

School for Language and Communication Development Celebrates 1st High School Graduating Class

Glen Cove, NY; June 13, 2011 – School for Language and Communication Development (SLCD) is celebrating its first High School graduating class of 5 students this June 22, 2011. SLCD serves students with special needs, including: speech impairment (SI), learning disability (LD), hearing impairment (HI), mental retardation (MR), autism (AUT), emotional disturbance (ED), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and other health impaired (OHI).

SLCD became a member of the University of the State of New York in 2008 allowing full rights, privileges and responsibilities, including authorization to grant diplomas to their students completing grade twelve. The organization opened its Richmond Hill High School facility last September to help more students reach their potential.

“Let us not forget that we started in 1985 with only 36 preschool children,” says Dr. Ellenmorris Tiegerman, Founder and Executive Director of SLCD. “We’ve come a very long way and have much to celebrate!”

These students have also received transition services, which involve a coordinated set of activities that promote movement from school to post-school activities including post-secondary education, vocational training and education, integrated employment (including supported employment), continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living or community participation. “We are preparing our students for their future lives as working adults and to advance in higher education,” says Tiegerman.

Students will be continuing their education to colleges including: Parsons the New School for Design, Pratt Institute, Borough of Manhattan Community College, and Queens Borough Community College.

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