

What's in Your Future?  
Options for Higher Education and  
the Workplace

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# Goal for the Presentation

Get excited about your  
future and take action to be  
successful!

# Objectives for the Presentation

- Learn about:
  - Rudy Molina and his story.
  - How to access the accommodations and supports that will enable you to pursue your pathway to success.
  - What services and supports are out there for you in higher education and in the workplace.

# Poll Question

Are you excited about your  
future?

# One Rule

Find a way to get excited  
about the future!

# Three Learning Advantages

1. I didn't learn how to speak until I was three
2. I didn't learn how to read until the third grade
3. My mom wasn't sure if I was ever going to write

Why would I consider these three impediments  
to be Learning Advantages?

Find your Voice

Learn your Rights

Advocate for Yourself



# Find Your Voice

- “Take your disability out to lunch”
- Know your background
- Hang out with the best people...

**Learn About Yourself**

# Find Your Voice

- Eat and sleep well
- Build your upper body strength
- Actually, practice speaking

**Take Care of Yourself**

# Poll Question

Do you (or those you support) have an officially diagnosed learning disability (LD)?

# Learn Your Rights

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Americans with Disability Act (ADA)
- Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

# Learn Your Rights

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
  - **Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE)**
  - Unique needs of child
  - Early Intervention
  - **Evaluation & Reevaluation**
  - Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
  - Least restrictive environment
  - **Transition Services**

**Wait to be found**

# Learn Your Rights

- Americans with Disability Act (ADA)
  - Prohibits discrimination
  - Must have a disability, perceived by others...
  - Disability defined: Limits one or more major life activities (learning, work, etc.)

**If you want services, you must disclose!**

# Learn Your Rights

- Americans with Disability Act (ADA)
  - Title 1: Employment
  - Title 2: State & Local Government Activities and Public Transportation
  - Title 3: Public Accommodations

# Learn Your Rights

- Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)
  - Protects the privacy of student education records
  - 18 years of age or enrolled education beyond high school
  - Schools are not required to provide copies of records
  - Typically, written permission is required

**Communicate directly with parents and family**



If you know who you are

+

You've learned your rights

=

Easier to self-advocate

**Fun to plan for the future!**

# Poll Question

Do you have a sense of your  
passions and interests?

# Advocate for Yourself

Passions & Interests

- School & Career Selection
- Majors & Minors
- Financial & Academic Advisors
- Project and Task Selection

**Put what you know about yourself into action!**

# Advocate for Yourself

Services with Enrollment

- Disability Resource Centers & Human Resource Offices
  - Access to curriculum and physical environment
  - Academic and employment accommodations

**Documentation is required!**

# Advocate for Yourself

## Academic Accommodations

- Minimize distractions
- Extended time for tests
- Scribe
- Qualified interpreters
- Assistive listening systems
- Captioning
- TTYs
- Qualified readers
- Audio recordings
- Recorded texts
- Braille materials
- Large print materials
- Materials on computer disk
- Adapted computer terminals
- Alternative Format
  - etexts
  - Braille
- Assistive Technology
  - Kurzweil
  - Text-to-Speech

# Advocate for Yourself

## Services with Enrollment

- Student Support Services (SSS) Program
  - One of 8 federal TRiO programs
  - Graduate and professional degrees
  - SSS for undergraduate McNair for graduate
  - Federally funded grant program
  - Academic tutoring Supplemental Instruction
  - Course selection Academic Advising
  - Financial Aid FAFSA information & completion
  - Financial and economic literacy
  - 2 year to 4 year transition support
  - + Much more
  - Public and private scholarships
  - Grant Aid Scholarships

# Advocate for Yourself

## Services for a Fee

- Comprehensive academic support
  - Objectives:
    - Learning strategies
    - Lifelong learning
    - Employment ready skills
  - Application Process (typically)
    - Apply early, Match for services
    - Dual application process, First admitted to the institution
    - Waitlist

**Documentation may be required**

# Advocate for Yourself

Services for a Fee

- Comprehensive Academic Support Services
  - Educational Planning
  - Tutoring
  - Enrichment workshops
  - Varies significantly across campuses



# Advocate for Yourself

## Campuses with Comprehensive Services

- Curry College
- Denver University
- Lynn University
- Marshall University
- Texas Tech University
- The University of Arizona
- The University of Connecticut
- The University of Iowa
- The University of the Ozarks

Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.

**John Quincy Adams**

# Our Objectives

- Did You Learn About:
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May you have many reasons  
to be excited for your  
future!

# Continue the Conversation

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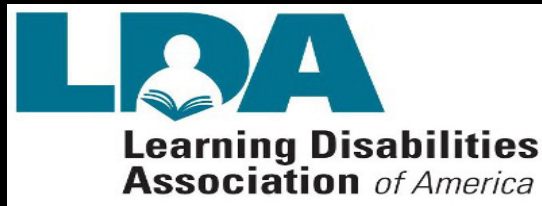
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# Questions & Answers

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