

Bear The Difference Session Summary

BLOCK 1: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Session 1a: Disability Services through the years

Room: Blume Seminar Room

Dae Vasek, Director of the Office of Access and Learning Accommodation at Baylor University, has worked in the office for the past 15 years. Mrs. Vasek will speak on how disability services have changed over the last decade. She will also share statistics on the students we serve on Baylor's campus today.

Session 1b: College Student Mental Health in the Age of Millennials

Room: Blume Conference Room

Dr. Jim Marsh, Director of the Baylor Counseling Center, has his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Tennessee and has been at Baylor for over 10 years. Dr. Marsh will offer a session that looks at the unique psychological concerns of today's college students. This program will include a brief history of psychological factors relevant to this generation of students. Emphasis will be placed on how to identify and respond to students of concern both individually and within the larger university system.

BLOCK 2: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Session 2a: Accommodation of Students with Psychiatric Disabilities in the Wake of Virginia-Tech

Room: Blume Conference Room

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Session 2b: College Students with Asperger's Syndrome

Room: Blume Seminar Room

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LUNCH: 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

ROOM: CASHION BANQUET ROOM #510

BLOCK 3: 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

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Panel Discussion: 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Room: Cashion Banquet Room #510