



I have tried to respond to the many of you who have personally wrote to me about what a great experience the 2019 College Planning and Transition Conference for Neurodiverse Learners was for you (and in some cases your families). I could not keep up! Please know that your personal note is coming, but for now I wanted to convey my thanks on social media.

On behalf of our Thought Leaders, our Let's Talk LD Team, and my beautiful Family, I wanted to thank you for turning out, for being so positive, for continuing to support our organization, and for recognizing how much effort and hard work went into making the day exactly what we promised... a content-rich day in which we celebrated neurodiversity. On top of all those amazing Blessings, a lot of you have even volunteered to "be the change" by offering to be a part of the solution by volunteering your time to our organization. THANK YOU!

I wanted to thank some folks who went above and beyond over the course of the Conference weekend...

The Day before the Conference we had a Luncheon for the Speakers and to honor LeDerick Horne with our organization's #BeaconAward. Several folks selflessly rolled up their sleeves and rendered help where it was needed... Dr. Daniel Franklin, Dr. Ann Simun, Ms. Janet Barakat, Ms. Ellie Tabibian, Dr. Loren Grossman, and Mr. Tom Thompson. Their humility and generosity were so humbling and we are just so grateful to them.

The Day of the Conference several people were indispensable... again Jan Barakat and Tom Thompson, in addition to being Speakers at the Conference, stepped up and helped out where there was a need. I would especially like to thank my amazing parents Ms. Charlotte EC Phillips and Mr. Richard Phillips... who did not sit once the entire Conference as they endeavored to make sure every last one of you were cared for. Thanks mom and pop, we love you. Our beautiful children continue to inspire us each and every day. Thank you, Erin and Aidan, for your tireless commitment to Let's Talk LD. You know that no matter how much darkness is in the world, Light always vanquishes darkness.

Special thanks to the @AbilityFirstLA team and all of the wonderful speakers who took such great care of the students with our incredible Students-Only programming... Kelly, Araceli, Phillip, Nicole (AbilityFirst) and Carol, Melanie, Vanessa, Sanaz, Ellie, Gilda, and Janet. What an amazing job you did!

Mr. LeDerick Horne you moved us, you inspired us, you challenged us to be better and to do better. We are so grateful to you that you chose to offer your gifts to our community on 10/6/2019.

And to our 39 spectacular Thought Leaders...your generosity and grace serves as an example for us all. Without you, none of this is possible. Thanks for being all-in for 2020! We are excited and are looking forward to producing a bigger, more exciting, well-executed conference for our beautiful Let's Talk LD community!!! On to 2020!!!