

Keynote Speakers



Friday:



Gallaudet President, Dr. Roberta “Bobbi” Cordano, will share her thoughts and the current research on starting a recipe for success. In this session, she will provide the audience information on Visual Language Learning access for deaf children and will show that parents need to become fluent in a visual language to support language acquisition for their deaf child and grow in their social and emotional needs.

Saturday:



Dr. Barbara Luetke will overview the ingredients in the recipe for success used by the Northwest School for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children (Seattle area). These include an evidence-based philosophy and curriculum; assessment driven lesson-planning; commitment to a consistent method of communication; appropriately-trained staff; respect for cultural diversity; and intentional listening, speech articulation, and English language strategies that can be used by professionals in a variety of educational situations. Dr. Luetke was a professor in Deaf Education for almost 30 years, training over 350 teachers of the deaf, and now serves as outreach coordinator at the school.