

**Coming to Michigan in April!**



## **The Visual-Spatial Learner** **Understanding & Reaching Kids Who Learn Differently**

featuring

Linda Silverman, Ph.D.

### **Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education** **2010 Spring Conferences**

**April 26 (Grand Rapids), April 28 (Bay City) or April 30 (Novi)**

Are you a regular classroom teacher, special educator, teacher/coordinator for the gifted, counselor, psychologist, or a parent of a student who is a puzzlement? You are invited to join others for one of our all-day conferences presented by Dr. Linda Silverman, world-renowned leader in the fields of education and psychological assessment. Explore issues that support or hinder talent development for visual-spatial learners — those students who do not conform to traditional academic settings and expectations and need recognition and support in order for their gifts and talents to be valued and developed. An engaging and dynamic presenter, Linda Silverman will enhance your understanding of visual-spatial learners and provide you with practical solutions that can be implemented in school or at home. This is an opportunity close to home that you won't want to miss!

Most people think in words; however, one-third of the student body thinks in images, and this percentage is growing. School was designed for auditory-sequential, left-hemispheric students who process in words. High achievers are advanced in reading, writing, spelling, calculation, and memorization, and perform well under timed conditions. Visual-spatial learners are gifted in right-hemispheric abilities, such as imagination, visualization, intuitive knowledge, multi-dimensional perception, science, and technology, holistic thinking, creativity, artistic expression (music, dance, art, drama), and emotional responsiveness. These gifts are vital to employment in the 21st century and need to be nurtured. Specific strategies for identifying and teaching visual-spatial learners will be presented, including many practical ideas from Dr. Silverman's book, *Upside-Down Brilliance: The Visual-Spatial Learner*.

Linda Silverman, Ph.D. is the author of *Upside Down Brilliance: The Visual-Spatial Learner* and *Counseling the Gifted and Talented*. She is a licensed psychologist and director of the Institute for the Study of Advanced Development and its subsidiary, the Gifted Development Center, in Denver, Colorado. Her Ph.D. is in educational psychology and special education from the University of Southern California.

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