



**NORTHERN OHIO BRANCH**

of The International Dyslexia Association

Fall/Winter 2019

## Letter From the President



Dear Friends and Families of Northern Ohio,

As we say goodbye to 2019 and ring in 2020, our holiday wish is this upcoming year finds each of you happy, healthy, and fulfilled with all that life has to offer. Below you find our year in review and hope you enjoy reading a few of our highlights and our new format.

Here is to a wonderful 2020 and our continued mission to offer hope, education, and the opportunity for personal success to people with dyslexia and those who interact with them in northern Ohio. We believe it is never too late to provide remedial services to individuals with dyslexia.

From all of us on the Board of Directors we wish you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season!

Theresa Kaska, M.Ed., CALT, CDT  
President, International Dyslexia Association - Northern Ohio

## 31st Annual Symposium: Structured Literacy for All



**Dinner Thursday, February 27, 2020 6:00pm - 8:30pm:**

This networking event will begin with a heavy hors d'oeuvres dinner hour. Nancy Cushen White will open the evening with a presentation: *Structured Literacy and the Potential Impact on School Districts*. Her presentation will be followed by a panel discussion of Ohio administrators, educators, and experts led by moderator Jennifer LaHaie of Neuhaus Education Center. The discussion will be a candid conversation about how to utilize existing evidence based research to implement dyslexia screening, teacher training, and instructional support at state, district, and school levels. Panelists include:

- Dr. David Brobeck, Associate Professor, Walsh University
- Lamonica Davis, Helen Arnold Elementary,

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- Akron Schools
- Michelle Elia, Ohio Literacy Lead, ODE
- Holly Robertz, Dyslexia Coordinator, Olentangy Schools
- Dr. Nancy Cushen White, Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, University of California at San Francisco

If you would like to become an advertiser, exhibitor or sponsor, please read more here:

<https://noh.dyslexiaida.org/support-us/support-our-symposium/>

### Conference Friday, February 28, 2020 8:30am - 4:00pm:

The all-day conference is appropriate for anyone looking for further in-depth understanding of struggling readers and the types of support and instruction all students need to be successful.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

## IDA Conference Update



The International Dyslexia Association Annual Conference was recently held in Portland, Oregon.

A few board members attended to learn research-based information about many aspects of dyslexia.

Next year the annual conference will be in Denver, CO on November 12-15, 2020. Be sure to attend ... we'll be there!

Check out what you missed

<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/website/887/home/>

## Scholarships



The Northern Ohio Branch of the International Dyslexia Association is pleased to announce three upcoming scholarships for 2020.

1. Our **Jean Armus** scholarships help applicants attend our upcoming symposium.
2. High school seniors with a formal diagnosis of dyslexia are encouraged to apply for the **Stephanie Gordon Senior Scholarship**, which supports a student's postsecondary endeavors.
3. **Hopes and Aspirations:** Young Adult Literacy Fund (18-30 years old) awards can be used 1) to help support those post secondary students in need of assessments to establish accommodations 2) for remediation services.

Please check out the link for qualifications, terms of awards, deadlines and applications

<https://noh.dyslexiaida.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>

## Ohio Awarded

This grant will support pilot programs to address the literacy needs of students in three model

# Grant



schools (preschool through grade 1). These schools will offer professional learning and support for teachers, coaches, and principals, along with regional support focused on instruction for children with dyslexia. The grant involving the early identification of students with dyslexia is for \$1.2 million over four years. Activities in the three elementary schools will start in January, 2020.

The Model Demonstration Projects for Early Identification of Students with Dyslexia Grant aims to improve the literacy of students with – or at risk for – dyslexia. Nationally, it has been estimated approximately 10 percent of students have dyslexia, a learning disability that can cause problems with reading, writing and spelling.

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## Podcast- The Science of Reading



As researchers and learning experts have long agreed, reading skills—particularly early reading skills—are among the best predictors of a student’s long-term academic success and the foundation for equity in education. At least since the publication of the National Reading Panel Report in 2000, the research has been both clear and widely available about what kind of teaching children need in order to learn to read well. Yet, despite this consensus about what works, many children in U.S. schools today do not receive effective, research-based reading instruction, and far too many still struggle to learn to read by the end of elementary school.

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## Contact Us



Did you know that the Northern Ohio Branch of the International Dyslexia Association frequently takes calls from teachers, parents, and family members? We do! It's part of our mission to support the communities in Northern Ohio by being a resource and fielding questions in an effort to bring about awareness of dyslexia.

Call the Northern Ohio Branch of the International Dyslexia Association at 216.556.0883. You may also email us at our new email address:

[contact.us@nobida.org](mailto:contact.us@nobida.org) or check out our website <https://noh.dyslexiaida.org> We're happy to help.

## Become an IDA Member Today!

Visit the [International Dyslexia Association website](#) to learn about the various levels of membership and how you can support our work!

Whether you are joining for yourself or giving the gift of membership to a teacher or friend, being an IDA member comes with a plethora of benefits. You'll be part of a unique network of parents, teachers, and corporations that believe



in supporting individuals with dyslexia through advocacy, legislation, research, and training. IDA offers several membership options for individuals, school, or corporate. Pick the one that is just right for you.

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