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As I am writing this standard entry in our bi-monthly newsletter, there is nothing that seems typical about it. In less than the span of five weeks, our lives have changed significantly due to the COVID19 pandemic and the ramifications of this world-wide situation. Our nation, our state, our college and university communities are all effected, searching for stability within the midst of uncharted territory. Suddenly, our fragile inclusive postsecondary education initiatives have become even more delicate as we are faced with the unknown.

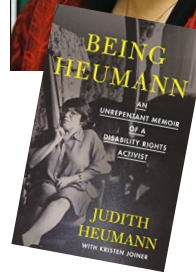
Looking for the opportunity to find "the good" during this historic time period, we recognize it is necessary to find meaning in our new day-to-day routines that our Consortium programs are executing exceptionally. Having talked with many of our directors through the bi-weekly calls that we have been holding - sharing resources, stories, and ideas - it is clear that all of our program staff members have met this unexpected challenge with both resolve and grace. Every single program director is leading by example to engage students in establishing routines and meaning in the "new college experience" of online instruction. Even more admirable are the multitude of ways that program directors are considering the other tenants of the college experience that ThinkCollege addresses - social/relational/well-being and career development. From online movie parties, to yoga instruction, to happy hours, you are all finding ways to engage the students in your initiatives in a culturally valued manner - just like matriculating students are doing right now. Accessing existing resources either hosted by your college or university or by another source, the online resources are plenty as you seek for ways to mitigate the rampage of emotions that students in your initiatives are facing.

Our nation has been emphasizing the hidden heroes in this pandemic; I am adding another group to those that are unrecognized - our Consortium program directors and their staff members.

You are making a significant difference in the lives of the students and families with whom you engage! You are valued and appreciated for the hours and energy that you are giving!

Thank you for the positive impact that you are making!

Ann Marie Licata, Ph.D., Director



On Wednesday April 22, 2020 Pennsylvania Inclusive Higher Education Consortium in partnership with Disability Equality in Education will be holding a virtual conversation with lifelong advocate for the rights of disabled people Judy Heumann who will introduce a virtual screening of the new disability rights film - Crip Camp followed by a facilitated discussion with Judy.

Find more on our Facebook event website:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3416052355089384/>

WHAT IS HAPPENING

- [Zoom meeting: College-based Transition Services Affinity Group meeting on Apr 29, 2020](#)
- [Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok and Beyond - Using Social Media for Peer to Peer Engagement Webinar on Apr 21, 2020](#)

RESOURCES

- [Plain language information on coronavirus by Green Mountain Self-Advocates](#)
- [Free resources for leisure, exercise and activities to do at home by Ariana Amaya and Halle King](#)
- [Establishing a remote learning environment and routine at home by Ariana Amaya and Halle King](#)
- [Tips For Social Distancing, Quarantine, And Isolation During An Infectious Disease Outbreak](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

ThinkCollege has a webpage dedicated to [Resources for Educators & Families Adjusting to Online and At-home Learning](#).

You can find it at: <https://thinkcollege.net/think-college-news/resources-for-educators-families-adjusting-to-online-and-at-home-learning>

