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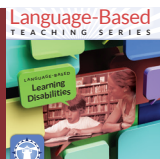
OUTREACH ONLINE



Outreach's new online professional development course garners great reviews from participants. Thanks to support from the **Oak Foundation** and others, *Language-Based Learning Disabilities: Strategies for Success* piloted in early 2013.

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OUTREACH IN PRINT



The first book in Outreach's new *Language-Based Teaching Series* sparks enthusiasm, and Landmark's Chris Woodin shares his math teaching approaches with The Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity.

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OUTREACH ON THE MOVE



Outreach returns to Cape Cod for our 4th annual summer seminar series, thanks to the support of **The Bilezikian Family Foundation**. Scores of educators will gather in Hyannis, MA for summer professional development.

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Landmark Elementary/Middle School teacher, Claire Sullivan, on the set for filming Outreach's new online course. Producer Kate Kahn of Boston University looks on from behind the camera. More on pp. 2-3.

Thank You.

The generous support of foundations and individual donors enables us to fulfill our mission of empowering students with language-based learning disabilities and differences through their teachers. This issue of *The Beacon* highlights the **Oak Foundation** and **The Bilezikian Family Foundation** whose generous multi-year support has enabled us to help more teachers empower their students.

Outreach Online

OAK FOUNDATION PROVIDES CHALLENGE GRANT

In 2011, the **Oak Foundation** awarded a three-year challenge grant to Landmark Outreach. Matched by generous donors, the grant allowed Outreach to create a premiere course to introduce K-12 teachers to instructional strategies that empower students who struggle in school.

In addition to working closely with their grantees, the Foundation hosts an annual Grantee Consortium at their US headquarters in North Carolina. The consortium provides a venue for non-profits doing similar work in education to learn from one another's experiences and share ideas for the future.

The Oak Foundation commits its resources to address issues of global, social and environmental concern, particularly those that have a major impact on the lives of the disadvantaged. Since its establishment in 1983, they have given more than 2,700 grants to

non-profit organizations around the world. Among their many areas of interest are people with learning differences. Oak Foundation's Learning Differences Programme focuses on supporting research and activities that contribute to both knowledge about and strategies available to students (from primary school to university) who struggle in school as a result of learning differences. To learn more about the Oak Foundation's philanthropy, visit their website at www.oakfnd.org.



OUTREACH SHARES STRATEGIES ONLINE

SPOTLIGHT
LANGUAGE-BASED
TEACHING eRESOURCE



**Include Students through
Reflection and Evaluation**

By having students evaluate or
reflect on their work, they become
more engaged in their learning.

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SIGN-UP FOR SPOTLIGHT!

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Landmark Outreach's mission is to empower students with language-based learning disabilities (LBLD) through their teachers. Our consulting, courses, and publications get outstanding reviews, and now we're using the Web to get the word out about how to empower students!

In 2012, we launched a new website designed to feature outstanding resources for educators. Our free *Spotlight on Language-Based Teaching* reaches more than 5,000 teachers monthly during the academic year! Written by Landmark faculty, it helps teachers implement language-based instruction in their own classrooms. Our *Newsworthy* page shares the best of free web-based print and video resources that help teachers understand and empower students with LBLD. Educators can visit our site and like us on Facebook to keep current with what's happening in the field.

What's next? We're creating an online professional learning community where educators share ideas and resources that help students learn effectively. Participants in our seminars can stay connected and learn from one another as often as they like!

Weblink to *Spotlight on Language-Based Teaching* on our website, www.landmarkoutreach.org.

Outreach Online

OUTREACH PILOTS NEW ONLINE COURSE

In 2013, Landmark Outreach piloted the new online course, *Language-Based Learning Disabilities: Strategies for Success* with 37 teachers from different schools across the country. Designed to introduce K-12 educators to the strategies that empower students to learn effectively, the course is video-based, interactive, and includes many examples of teachers modeling the strategies with students. Another pilot is scheduled for Summer 2013, as well as several blended learning projects with schools. The course will launch officially in early 2014.

PARTICIPANTS FIND COURSE VALUABLE

Participants in the online course pilot provided detailed feedback on their learning experience and the course content. All found the course valuable.

Thank you for the opportunity to take this course. It was very valuable!! ...these strategies are really helpful for ALL students.

This was a great course. I appreciate the clarity and organization with which information was presented and reinforced.

Thank you! I really found this course valuable for my work!

Thank you for this gift! I have learned so much over these weeks.

This course has filled me with a wealth of information. I appreciate your making this opportunity available and have benefitted greatly!

Language-Based Learning Disabilities: Strategies for Success would not have been possible without charitable support. On behalf of the teachers and students we serve, Landmark Outreach thanks you for your generosity.


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LANDMARK SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAM
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS

LBLD
IMPACT ON:

- Reading Comprehension
- Expository Writing
- Listening & Speaking
- Executive Function

For your convenience, a PDF version of the [transcript](#) for this video may be downloaded.

After watching this video, complete the [pre-assessment activity](#). Once you have successfully completed this quiz, you will be able to move on to the first course unit: Overview of LBLD.

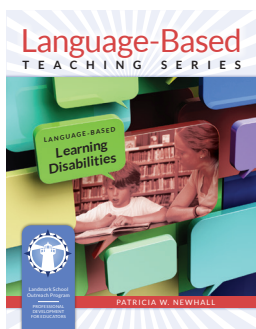
Above: Screenshots from Outreach's new online course, *Language-Based Learning Disabilities: Strategies for Success*.

Keryn Kwedor, Landmark Outreach faculty member and language-arts teacher at Landmark High School, created and taught Outreach's new online course.



Outreach in Print

OUTREACH LAUNCHES NEW TEACHING SERIES



In July 2012, Outreach launched *Language-Based Learning Disabilities*, the first book in the new *Language-Based Teaching Series*. The next book, *Executive Function: Foundations for Learning*, will be released in July 2013.

Written by teachers for teachers, the books share knowledge and strategies educators can use to empower their students' learning.

To read a chapter of this book, visit the IECA blog at www.iecaonline.com/blog/ and search under authors for Patricia Newhall. You can find additional Newhall articles by searching her name on www.ldonline.org and www.adlit.org, both services of WETA Public Broadcasting.

LANDMARK'S ELEMENTARY/ MIDDLE MATH

Chris Woodin, Math Department Chair at Landmark Elementary/Middle School has been teaching with great creativity for many years. His approach is based on multisensory strategies that help students with LBLD learn math with fewer or no language demands. In 2012, he shared his approaches with the Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity. He is currently working on a book about teaching math facts.

To read about Woodin's approaches in "Demystifying Math Struggles and Identifying Strategies to Help," visit <http://dyslexia.yale.edu/math.html>.



Christopher Woodin



OUTREACH UPDATES BOOKLET SERIES

The Understanding Language-Based Learning Disabilities Series offers readers concise overviews of specific topics in special education. These short booklets also provide examples of interventions that help students build skills.

RECENT COMMENTS

ABOUT *LANGUAGE-BASED LEARNING DISABILITIES*

This is one of the most articulate and readable explanations of LBLD I have seen. Many thanks

I am a school psychologist and just read this article. Wow, really excellent, informative, and helpful!

This article is clearly written and makes the complexity of LBLD much easier to understand. Thank you!

Outreach On the Move

CAPE COD
SEMINARS
August 1-2, 2013



4TH ANNUAL CAPE COD SEMINAR SERIES

THE BILEZIKIAN FAMILY FOUNDATION
SUPPORTS OUTREACH ON CAPE COD

Thanks to the generous and continuing support of **The Bilezikian Family Foundation**, Outreach returns to Hyannis, Massachusetts this summer to offer our annual summer seminar series. While Outreach runs a large summer institute at our campus on the North Shore of Boston, educators from Boston's South Shore, Cape Cod, and the Islands asked for professional development opportunities closer to home. Seminars are held at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis.

In addition to underwriting the series, the Foundation provides two scholarships for each of Cape

Cod's twelve school districts. This summer's course offerings include:

- *Overview of Language-Based Learning Disabilities*
- *Executive Skills and Strategies*
- *Pragmatic Language Disorders*
- *Direct Instruction of Social Communication Skills*
- *Reading Comprehension*
- *Teaching Arithmetic*
- *Teaching Writing: Sentences to Paragraphs*

OUTREACH FACULTY INVITED TO NORTH CAROLINA TO SPEAK

Ann Larsen and Patricia Newhall will travel to Charlotte, NC in July to share their expertise about executive function with participants in The Teaching Fellows Institute. The Institute invites two speakers each year to facilitate a seminar for teachers that "provides opportunities that further develop their leadership and professional expertise."

TEACHING FELLOWS
INSTITUTE
AT CHARLOTTE



An Outreach participant learning about teaching study skills.

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Outreach empowers students through their teachers.

Please support our efforts to build teachers' capacities to help students with learning disabilities and differences find success in school.



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