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Moving forward into the Spring semester 2020 and a new decade, members of the Consortium who have operational programs continue to conduct open houses, interview potential students for Fall 2020 and beyond, and are experiencing more interest and growth in their inclusive initiatives than ever before. The time is now to pull together your campus teams and brainstorm how to get started. Developing a sound business plan for your initiative is what many of our successful operational programs have pursued in an effort to help everyone on campus, especially administration, understand the multi-year process that is essential for sustainability. Business plans accompanied by a strategic plan for development and implementation work together to bring new opportunities for young adults with intellectual disability to attend college just like a matriculating peer.

If you would like help developing a business plan or strategic plan for your initiative to take root, please contact the Consortium office and we are happy to help you get started. You can also check our website (pihec.com) or the Thinkcollege.net website for more resources.

We look forward to our continued growth across the Commonwealth.

Ann Marie Licata, Ph.D., Director



Daniel Castellanos representative of alumni , Ericka Speach current student, and Julianna Licata prospective student shared their experiences and aspirations as members of the panel for *Building Diverse and Inclusive Communities Through Authentic College Experience* presentation at Everyday Lives Conference on January 8, 2020.



They were joined by Dr. Thomas Newville and Dr. Ann Marie Licata representing the administrative portion of the panel discussion.

WHAT IS HAPPENING

- [ThinkCollege Combined Affinity Group Meeting: VR, Policy & Student Credentials will be held on February 5, via zoom](#)
- [Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity will be held on March 2, 2020 at Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu, HI](#)
- [Disability & Mental Health Summit will be held on March 3, 2020 at David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA](#)
- [Third Annual CUNY Neurodiversity Conference will be held on March 12-13, 2020 at CUNY Graduate Center in New York, NY](#)
- [2020 Disability Policy Seminar will be held on March 23 – 25, 2020 at Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC](#)
- [Beyond Inclusion: Empowering, Celebrating, Advocating a three in one event featuring international disability right activist Judy Heumann will be held on April 22-23, 2019 at Millersville University](#)
- [Save the date for the fifth annual Regional Post-Secondary Inclusive College Program Summit that will be held on May 28, 2020 at the College of NJ in Ewing, NJ.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

On July 26, 2020 we celebrate the
ADA 30 (1990-2020)
Americans with Disabilities Act

Join the Consortium Members on April 22-23, 2020 as they celebrate 30 years of progress in access and inclusion.

For more info about the event please go to:
<https://pihec.com/home/april-22-23-2020-beyond-inclusion-empowering-celebrating-advocating/>

