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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Questions & Answers

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