

Student loans, identity-first language, surviving winter, and personal finance, all this and more in this issue of Accessibility for All.

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Recent News

[International Day Of Persons With Disabilities – Disability Inclusion Is Long Overdue](#)

Tuesday, December 3rd was International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This article discusses the importance and current state of inclusion of people with disabilities. Creating an inclusive environment begins with ensuring access for PWD and eliminating barriers to participation.

[Student Loan Borrowers With Disabilities Aren't Getting Help They Were Promised](#)

People with permanent, significant disabilities are eligible to have their student loan debt erased. However, "Only 28% of eligible borrowers identified between March 2016 and September 2019 have either had their loans erased or are on track for that to happen." Many trace this to the fact that this eligibility is not promoted by the Department of Education and that going through the process can be difficult for PWD because it involves "bureaucratic red tape".

[Why Many Autistic Adults Prefer 'Identity-First' Language](#)

While person first language has been adopted by many, many autistic adults prefer to be called autistic as opposed to person with autism. This is because they see



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Upcoming Events

[GAINESVILLE CARD Lunch Brunch for Adults with ASD](#)

Monday,

December 9, 2019

1:00pm-2:00pm Eastern Time

Gainesville, FL

"CARD Lunch Bunch is for adults age 18 and over, who have a documented diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Please bring money for lunch and if support is needed please bring your support person. Location: Sweetberries 505 NW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32601 Questions?

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follow suit if they refer to themselves as autistic.

[First Dancer With a Visible Disability Joins the New York City Rockettes](#)

"Sydney Mesher, who was born without a left hand, grew up admiring the Rockettes in Portland, Oregon, where she honed her dancing skills. Now working in New York, Mesher joined the famous dancer group for the first time this year. It's also the first time in history the Rockettes included a dancer with a visible disability."

[Literature as a mirror: Representing disability in fiction](#)

"Representation is incredibly important for people who are outside the norm because it allows them to create an identity for themselves in an environment that so often ignores their existence. When it comes to disability representation in literature, it is clear that we need to redefine that norm."

[Why Tech Needs More Designers with Disabilities](#)

Emily Akerman, a PhD student at the University of Pittsburgh, got stuck in traffic at a crosswalk when an autonomous delivery AI would not move out of the curb cut for her and her power chair to safely get by. This was an example of the need to include people with disabilities in the tech world as new advancements continue to happen. "Accessible design should not depend on the ability of an able-bodied design team to understand someone else's experience."

[More Medical Students Are Disclosing Their Disabilities, and Schools Are Responding, Study Finds](#)

[Friendly: Pensacola](#)
Sunday, December 15, 2019
9:30am-11:00am Eastern Time
Pensacola, FL
 "Enjoy the freedom of jumping. Sensory hours provide a quieter, toned-down jumping experience for those with special needs. First and Third Sunday of Every Month. Location: 5007 N Davis Hwy, #8A Pensacola FL 32503. Phone:850-500-9663."

For more upcoming events, search through the [Agency for Persons with Disabilities \(APD\) Event Calendar!](#)



Webinars & Applications

[Supporting Individuals With Intellectual And Developmental Disabilities \(I/DD\) As They Age](#)
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
12:30pm-1:45pm EST

"Nationally, the number of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) over the age of 60 is steadily increasing and by 2030, the number of adults with I/DD aged 60 and older is projected to reach 1.2 million people. The physical, cognitive,

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and again in late 2018 and early 2019. In just three years, the percentage of students with disabilities rose from 2.7% to 4.6% at the 64 medical schools that responded to the survey in both years. This 69% relative rise was mainly due to growth in the percentage of students who disclosed a psychological disability or a chronic health condition. Psychological disabilities included anxiety, depression and eating disorders. Meeks notes that the reasons for the rise still need further study and may include many factors."

[Google Disability Support is more accessible with sign language specialists](#)

"Google is now ready to offer live help for accessibility features regardless of your hearing. The search firm now offers Disability Support through American Sign Language, letting you troubleshoot through video chat if you're deaf or hard-of-hearing. Connect Direct reps can walk you through setting up Live Caption on your Pixel, for example."

Tips, Briefs, & Guides

[10 Tips to Help You Survive Winter With a Chronic Illness](#)

This article provides tips for getting through the cold weather season, including getting your vitamin D levels checked, getting extra medication if you can in case you can't leave your house because of the weather, and asking for help.

[How To Make Workplaces More Welcoming For Employees With Disabilities](#)

This article provides tips to businesses to help make the workplace welcoming for people with disabilities, in the hopes of narrowing the employment gap between PWD and PWoD. Tips include ensuring that formal and

associated with the aging process typically manifest earlier and in different ways for individuals living with I/DD. These differences may raise unique challenges for clinicians, health plans, and providers who are engaged with individuals with I/DD and their families and caregivers. As a result, there are emerging opportunities for health plans and providers to support aging individuals living with I/DD and their families and caregivers through comprehensive, integrated care that addresses the needs of the whole person across the life span.

Speakers will share lessons learned and strategies for providing care for dually eligible individuals with I/DD across the lifespan."

[Microsoft Scholarship Program](#)

Application Deadline: Sunday, January 26, 2020

"We strongly encourage underrepresented groups to pursue STEM fields of study. Because we greatly value a broad range of perspectives and contributions, a large majority of our scholarships will be awarded to female students, underrepresented minority students (African-American, Hispanic or Native American etc.) or students with disabilities.

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language in the workplace.

[Personal Finance for Disabled People](#)

This site provides a simple guide to managing finances for people with disabilities. It includes a brief overview, considerations for a budgeting checklist, ideas for saving money, information about setting financial goals, and additional resources.

[How to Manage Doctors' Appointments When You're a 'Professional Patient'](#)

This guide provides tips and tricks to make doctors' appointments easier when you have a chronic illness or disability. Tips include using shortcuts like online check-ins when available, bring things you might need for comfort like snacks and pillows, and keeping medical information all in one place.

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final candidates on the holistic basis of eligibility, quality of application, demonstrated passion for STEM, commitment to leadership and financial need. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a bachelor's degree program at a four-year college or university in the United States, Canada or Mexico, show satisfactory progress toward an undergraduate degree in computer science, computer engineering or a related technical discipline such as electrical engineering, math, or physics, be able to demonstrate an interest in computer science, and must maintain a 3.0 GPA. All applicants are required to apply for a Microsoft internship and, if offered, must accept and complete the internship. Microsoft reserves the right not to offer an internship position to the scholarship recipient if an appropriate match cannot be found. Amount: Varies. "



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