

# Winston Preparatory School

## *Symposium Series*



## Understanding Your Child's Learning Profile: Supporting Academic & Social Needs at Home and in the Classroom

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> | 9am-2pm ET

Winston Prep Long Island Campus | 30 Deforest Road, Dix Hills, NY 11746

Is your child struggling in school or at home? Join us for an insightful event featuring leading educational and legal professionals. Gain a deeper understanding of your child's learning profile and your legal rights. Our internationally renowned keynote speaker, Dr. Lydia Soifer, will present **Who Is This Child? Beyond the Numbers!**, preceded and followed by breakout presentations designed to provide practical strategies and expert guidance.

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**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED ON THIS MOST INFORMATIVE DAY**  
**Don't miss this opportunity to connect with experts and other parents!**

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### **Dr. Lydia Soifer, PhD**

With over 50 years of clinical experience, Dr. Lydia Soifer is the founder and director of The Soifer Center for Learning and Child Development—Westchester's first multidisciplinary private diagnostic and remedial setting. Classroom Language Dynamics®, the teacher training program Dr. Soifer designed, is used in a variety of school settings to empower teachers and invigorate learners. A frequent presenter, Dr. Soifer focuses on guiding educational professionals to answer the essential question of **"Who Is This Child?"**

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### **Dr. Laura J Morizio, PhD, NCSP**

At her practice, Coast Psychology, Dr. Laura J. Morizio specializes in the assessment and evaluation of children, adolescents, and young adults with ADHD, autism, learning disabilities, and giftedness. With a background working in schools across the country, Dr. Morizio is skilled in navigating special education systems and has a deep understanding of how neurodevelopmental differences impact learning, behavior, and social-emotional well-being.



### **John Civita, M. Ed**

As Winston Prep's Director of Transitions Programming and the founding Head of Winston Transitions, John Civita is experienced in supporting adults with learning differences and their families, with particular attention to sustainability and employment, goal setting, and problem solving. John's background includes 20+ years of working in education, specifically focusing on language processing, non-verbal processing, & executive functioning difficulties.



### **Magda Labonté-Blaise, Attorney**

Before founding Labonté-Blaise Law, L.L.C. in 2022, Magda Labonté-Blaise litigated cases on behalf of the NYC DOE's Impartial Hearings Representation Office. She later practiced as an attorney at The Law Offices of Regina Skyer & Associates, LLP. Dedicated to supporting parents and families of students with special needs in New York, Magda's mission is to raise awareness, increase equity, and create educational opportunities for all students.



### **Dr. Kathleen Hurley, PsyD**

As the founder and co-director of Sage Psychology, Dr. Kathleen Hurley has over a decade of experience and expertise in school psychology, neuropsychological assessments, and individual therapy. Dr. Hurley specializes in evaluations for NVLD, autism, learning disorders, emotional concerns, ADHD, and executive functioning deficits, using evidence-based strategies and therapeutic approaches to support children, adolescents, and families with educational needs.



### **Dr. Melanie Popovits, PsyD**

Dr. Melanie Popovits is a school psychologist who supports students academically, socially, and emotionally. Through individual therapy and psychological assessments, she provides evidence-based interventions tailored to adolescents and young adults, helping them navigate academic pressures and personal development. Dr. Popovits is committed to empowering her clients, fostering resilience, and helping them achieve their goals.



### **Stacey Astachovsky, MSW**

Alongside founding Strategic Achievements, L.L.C., Stacey Astachovsky is the co-owner and CEO of The Novo Experience Corp. With nearly 20 years of experience collaborating with attorneys on special education law, her expertise in CSE advocacy and school partnerships is widely recognized. Her work has significantly improved the inclusive workforce in her community, allowing for an invaluable number of job opportunities for those with learning differences.



### **Savannah Marinozzi**

As the co-owner of The Novo Experience Corp. and the founder of Sensory with Savannah, Savannah Marinozzi is an accomplished behaviorist specializing in bridging the gap between education and sensory integration. With extensive experience, she excels in fostering independence, promoting education, and facilitating positive social interactions in environments that promote personal growth and development.



### **John McGrath, Attorney**

John McGrath is a licensed NY state attorney. He has been the president of SEPTA, a board member of the LI Dyslexia Association, and can currently be found on Facebook giving advice to families seeking guidance on the rights of students with special needs. He is married with two children and he has been practicing special education law for 25 years.