

# 2023 Special Education Conference

April 21-22, 2023, at The Penn Stater



- **Friday evening Keynote address by Dr. Gina Scala**  
Time for an IPA...Inspiration, Practicality, and Accountability
- **Saturday, dive into a small group session, topics including**
  - \*Secondary Transition and All the Accoutrements
  - \*Beyond Reading and Writing: Focus and Attention Brain Research and Strategies
  - \*Maximizing Supports Offered through PaTTAN
- **Join in the large group sessions Saturday**
  - \*Teach Happier this School Year: Small Shifts in Thoughts, Language, and Actions
  - \*Bureau of Special Education Updates from PDE
  - \*Special Education Legal Updates

**NOT ALL  
SUPERHEROES  
WEAR CAPES!**

- Friday night social/networking
- Build your practical skills
- Gain insight on legal happenings
- Bid in our silent auction
- Gather FREE resources

# 2023 Special Education Conference Agenda

## Friday, April 21, 2023

6:00-6:30 PM	Registration
6:30-7:00 PM	Welcome from Dr. Victoria Rice Campbell on behalf of the Special Education Board and student performance – <b>Deans Hall</b>
7:00-8:30 PM	<b>Keynote 1:</b> Dr. Gina Scala, Professor of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Department Chair <b>Time for an IPA...Inspiration, Practicality, and Accountability</b>
8:30-8:45 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
8:45-9:30 PM	Special Education Board Meeting
9:30-10:30 PM	Networking/Social – <b>Deans Hall/Lobby</b>
<b>Act 48: 1.5 HR</b>	

## Saturday, April 22, 2023

7:00 - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast – <b>Deans Hall</b>		
8:00 AM	Registration		
8:00-8:15 AM	Opening Remarks – <b>Deans Hall</b>		
8:30-10:00 AM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS: (Choose 1)</b>		<b>1.5 HR</b>
	<b>Room</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>SESSION A</b>	106	Dr. Victoria Rice Campbell, Special Ed., Allegheny IU Fran Stewart, Special Education, Carlisle SD and	Secondary Transition and All the Accoutrements
<b>SESSION B</b>	109	Jill Schweizer, Professor, Delaware Valley University	Beyond Reading and Writing: Focus and Attention Brain Research and Strategies
<b>SESSION C</b>	108	Chris Cherney, Assistant Director, PaTTAN	Maximizing Supports Offered Through PaTTAN
10:00-10:15 AM	<b>BREAK</b>		<b>Coffee/snacks 9:00-11:00 AM-1<sup>ST</sup> FI break area</b>
10:15-11:45 AM	Deans Hall	Suzanne Dailey, Instructional Coach, Central Bucks SD	Teach Happier this School Year: Small Shifts in Thoughts, Language, and Actions <b>1.5 HR</b>
11:45-12:45 PM	<b>LUNCH – The Gardens</b>		
12:45-2:15 PM		<b>Keynote 2:</b> Carole Clancy, Bureau of Special Education, Director	Bureau of Special Education Updates from Pennsylvania Department of Education <b>1.5 HR</b>
2:15-2:30 PM	<b>BREAK</b>		<b>Coffee/snacks 2:00-4:00 PM-1<sup>ST</sup> FI break area</b>
2:30-3:30 PM	Deans Hall	Judith Petruzzi, PSEA Director of Education Services & PSEA Special Education Board	Legal Updates <b>1 HR</b>
3:30-4:00 PM	Deans Hall	PACE & Silent Auction	
4:00 PM	<b>Adjourn: Please complete the electronic evaluations using the QR code or URL after each session to receive Act 48 or Chapter 14 credit/hours.</b>		

**Total Available Act 48 Hours** ➡ **7.0**

# Breakout Session Descriptors Saturday, April 22, 2023

Presenter	Time	Title/Descriptor	Act 48 / Chapter 14 QR Code
<p><b>Dr. Victoria Rice Campbell</b> Special Education Teacher, Allegheny IU</p> <p><b>Fran Stewart</b> Special Education Teacher, Carlisle SD</p> <p><b>SESSION A</b> <b>Room</b></p>	<b>8:30-10:00 AM</b>	<p><b><u>SECONDARY TRANSITION AND ALL THE ACCOUTREMENTS</u></b></p> <p>Let's go beyond education/training, employment, and independent living, and consider all the accoutrements of Secondary Transition. Our learning objectives include the assessment and interview process that informs the transition plan, the influence of interagency services, tailoring the Transition Plan and Grid, addressing complex needs, identifying the roles of student, family, administration, and the state and integrating related services into the transition plan. Bring your splendid ideas to this interactive session, too!</p>	
<p><b>Jill Schweizer</b> Professor, Delaware Valley University</p> <p><b>SESSION B</b> <b>Room</b></p>	<b>8:30-10:00 AM</b>	<p><b><u>BEYOND READING AND WRITING: FOCUS AND ATTENTION BRAIN RESEARCH AND STRATEGIES</u></b></p> <p>What are focus and attention? What does this skill look like for individual students? This workshop will delve deeper into focusing skills. The latest research in neurology as well as pharmaceutical interventions will be presented. Individual and group interventions and strategies will be outlined, with the goal of participants being able to use them within their classrooms.</p>	
<p><b>Chris Cherny</b> Assistant Director, PaTTAN</p> <p><b>SESSION C</b> <b>Room</b></p>	<b>8:30-10:00 AM</b>	<p><b><u>MAXIMIZING SUPPORTS OFFERED THROUGH PATTAN</u></b></p> <p>Participants will learn of the many resources available through the PaTTAN regional offices and how to engage desired/applicable supports.</p>	

# Large Group Session Descriptors for April 21 & April 22, 2023

Presenter	Time	Title/Descriptor	Act 48 / Chapter 14 QR Code
<p><b>Dr. Gina R. Scala</b> Chair, Special Education/ Rehabilitation Department, East Stroudsburg University</p> <p><b>Deans Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, April 21</b> 7:00-8:30 PM</p>	<p><b><u>TIME FOR AN IPA...INSPIRATION, PRACTICALITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY</u></b></p> <p>This session will highlight information to Inspire, based in Practical best practices to result in Accountable outcomes. Participants will interact on the best practices and plans to utilize in their daily routines. Must have humor to attend!</p>	
<p><b>Suzanne Dailey</b> Instructional Coach, Central Bucks SD</p> <p><b>Deans Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, April 22</b> 10:15-11:30 AM</p>	<p><b><u>TEACH HAPPIER THIS SCHOOL YEAR: SMALL SHIFTS IN THOUGHTS, LANGUAGE, AND ACTIONS</u></b></p> <p>In this interactive session, you will learn realistic, manageable, and proactive strategies based in positive psychology that will help us achieve work/life satisfaction as we navigate this unique time of teaching and leading. These small and manageable shifts, practiced over time, will help us teach happier, parent happier, partner happier, work happier, and increase our overall happiness and well-being.</p>	
<p><b>Carole Clancy</b> Bureau of Special Education, Director</p> <p><b>Deans Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, April 22</b> 12:45-2:15 PM</p>	<p><b><u>BUREAU OF SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATES FROM PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Carole Clancy will provide the most current topics and issues occurring at the local, state, and federal level in the field of Special Education.</p>	
<p><b>Judith Petruzzi</b> Director of Education Services, PSEA</p> <p><b>Special Education Board</b></p> <p><b>Deans Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, April 22</b> 2:30-3:30 PM</p>	<p><b><u>LEGAL UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>Special Education legal updates.</p>	