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PATINS Receives Inclusive Partnership of the Year Award
Last week, the PATINS Project received the Inclusive Partnership of the Year award from MSD of Wayne Township!

The Dare to Dream Inclusive Partnership of the Year award goes to organizations "contributing and directly participating in school/district leadership to enhance the collective capacity of our community. This partner propels our classrooms, schools and district forward to become implementers of effective inclusive practices that create a sense of belonging, provide equity and access, improve student outcomes and share our passion for student success."

MSD of Wayne Township leadership cited the knowledge gained in the PATINS Project's no-cost webinars as an invaluable resource for ensuring all students made academic progress even during virtual/distance learning.

We are truly honored to receive this award and look forward to continued partnerships with all Indiana public/charter districts and schools this year and for years to come!

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A Champion for Students
Marilou VanderGriend, who serves the entire South Bend Community School Corporation as a member of the Communication and Assistive Technology (CAT) Team and Special Education East Support Team, is a PATINS Project Starfish Award Recipient for the 2020-2021 school year!

Nominator Marilyn Cahalan says, "...Marilou is a founding member of the South Bend school's assistive technology team, established during the 1994-95 school year. She holds multiple teaching... [endorsements in both general and special education]. She has supported fifteen or more students per year by evaluating them for assistive technology, helping them and the case conference committee decide what devices and/or software would enable them to better access their curriculum, ordered and provided the agreed upon technology, gave training to student and staff and revised technology as the student's needs and technology evolved over the years. Lu has been our corporation's DRM [Digital Rights Manager] throughout all those years as well. In addition, she has presented on the development and use of assistive technology on the regional, state
(PATINS conferences) and national (Closing the Gap) levels. Lu has also developed and maintains SBCSC Special Education Department's FileMaker Mileage tool and the Special Education Website for Parents, Teachers, Administrators and the community at large. You may not have met Marilou but it's a good bet you have used her IIEP Help Line"

Know a dedicated educator like Marilou? Nominate your colleague today for the 2021-2022 school year!

Nominate for the Starfish Award

Session Summaries Available for Limited Time

This year's virtual PATINS Tech Expo 2021 with IN*SOURCE was one for the record books with more presentations, exhibitors, and attendees than ever before! You can view the one page Event Summary to see all the engagement and networking PK-12 Indiana educators, pre-service teachers, and families benefitted from at this year's expo.
If you were unable to attend the Tech Expo earlier this month, Session Summary videos from all presenting organizations are available until Friday, April 30, 2021. You may view them at your convenience and can earn two additional Professional Growth Points.

Don't forget - the Whova Tech Expo 2021 website will remain live for six months (closes October 15, 2021) should you wish to download presentation handouts or grab Exhibitor information. Note - this is accessible to expo registrants/attendees only.

New Item! 3D Core Vocabulary

3D Core Vocabulary is now in PATINS Assistive Technology (AT) Lending Library! When used alone or in combination, these thirty-six common single words can communicate countless topics with a wide range of conversation partners. You may find these especially useful for students who are blind.

Each tactual symbol is printed on a base that has a shape, texture, and color that mark the word category. Each also includes a unique
raised element, the printed word, and braille to make the individual word. Search "3-D" in the library catalog to learn more.

Visit Project Core's 3D Symbol Use page for implementation ideas or email David Jackson, PATINS Assistant Director/Specialist for Augmentative/Alternative Communication and Orthopedic Impairment, for further support.

Submit A Proposal for Access to Education 2021

Do you believe every student deserves equitable access to the curriculum? Submit a presentation proposal for PATINS Access to Education 2021 happening on November 17-18, 2021!

We are in search of presentations from both national and local experts designed around accessibility, Accessible Educational Materials (AEM), Assistive Technology, and the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework. Submit your proposal by May 14, 2021!
Connect through #PatinsIcam Twitter Chats

Join #PatinsIcam Twitter Chat on Tuesday nights at 8:30 pm EST, for one half hour full of collaboration, resource/tool sharing, and supportive conversation to grow your Professional Learning Network (PLN). Indiana educators are eligible to receive one no-cost Professional Growth Point (PGP) by attending the chat and completing a short form.

Upcoming #PatinsIcam Twitter chat topics:

**May 4:** Summer Strategies to Continue Active Learning
**May 11:** Talk About Transitions

Stay tuned for more #PatinsIcam Twitter Chats coming Summer 2021!

Questions about #PatinsIcam Twitter Chat, not sure how to get started, or want to recommend a topic? Email PATINS Specialist, Kelli Suding who is happy to welcome you into the #PatinsIcam PLN.

#PatinsIcam Twitter Chat Details

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**Register for No-Cost Trainings**

For additional information on the trainings listed below, please visit our [training calendar](#). Click on the link for more information and to register.
**Braille Testing Accommodations for State Testing on May 19**

Have you had students set up to take ILEARN with refreshable braille and embossers? Would you like to prepare for this for next year? Participants will share their experiences and learn about the technical requirements for testing with these accommodations. **Target Audience:** teachers, therapists, administrators, paraprofessionals, families, and students

**DRM: What is it and how do I become one? on May 6**

This training will explain the tasks required of a Digital Rights Manager (DRM) and the role of the ICAM (Indiana Center for Accessible Materials) in acquiring AEM (Accessible Educational Materials) for students with documented print disabilities.

**ELLevating All: Overlapping Strategies for ELLs and students with SLD (including dyslexia) on May 21**

This live webinar will provide resources and tools for English Language Learners (ELLs) and/or students with Specific Learning Difference (SLD), including dyslexia. This is an overview of overlapping strategies for promoting literacy for ELLs and students with SLD with a focus on how Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to eliminate barriers for ELLs/students with SLD and all students. So grab your lunch and join us for this informative and interactive session. **Target Audience:** General Education Teachers, Special Education Teachers, and English Language Teachers
Getting the Most of Indiana Services For Your Students with Blindness and Low Vision

Are you working with students with tactile and low vision needs as a teacher or related service provider? Learn about a wealth of no cost resources from PATINS, ICAM (Indiana Center for Accessible Materials), and IERC (Indiana Educational Resource Center). **Target Audience:** teachers, therapists, administrators, paraprofessionals, families, and students

Register for dates offered: **April 29** and **May 10**

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**ICAM Digital Files: Delivery and what to do once you receive them! on May 20**

The order has been processed and the DRM has received notification. What is next? This training will demonstrate how the particular digital file ordered will be delivered and accessed by the student.

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**ICAM Ordering - Answers and Problem Solving on May 14**

You have become a Digital Rights Manager (DRM), now it is time to order. This training will guide you through the ordering process and solve any problems you might encounter.

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**New School Year, New Student: Prepping for Your New Student Who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing on May 6**

A new school year brings many new students with amazing gifts to
your classroom. This presentation will focus on considerations you may need in planning for a student who has hearing loss coming to your classroom. Topics will include FM/DM systems, classroom acoustics, communication considerations, and possible accommodations.

**Open Your Chromebook to Accessibility for All on May 11**
This live webinar will provide tips for educators on accessibility features of the Chromebook. This 60 minute session is designed to help educators locate, activate, and understand the use of accessibility features of the Chromebook. There will be some extra extension features for fun too! Grab your lunch and get ready to crack open your Chromebooks! **Target Audience:** general education teachers and special education teachers

**The Power of Presentations: Why it's important for every voice to be heard on April 29**
Accessibility and choice must be available for all students in all settings. This webinar will focus on the importance of why it is essential for students to be able to show what they know with oral communication, presentations and collaboration. We will discuss different types of oral communication and the barriers that may present challenges for students to be successful and how we can build equity for students learning this skill. You will also get a chance to see a demo of the latest version of the Present Pal app, which is a tool designed specifically to reduce anxiety and increase confidence.
with oral communications and presentations. **Target Audience:** All educators, IT personnel, and administrators

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**All times listed are Eastern Standard Time (EST)**

PGPs and ASHA hours are available for all training opportunities.

See a training you would like to attend, but the date doesn't fit your schedule, or it's already full? Maybe you have a training topic that you would like to request. **Request training times & topics that work for you!**

Request Training

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