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Energized after a mid-week call with a Consortium sub-committee where members reiterated the value of having an Inclusive Postsecondary Education Consortium and brainstormed ideas for our continuance in years to come, I realize how worthy and important it is to stay connected as a network of schools strongly committed to authentic inclusive postsecondary education. The rich discussion and variety of perspectives provided more evidence of why we must continue to remind one another of the inclusion walk that we face daily on our college campuses.

Clearly, it is never an easy road for those of us who walk the highway of full inclusion and yet, we know that it is not okay to be anything less; hence, our striving to improve our programs making them as close to the typical college experience as we can possibly achieve. I have observed that taking the inclusion road is often unattractive and can be a lonely uphill battle, sometimes causing us to compromise inclusion. When those times occur, know that others in the Consortium are supporting you in spirit and walking the inclusion path with you.

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## WHAT IS HAPPENING

- <u>Meaningful Credentials: What are Students</u> <u>Earning Upon Graduation?</u> Think College Webinar - Mar 20, 2018
- <u>Looking forward to 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Disability &</u> <u>Change Symposium on March 26, 2018 at</u> <u>Temple University</u>
- <u>The Fourth Annual Post-Secondary Education</u> <u>Symposium- "Open Minds. Create Futures."</u> <u>will be held on April 4 – 5, 2018</u>
- <u>Registration open for Disability Pride on April</u>
  <u>16 at Millersville University</u>
- <u>Need more info on authentic inclusive</u> postsecondary programs? Plan to attend SRV <u>training at Millersville University on June 25-</u> <u>27</u>
- <u>Save the date: October 10-11 is the next</u> <u>State of the Art conference</u>



The so-called "End of Disability" has been a long-standing mantra for medicine and often repudiated by disability studies scholars and others who question the desired "end" and the implication of disability extermination or erasure. Do these new technological developments bring something new to the debate?

The Disability and Change Symposium is a one-day, interdisciplinary conference focusing on cultural equity and disability. The event is free, accessible and open to the public. <u>Registration is required.</u>

The annual Disability and Change Symposium is organized and facilitated by the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Pennsylvania Inclusive Higher Education Consortium consists of <u>13 member</u> colleges and universities committed to inclusive postsecondary education.

Consortium members have a voice in developing authentic inclusive education in Pennsylvania. They seek to follow <u>ThinkCollege Standards</u>, <u>Quality Indicators</u>, and <u>Benchmarks for Inclusive Higher Education</u>.

Is your college or university ready to join the initiative?

Find out more here: <u>http://www.millersville.edu/</u> pihec/consortium-members.php



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Supporting Authentic, Inclusive Postsecondary Education