Elizabeth Hamblet Speaks to VHS Students

Elizabeth Hamblet, a published author and Learning Specialist from Columbia University, spoke with students and parents last Thursday about preparing for college. This was a co-sponsored presentation by the Verona Department of Special Services and their special education parent advisory group, C.H.I.L.D.

Ms. Hamblet spoke with students in an afternoon presentation at the school and then spoke in the evening to parents. She explained the laws governing access to disability services at the college level, how to request accommodations, gathering the right documentation, what was new in the way of technology, matching yourself up with the right college, and she spoke candidly about what the student's role will be since they will be considered an adult when entering college.

Parents walked away with a great road map and students were encouraged to look at their strengths rather than their weaknesses and to learn to self-advocate. Hamblet's list of "personal qualities of a successful student" applies to ALL students. Ms. Hamblet stated that a student can succeed if they have (1) motivation, (2) confidence, (3) persistence/perseverance, (4) resilience, and (5) self-discipline.

Ms. Hamblet's book, *7 Steps for Success: High School to College Transition Strategies for Students with Disabilities* can be purchased on Amazon.com. Her PowerPoint presentation is on C.H.I.L.D.'s website under Workshops at www.veronachild.org and on the Department of Special Services webpage on www.veronaschools.org . For more information about Ms. Hamblet you can visit www.LDadvisory.com

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