The Alliance for Disability Awareness (ADA) is a student organization dedicated to supporting students with disabilities and raising awareness for the wide variety of disabilities on campus, and pushing for a more accessible ISU. Every year the ADA hosts a weekly Disability Awareness Week, and this year the event is going virtual. Throughout the week, the ADA will present two guest speakers, department spotlights of various on-campus offices that work with students with disabilities, and helpful tips and student resources.

Monday October 19, 2020

"Supporting Neurodiverse Students: Strategies in Executive Functioning and Communication" presented by Jamie Niman, Accessibility Coordinator in Student Accessibility Services.

This presentation provides basic information on neurodiverse students, with a focus on ADHD and Autism. Attendees will learn about diagnosis traits and challenges, neurodiverse/disability identity, communication practices, resources, and strategies for assisting students.

Presentation can be accessed here.


Student Accessibility Services Department Spotlight featuring Assistant Director, Wendy Stevenson.

Effective Notetaking Skills, Helpful Tips, and Resources

Helpful Assistive Technology and Apps for Notetaking

Tuesday October 20, 2020

"How Can Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services Help ISU Students with Disabilities" presented by Kristi Frohwein, Rehabilitation Associate, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

This presentation will feature Kristi Frohwein from Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Kristi will walk listeners through the services IRS provides to Iowa State students with disabilities, how to get connected with her office, and more.

Presentation can be accessed here.

Department of Residence Spotlight

Effective Time Management Skills, Helpful Tips, and Resources
Wednesday October 21, 2020
ISU Dining Spotlight featuring Registered Dietitan, Kallen Anderson.
Effective Writing Skills, Helpful Tips, and Assistive Technology

Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution Documentary and Panel Discussion

Join the Iowa State community as we view and discuss the documentary, Crip Camp. We will be joined by panelists – Morgan Tweed, Iowa State graduate student and President of Alliance for Disability Awareness; Daniel Van Sant, Children’s and Investigations Staff Attorney at Disability Rights Iowa; and Autumn K Wilke, Assistant Dean for Disability Resources at Grinnell College.

Documentary viewing will begin at 5:00 pm CST on Netflix Party. Discussion will be hosted 7:00-8:00 pm CST via WebEx.

Register using the Crip Camp Registration link.

Join the Crip Camp Discussion Panel at 7:00 pm CST

Registrants will need to have a Netflix account. You will receive an email to join Netflix Watch Party at least 1 hour before the start time. Please check your email. Learn more about Netflix Watch Party.

Thursday October 22, 2020
"An Ableist Attendance Policy" presented by Biz Cuvelier, Senior in Elementary Education.

9:00 am CST - Please click this URL to start or join. https://iastate.zoom.us/j/94298854437?pwd=a2NNc0pyWmExclZNeS93Z3VBRzJvZz09

Or, go to https://iastate.zoom.us/join and enter meeting ID: 942 9885 4437 and password: 649503

"Got Implicit Bias? How the “Default Setting” for the Disability Community Harms Racially Marginalized People - and What You Can Do About It"

3:00 pm CST - Use this link to join on Zoom.

Join Reyma McCoy McDeid, executive director of Central Iowa Center for Independent Living, for a virtual session about implicit bias. The subject of race has quickly become one of the top issues in the minds of people in the U.S., yet many struggle to determine how the issue pertains to the disability community. This session intends to do just that and will support participants to:
Be able to identify how terms like “intersectionality” pertain to the disability community.
Consider how – and why – the experiences of racially marginalized disabled people differ from those who do not experience racial marginalization.
Begin the process of addressing what the disability community needs to do to become truly inclusive.

Department of Facilities and Management Spotlight featuring Kerry Dixon, Facilities Sustainable Design and Accessibility Coordinator.

Effective Study Skills, Helpful Tips, and Resources
Helpful Assistive Technology and Apps for Studying

**Friday October 23, 2020**

Digital Accessibility Lab Spotlight featuring Digital Accessibility Coordinator, Cyndi Wiley.

"Nothing About Us Without Us..Including Pizza: The Practice of Designing with Accessibility in Mind" by Cyndi Wiley, Digital Acessibility Lead.

Effective Reading Skills, Helpful Tips, and Assistive Technology