

# Region 3 AT Center

A PROJECT OF THE LOUISIANA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

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## LATI SUMMER INSTITUTE

The Summer Institute: Oh, The Places You'll Go....with AT was a huge success!!!! We were honored and excited to have such knowledgeable presenters from state, regional and district levels. This year we were able to bring in two keynote speakers. Susan Stokes kicked off the Institute with an amazing key-note presentation on the essential elements of educational programming for all age / grade levels for students with ASD. Craig Blackburn, a graduate from Hahnville High School in St.

Charles parish, concluded the institute with a messages of ability, inclusion and full participation in life by ALL. Craig's message was: DREAMS, VISIONS AND GOALS!



In an effort to continue showcasing our teachers and students across the State we had a photo and video contest. These contests showed how students are using AT in the classroom. We had a great response with 17 photos and 13 videos which are posted on our website for all to see. The winners of the photo contest were: 1st Place - Lauren Pharr and Joey from Vadrine Elementary in Evangeline Parish. 2nd Place - Ivy Fauntleroy and Sebastian from Cecilia Primary School in St. Martin Parish. 3rd Place - Michele Norris and Dominick from Riverdale High School in Jefferson Parish. The winners of the video contest were: 1st Place - Curtistine Earnest and Kateria from Shreve Island Elementary in Caddo Parish. 2nd Place - Ann Barrosse and Amanda from Mandeville Elementary in St. Tammany Parish. 3rd Place - Leslie Cahanin and Kevin from Lyon Elementary in St. Tammany Parish.

Thanks to all who presented, participated and attended the Summer Institute. Remember all the places our kids can go with AT.

*Oh, the Places You'll Go.....*



**with AT!!**

Contest photos and videos go to: [www.lati3.com/10si.htm](http://www.lati3.com/10si.htm)

Session Handouts: [www.lati3.com/SI2010.htm](http://www.lati3.com/SI2010.htm)

# Photo Gallery



2nd place photo:  
Sebastian



3rd place photo:  
Dominick

A warm welcome from  
Donna Nola-Ganey



1st place photo:  
Joey



Craig Blackburn's  
heartfelt message of  
DEAMS, VISIONS  
AND GOALS!!!

"Thought this years summer institute offered the most unique and informative sessions in the last 3 years"  
"Great job! I've been to every one and they keep getting better"  
"Thank you for giving us this wonderful opportunity!"  
"You are the best. This was such an AWESOME conference!!!"



Participants taking it all in during Janet Bernhardt's session on low vision tools.



Participants hard at work in Katherine Shea's presentation "What Color is in Your Box".

Participants learning about "freebies" in Kay and Anissa's session.



Susan Stokes gave an outstanding keynote presentation.



Participants learning how to use AT with students with sensory processing disorders in Cynthia Redmann-Byrd's presentation.



Participants during the opening keynote presentation.



## Low Tech DRY ERASE CRAYONS



Crayola dry-erase crayons work with your dry-erase board to deliver vibrant color without offensive odors, caps to lose or the possibility of drying out. These crayons provide more drag and greater control for students

who use dry-erase boards.

[www.crayolastore.com](http://www.crayolastore.com)

## Mid Tech GUITAR HERO



Rock out with just one switch! Guitar Hero has now been adapted so everyone, young and old, can enjoy this bestselling video game. Our brand

new unique tabletop control center allows you to play five colored buttons in sync with the musical notes.

[www.enablingdevices.com](http://www.enablingdevices.com)

## High Tech DYNAVOX XPRESS

Portable, discreet and easy-to-use, the DynaVox Xpress fits in a pocket or purse and delivers full communication capabilities previously available only in larger devices. With the Xpress, you can share meaningful messages, connect with friends and family and browse your favorite web sites with the optional browser, using a single handheld device.



[www.dynavoxtech.com](http://www.dynavoxtech.com)

# Cool Apps

### ArtikPix

Flashcard and matching activities to address articulation difficulties. The activities include features such as recorded audio, voice recording, and data collection to help children with speech sound delays. Children use ArtikPix to practice sounds independently, with a speech-language pathologist or their parents. (\$29.99 from iTunes)

### Voice4u

A revolutionary AAC (augmentative and alternative communication) application that helps individuals to express their feeling, thought, actions and things they need. It is a perfect solution for learning and communication for autistic individuals and people around them. With it, you will never have to guess an individual's wants and needs and will break down the barriers of communication for individuals with special needs. (\$29.9 from iTunes)

### SoundPaper

The best way to take notes on your iPad. It tracks what you type and draw while recording audio, so you'll never worry about missing an important detail. While playing back your recording, just tap a word, SoundPaper will jump right to that point in the audio. If you need to use another document or app, SoundPaper will automatically pause the recording. When you come back, just tap the "Record" button. SoundPaper will continue from where you left off. (\$4.99 from iTunes)

### StepStones

It allows any user to organize a set of information in a checklist list format. Typically, it could be used as an activity schedule (picture schedule) that illustrates a sequence of steps to perform a task. Alternatively, it could also be used to implement daily activity schedule. (\$9.99 from iTunes)

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**Free Services:**

Professional Development

Consultations

Technical Assistance



## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7, 2010	AT Tools for Reading, R3ATC
September 8, 2010	Accessible Instructional Material (AIM), R3ATC
September 8, 2010	AT Vendor Day, LA Tech
September 9, 2010	AT Tools for Writing, R3ATC
September 9, 2010	AT Vendor Day, R6ATC
September 10, 2010	AT Tools for Math, R3ATC
September 10, 2010	AT Vendor Day, SELU
September 29-30, 2010	AAC and All That Jazz, Bay St. Louis, LA
October 5, 2010	AAC Module Day 1, R3ATC
October 14-15, 2010	SPALS Conference, Bossier, LA
October 20, 2010	AAC Module Day 2, R3ATC
October 27-30, 2010	ATIA Conference, Chicago, IL
November 4, 2010	AAC Module Day 3, R3ATC
November 10, 2010	iPods and iPads in the Classroom, R3ATC
December 1-3, 2010	LACUE, Baton Rouge, LA
December 8, 2010	Get Your Game On, R3ATC
January 26-29, 2011	ATIA Conference, Orlando, FL
February 9, 2011	Free Internet Resources, R3ATC
February 24, 2011	PowerPoint: Not Just for Presentations, R3ATC
March 14-19, 2011	CSUN Conference, San Diego, CA
April 25-28, 2011	CEC Convention, National Harbor, MD
May 4-6, 2011	Solutions for AT Conference, Baton Rouge, LA
June 2, 2011	Get Your Game On, R3ATC
June 7, 2011	iPods and iPads in the Classroom, R3ATC

To register for trainings at the R3 AT Center go to:

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/l DOE/cw/CourseByCateg.asp>