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***NCSA to Host 40th Anniversary Conference:
“Celebrating Literacy, Excellence and Diversity”;
Invites Submissions With Call for Papers***

June 10, 2005 – Cleveland, OH — In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the discovery of Cued Speech in 2006, the National Cued Speech Association is hosting a national conference “Cued Speech — Celebrating Literacy, Excellence and Diversity” on July 20-23, 2006, at Towson State University, Towson, Maryland.

The call for papers is available on the NCSA website, www.cuedspeech.org. Deadline for submissions is December 31, 2005. The program will focus on the latest research, emerging practices, and D/deaf perspectives. The family centered conference will feature presentations by parents and professionals, a children’s program, and events planned around special groups, such as fathers, deaf cue adults, signing cuers, grandparents, culminating with a 40th Anniversary Gala recognizing the significant accomplishments of people in the CS movement.

In its 22nd year, the NCSA and its Deaf Children’s Literacy Project champion effective communication, language acquisition and literacy through the use of Cued Speech. Originally developed for use with children who are deaf, Cued Speech use is benefiting individuals with a variety of communication, language and learning needs.

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