

Continuing the Celebration of 25 Years with Americans with Disabilities Act

Mark your calendar for the following events that are scheduled during the 2016 Spring semester at IUP as IUP's Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) continues to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)!



Allies for Inclusion: The Ability Exhibit

Held in Ohio Room, HUB on February 22nd & 23rd

Created to promote allies for individuals with disabilities, this interactive learning experience will test your knowledge of the history of the Disability Movement, invisible disabilities, and person-first language. The exhibit will make you more cognizant of how to create environments for all people and how to understand personal communication. At this event, attendees will have the opportunity to take the Ally Pledge.

Ray Coppler Award

Nominations due by April 1st

The Ray Coppler Award was developed in the 2010-2011 academic year to annually honor and give recognition to a student, faculty, staff, or administrative member of IUP for exemplary contributions toward disability awareness, education, and/or inclusiveness. The date and location for the award ceremony will be announced on the DSS website.

Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society Induction

Location and time will be announced on website

Delta Alpha Pi is the first honorary society in the United States to recognize students with disabilities for their academic achievements. Join us on April 21st in honoring the new inductees and learn more about the organization.

Autism Awareness Week

April 18th-22nd

Autism Awareness Week is a combination of five programs are intended to both raise awareness for and educate people on Autism: Pin it Blue, Piece by Piece, TED talks, Discussion Panel, Autism Awareness Photoshoot, and Autism Awareness Walk.

Six O'Clock Series Speaker, Karen A. Myers, PhD

Held in Ohio Room, HUB on February 22nd

The Americans with Disabilities Act was passed in 1990. Join us in its 25th year, as we explore with Dr. Karen Myers, of St. Louis University (SLU), what it is like to be a person and a professional with a disability and how to be an ally for persons with disabilities. Dr. Myers will explore how to avoid labels, use respectful communication and promote comfort and awareness towards ensuring inclusiveness for all people. Dr. Myers is the Director of the Higher Administration graduate program at SLU and the Director of the Ability Institute, home of Allies for Inclusion: The Ability Exhibit.

ADA Essay Contest

Enter by April 1st

Get involved in the Office of Disability Support Services' essay contest! Your essay on how ADA has impacted either you or someone you know (e.g., family member, friend) will be reviewed by a faculty panel and finalists will be selected.

IUP ADA in Action Photo Contest

Enter by March 18th

Take part in the Office of Disability Support Services' ADA Instagram photo contest by submitting a picture you've taken in IUP's community that celebrates ADA's ideals of equal access for individuals with disabilities!

For more information on any of these listed events, please visit the Disability Support Services website at <http://www.iup.edu/disabilitysupport/>.