

Business attorney and mediator Patrick Spott presented on vocational opportunities in law to high school students as part of the 2017 Mentoring Day. Mentoring Day is a local version of the National Disability Mentoring Day which is organized by the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD). It has occurred regionally as “Rocketing into the Future”, under the leadership of the Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative (NLSEC) since 1992. In October of 2008, with a grant from the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), the NLSEC was asked to host Minnesota Disability Mentoring Day at the DECC. The 2008 event was so successful that the AAPD made the 2009 event their 10th Anniversary National Kick-off event. More than 800 students, parents and teachers from regional schools as well as more than 70 area businesses participated in that event.