highest level of competence. Be sure that youth and adults with disabilities are exposed to all the wonderful and rich experiences of life just like people their own age without disabilities.

If you are interested in borrowing a video copy of the Jeff Strully's keynote address, please contact the WIN office.



Lauri Stein welcomes everyone.

A big thanks to all of our featured speakers:

- Jeff Strully
- Barbara Mick
- MATR Center
- Jill England
- Tricia Luker
- Cathy Macfarlane
- Myra Dutton-Johnson, J.D.
- John Rose
- Randy Park & Shelly Fortier
- Barbara Doumanian
- Shaun Walters & Clark Goodrich
- Mary Engelsman & Beth Klunder