# THE CONSORTIUM NEWSLETTER



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Recently, I heard Craig Poole, General Manager for the Double Tree Hilton Hotel of Reading, PA speak at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Employer Symposium. Addressing the topic of "Hiring People with Disabilities: Proven Steps for Success," he encouraged participants to treat each potential job candidate as a viable competent employee who brings both "gifts and purpose" to the company. Mr. Poole's message reminded me of the work that we are doing in inclusive postsecondary education.

Similarly, we, too, strive to support each student enrolled in our programs as an individual with all the rights and privileges that students receive as members of our respective institutions of higher education. Just like every other student, individuals who are admitted into our programs have interests, strengths, and hopes for the future. Developing individual schedules for each student creates an opportunity for growth academically, socially/relationally, and personally which ultimately leads to career options that accentuate the strengths and incorporate the interest of the student. Meaningful, gainful employment where one enjoys the challenge, develops personal relationships, and feels part of an organization as a valued employee is the goal that we have for all students furthering their education through a postsecondary experience.

May we continue to prosper in our efforts to support students with intellectual disability in achieving their goals of a fully inclusive postsecondary experience.

Ann Marie Licata, Ph.D., Director

## WHAT IS HAPPENING

- Save the date—Disability Rights and Public Policy in PA: A Commemorative
  Conference—September 28, 2018 at Winter Center, Millersville University
- State of the Art Conference will be held on October 10-11, 2018 at Syracuse Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center
- Save the Date—Central PA Premiere of "Intelligent Lives" Film -October 16, 2018— Ware Center, Lancaster PA
- Division on Career Development and Transition International Conference
  will be held on October 24-26, 2018 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- 2018 Fall Teacher Education Assembly—Democracy and Social Justice— Amplifying the Voices of Teacher Education Conference will be held on October 31-November 2. 2018 at Best Western Premier the Central in Harrisburg
- PEAC's 7th Annual Eastern PA Inclusion Conference—Embrace Inclusion: Capitalizing on Community Capacity will be held on November 7-8, 2018 at SugarHouse Casino in Philadelphia
- 2018 AUCD Conference We ALL Belong Here! Achieving Inclusive Communities will be held in Washington, DC, on November 11-14, 2018
- Pennsylvania Inclusive Postsecondary Education Symposium: Envisioning Possibilities, Eliminating Barriers, Building Capacity will be hosted by Lehigh Carbon Community College on November 16, 2018.
- Registration for TASH Conference is open. The Conference will be held in Portland, OR on November 28-30, 2018

Supporting Authentic, Inclusive Postsecondary Education

FALL 2018 SYMPOSIUM	E	oning Possi liminating Building ehigh Carbon	Barriers Capacity	
Authentic, Inclusive Postsecondary Education	JOIN	I US NOVEMB	ER 16TH	
Students, Faculty/Staff Administration & Families from across Pennsylvania share their experiences along with best practices of developing and implementing authentic inclusive postsecondary education.	8:00 - 9:00	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; BREAKFAST</b>		
	9:00 - 10:00	PERSONAL REFLECTION OF COLLEGE STUDENTS IN INCLUSIVE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION		
	10:00 - 10:15	BREAK		
	10:15 - 11:15	UDLMETHODS, PRACTICE, TOOLS FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS	HIGH SCHOOL STEPS THAT LEAD TO COLLEGE	
	11:15 - 11:30	BREAK		
Join us at LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	11:30 - 12:30	COLLEGE BUILD	EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY, BUILDING CAPACITY, FINDING CHAMPIONS	
REGISTER TODAY! https://bit.ly/2N88syL FOR ADDITIONAL INFO PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSORTIUM OFFICE 717-871-7357	12:30 - 1:15	LUNCH		
	1:15 - 2:15	FACILITATED SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION		
	2:15 - 3:30	PLENARY SESSION		
	3:30 - 4:00	CLOSING REMARKS		
	STUDENTS – FREE MEMBER & FAMILY DISCOUNTS SCHOLARSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE – Visit PIHEC.COM			
		the U.S. Department of Education through the a lary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disa		

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

More than 250 colleges & universities in 49 states **support students** with intellectual disability.

Those enrolled in higher education saw a **135% increase in** employment, compared to peers.

Currently, 17 states have **policy** or legislation on inclusive higher education.

Source: https://thinkcollege.net/sites/default/files/files/resources/ parents\_can\_F\_aug.pdf



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