

Narrowing the Gulf for Underrepresented Students in Postsecondary Education

17th Annual Conference

Co-sponsored by:
St. Petersburg College Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), Florida Association on Higher Education and Disability (FL-AHEAD) and St. Petersburg College's Retention Services Department

March 17-18, 2016

**St. Petersburg College EpiCenter
 13805 58th Street North
 Clearwater, FL 33760**

Join your colleagues for two days of learning and networking. Topics for sessions include:

- Preparing At-Risk Students for the First-Year Experience
- Providing Academic Coaching Services in a Disability Services Office
- The Experience of Students Who Delay Requesting Accommodations
- Enhancing ADHD techniques optimizes individual success in Higher Education
- Interagency Collaborations that Create Innovative Resources
- Take the LD Challenge: Understanding Learning Differences through LD Simulations
- Capturing Guidelines: A Collaborative Approach
- Negotiating Accommodations with Faculty...with Confidence
- Understanding Asperger's Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorders (Recognition & Response)
- Moving Toward Social Justice: Positive Approaches to Shifting the Paradigm on your Campus
- Capturing In and Out of the Classroom
- Disability Services and Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities
- Enhancing ADHD techniques optimizing individual success in Higher Education
- Time Management for Success

Opening Keynote Speaker: Enrique "Henry" Ollu



Enrique returns for his 17th season as color analyst on the Rays Spanish broadcast. In February 2009, Enrique was inducted into the Florida College Sports Hall of Fame for his impact on the college and in life. He is the subject of the award-winning 2009 documentary *Henry O*, filmed by Boston-based Resonant Productions during the 2007 season. This documentary has been showing at a number of film festivals, including RealAutism's Houston Disabilities Film Festival (2013 and 2014), RealAutism's New York Disabilities Film Festival (2010), and the Gasparilla International Film Festival. Born in Nicaragua, Ollu came to the United States at age 10 and attended the St. Augustine School for the Blind. He called his first professional action in 1989 for the Jacksonville Expos and then served as color commentator for the St. Petersburg Pelicans of the Senior Professional Baseball League. Prior to that, he was the public address announcer for seven years for Florida College baseball in Tampa. He also appeared as a regular contributor on *Solamente Pelota* ("Only Baseball"), on SiriusXM, has hosted his own show on WQBN 1300 AM and has appeared as a guest analyst on USF Spanish broadcasts and on baseball broadcasts and talk shows in Managua, Nicaragua. He has also called action for the Tampa Bay Storm Arena Football League (2003-05) and served as the Spanish voice for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2002-03. Ollu has been the subject of a number of print and broadcast articles, including those in the *Miami Herald*, the *St. Petersburg Times*, the *Tampa Tribune*, *USA Today*, *CNN* and *ESPN*. Ollu owns a communications degree from the University of South Florida. He recently delivered the keynote address at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind's 100th commencement. He and his wife, Debra, reside in St. Petersburg.

Closing Keynote Speaker: Fmr. Captain Luis Carlos Montalvan



The closing session will be a tribute to our veterans and military families. LUIS CARLOS MONTALVAN is an international award-winning New York Times bestselling author, speaker, and advocate. TUESDAY is his beloved service dog and recipient of the 2013-14 American Kennel Club Award for Canine Excellence.

A 17-year veteran of the U.S. Army, Captain Montalvan served multiple tours abroad and was decorated with numerous awards including two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, and the Combat Action Badge. In 2007, Montalvan honorably departed the military and in 2010 completed a master's of science from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

In 2012, Montalvan's inspirational memoir won the USA Best Book Award in the Autobiography / Memoir and AudioBook Non-fiction categories. Later that year, Luis was a finalist for an APA Audio Award Beside four other nominees including Tina Fey and Michael Moore. At the 2012 International Latino Book Awards, "Uhhil Tuesday" received finalist honors. Luis is the recipient of a 2011 Voice Award and 2011 Invisible Hero Honors Award for his efforts to educate the public about trauma and the real experiences of veterans and all people with disabilities.

Montalvan is a vocal advocate. His work has been featured in outlets including The New York Times, Washington Post, and San Francisco Chronicle, and he regularly appears on local, national, and global media. These include NPR, CNN, National Geographic and The Late Show with David Letterman.

"Tuesday Turks Me In", their first children's book (Macmillan), was selected by Amazon.com as the "Best Nonfiction Children's Book of 2014." In 2015, the Children's Book Council and the National Council for the Social Studies selected it a "Notable Social Studies Book for Young People." On June 27, "Tuesday Turks Me In" won three 2015 International Latino Book Awards. A major motion picture based on "Uhhil Tuesday" is in pre-production. For more, please visit www.uhhil-tuesday.com or www.tuesdaytucksmein.com

Special Presentations by:

Lynda Earls, Florida Department of Education, Division of Florida Colleges

Alex Jordan, Florida Department of Education, Division of Florida Colleges

- 2016 legislative session and bills impacting students with disabilities
- Continued discussion of the repeal of the special diploma and access courses
- Service dogs – recommendations for policy
- Transition to Unified English Braille

Workshop Presenters include:

- Michael Anderson, PhD, George Peckreter College
- Stephanie Crosby, Valencia College
- Tanya Kurze-Fernandez, Florida Northwest State College
- Mickie Hayes and Cate Welf, Think College at the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts, Boston
- Robin Hofman, Seminole State College
- Carolyn Johnson, Utah Valley University
- Misty Kemp, St. Petersburg College
- Vanessa Lloyd, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Valerio Stafford-Mallia, Alternative Communication Services, LLC
- Dr. Ken Marquard, Jose Maria Vargas University
- Adam Meyer, University of Central Florida
- Virginia Perelson, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- Pam Rea, University of Central Florida
- Mike Ritter, Missouri Western State University

Agenda:

Thursday, March 17, 2016

- 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration and Information Table Open
- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Opening General Session
Keynote Address by Enrique "Henry" Olliv
- 9:30 - 9:55 a.m. Break
- 9:55 - 10:55 a.m. Breakout Session I
- 10:55 - 11:10 a.m. Break
- 11:10 - 12:10 p.m. Breakout Session II
- 12:10 - 1:45 p.m. Lunch on your own
FL-AHEAD Luncheon and Spring Meeting
(Tickets Required)

- 1:45 - 2:45 p.m. Breakout Session III/Collaborative Lab
- 2:45 - 3:00 p.m. Break

- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Breakout Session IV/Collaborative Lab continued
- 4:00 - 4:15 p.m. Break
- 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. State of Florida Update

Friday, March 18, 2016

- 7:30 a.m. - noon, Registration and Information Desk Open
- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Breakout Session V
- 9:30 - 9:45 a.m. Break
- 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Breakout Session VI
- 10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11 -12 p.m. Closing General Session
Key address by Fmr. Captain Luis Carlos Montalvan

Conference Registration Fee:

- Early Bird (before February 1, 2016): \$125.00
- February 2 – February 17, 2016: \$150.00
- After February 17, 2016: \$175.00
- AHEAD Members (National Association or state affiliate) \$ 99.00
- Students \$ 50.00
- SPC Staff/Faculty FREE ADMISSION

What previous conference attendees say about Narrowing the Gulf:

I had a great experience as a presenter and a participant. The closing keynote speaker was great! This was a wonderful conference!

Marian Colello, Director, Occupational Program
Support Services and Perkins Grant Coordinator
Bucks County Community College, Penn.

"Narrowing the Gulf is a perfect example of life-long learning. I've been an educator for thirty plus years and I have learned many things from this conference."

Elaine Cope
Technical College of the Low Country, Beaufort, SC

Conference Site

This conference is held at St. Petersburg College's Epicenter, a joint-use facility between the college and Pinellas County where professionals from business, government and academia come together to provide a unique blend of information and services. The Epicenter hosts SPC's Corporate Training Center, providing innovative business solutions and training to meet the needs of businesses and individuals. The Corporate Training Center offers credit and non-credit classes in professional development, technology, regulated industries, and business solutions. The facility also provides more than 10,000 square feet of innovative Collaborative Labs space where businesses can focus on planning, strategizing, problem-solving and business development. Additionally, instructional space for SPC's Technology Management bachelor's degree program is housed at the Epicenter.

Hotel

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference participants at the Holiday Inn Express, 13825 ICOT Blvd, Clearwater, FL. This newly renovated hotel is within walking distance of the conference site. Transportation will also be provided for those who prefer to ride. Room rates: Standard room \$129.00 per night plus tax, King suite: \$159.00 per night plus tax. Guest room rates may include a hot breakfast each morning. Call 1-800-465-4329 and ask for a reservation with the St. Petersburg College Narrowing the Gulf group rate.