April is Autism Awareness (and Acceptance) Month

Autism Self-Advocacy Network (ASAN) promotes acceptance as its primary focus during April, the traditional Autism Awareness Month. ASAN chooses to use the term "Autism Acceptance Month."

According to the Autism Self-Advocacy Network (ASAN), "Autism Acceptance Month promotes acceptance and celebration of autistic people as family members, friends, classmates, co-workers, and community members making valuable contributions to our world. Autism is a natural variation of the human experience, and we can all create a world which values, includes, and celebrates all kinds of minds.

In a nutshell, Autism Acceptance Month is about treating autistic people with respect, listening to what we have to say about ourselves, and making us welcome in the world."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April is Autism Awareness Month
April 1: Spring Term Classes Begin
April 2: Carleton Students present: College + Disability Panel at Northfield High School
April 7: First Five Week Course Drop Deadline
May 4-6: Midterm Break
May 13-21: Advising Days
TBD: Celiac Disease Focus Group

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Disability Services at Carleton

There’s still time! April 8 is the deadline for peer leader applications! Disability Services peer leaders mentor new students with disabilities, provide academic support, and plan events to build positive disability culture and community on campus.
DON'T FORGET!
Renew your accommodations for spring term today!
Please contact Chris or Jan in Disability Services if you have questions about this process.

PROFILE OF A PEER LEADER:
JR GREEN

Where are you from?
I'm from a tiny unincorporated community called Glen Rose in rural Arkansas.

What attracted you to being a peer leader? I had a great experience with my own peer leader mentor during my first year and hoped to help other students the same way she helped me. I also sought to work on community-building events, educational programming, and research about disability-related issues.

What's your favorite thing about being a peer leader? I love being able to work with mentees during their first terms and watch them grow and make a place for themselves at Carleton. I also enjoy the challenges of programming --brainstorming ideas, considering their advantages and pitfalls from every angle, and tackling challenges in order to bring plans to fruition is uniquely rewarding.

What are your plans for the summer? I’m not sure yet. I worked at Carleton last summer, so I think I might head back to Arkansas to spend time with family this year. I’m looking into volunteer opportunities there.

MANY THANKS...
To the Staff and Students of TRIO House for sharing their space with us for our DisabiliTEA study break during Winter Reading Days! A fun group gathered for tea (what else?!), hot chocolate, hummus and pita chips, fruit, and pastries. It was such a homey space to wind down together before going our separate ways for spring break. Watch for another DisabiliTEA event this term!

To the Staff and Students of OIIL for allowing us the use of their space and copier during Winter Finals Weekend. This allowed Chris and Jan to store some materials overnight, and to scan completed exams throughout the day.

120+
The number of accommodated final exams administered by Disability Services for Winter Term 2018!
A new record by 30%!

HAVE AN INTERVIEW COMING UP?
The Career Center (located in Johnson House) now has 4 Padfolio’s in stock for students to borrow for their interviews/career-fair needs!

What is a Padfolio you ask? A padfolio is a mix between a binder and a wallet, a place for you to store all your important papers while having all your other accessories easily accessible (tablet, pens, jump drives, business cards, etc.). It’s a great thing to carry with you on interviews or long Career Fairs. You can store your business cards and resumes on the left side and take notes throughout the day on the right!

How can you borrow one? Just go to the Career Center and ask to borrow one of the Padfolios. They are located on the bottom rack of the bookshelf and can be checked out by talking to an SCA or career counselor!

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