

## Hotel Information

A limited block of state-rate rooms has been reserved at both locations. **Reservations must be made for the Hotel Roanoke by Wednesday, July 1; for the Sheraton Park South by Wednesday, July 22, 2009.**

### Hotel Address/Contact Information:

The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center  
110 Shenandoah Ave.  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
(540) 985-5900  
Toll Free: (866) 594-4722  
[www.hotelroanoke.com](http://www.hotelroanoke.com)

Sheraton Park South  
9901 Midlothian Turnpike  
Richmond, VA 23235  
(804) 323-1144  
Toll Free: (800) 325-3535  
[www.Sheraton.com/Richmond](http://www.Sheraton.com/Richmond)

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## OPENING DOORS - UNLOCKING POTENTIAL:

*Developing Self-Determination and  
Academic Skills with Students who are  
Deaf or Hard of Hearing*



A One Day Conference  
for Teachers of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing,  
Related Service Providers and All Who Work  
With Students Who are D/HH

**Tuesday, August 4, 2009**

Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center  
Roanoke, VA

**Tuesday, August 11, 2009**

Sheraton Park South  
Richmond, VA

**8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

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## About this Third Annual Conference

This year's conference, designed for teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing, related service providers and all who work with students who are deaf or hard of hearing in Virginia Public Schools, will focus on two very important issues: self-determination and effective instructional strategies.

The morning session will feature the much acclaimed VDOE sponsored I'm Determined Project which promotes self-determination/self-advocacy skill building for students with special needs. Students as young as 5, including students who are d/hh, are actively participating in their IEP meetings, expressing their needs and preferences, and working with their IEP teams to develop their goals. Learn about student-led IEPs and the proactive behavior focused "Good Day Plan." Check out [www.imdetermined.org](http://www.imdetermined.org)

Afternoon presenters will share motivating ideas and evidence-based strategies that can be used in developing lesson plans for the new school year. Relevant exhibits will be available and door prizes too! You won't want to miss this year's conference!

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## Conference Schedule

8:30 - 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome
9:15 - 10:30	"I'm Determined"
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:00	Concurrent Sessions Student-Led IEP Good Day Plan
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:15	Concurrent Sessions (2 offerings)
2:15 - 2:30	Break
2:30 - 3:45	Concurrent Sessions (2 offerings)
3:45 - 4:00	Closing Thoughts

### Registration Fees by July 14, 2009:

Professional.....	\$35
Paraprofessional/Parent/Student.....	\$30

**Registration fees include an additional \$10 charge if received after July 14, 2009.**

**Refunds not available after the July 14 deadline.**

**NOTE: Child care is not available for this event.**

**For additional information, please contact:**  
Ann W. Hughes, Conference Coordinator  
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## Opening Doors -Unlocking Potential:

### REGISTRATION FORM

**Please register online at:** [www.vcu.edu/partnership](http://www.vcu.edu/partnership).

Under PROFESSIONALS & PROVIDERS

Click on "Calendar of Events."

Scroll to "Opening Doors D/HH Conference"

**OR complete this form with information as you want it to appear on your nametag:**

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ V\_\_ TTY\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer Contact Info (phone/email) if different than above:**

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The Partnership strives to make all professional development sessions inclusive. Reasonable accommodations for participants with special needs may be made with notice by **July 14, 2009**. Please specify below what access and/or dietary accommodations you will need:

**I am registering for:**

Tuesday, August 4 (Roanoke)

Tuesday, August 11 (Richmond)

I am a  professional  parapro  parent  student

**Enclose registration fee (Checks or P.O. payable to: Partnership/VCU) and send with registration form to:**

Kristen Stahr

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**Registration Deadline: July 14, 2009**

