

Inspiring Futures College Mentorship Program

For Students with Intellectual Disabilities Interested in Higher Education

OVERVIEW

Students with intellectual disabilities (ID) are going to college in Colorado thanks to the Inclusive Higher Education programs across our state. **If you are a student with ID, you can go to college too!** By participating in our college mentorship program, you can learn about these college options directly from college students with ID and see if it's a good fit for you.

In this program, students will participate in 6 virtual mentorship sessions facilitated by <u>IN!</u> staff and led by college mentors. College mentors will be from current inclusive programs at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, University of Northern Colorado, Arapahoe Community College, and Regis University. Each week we will talk about a college topic in large and small groups. You will learn about what life is like in college and discuss what you want to do after high school. You will also get to interact with other high school and transition students that are interested in college.

DETAILS

The Inspiring Futures College Mentorship Program is Intended For:

- Students with intellectual disabilities (ID) that are interested in exploring college as an option after high school.
- Juniors and seniors in high school or students in a transition (18-21) program.

Key Dates

- Sept 15 Applications Due
- Sept 18-22 Student Interviews
- Sept 27 Weekly Mentorship Sessions Begin

Mentorship Session Schedule: Held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday from 4:30-5:30pm.

- Sept 27 Week 1: Get to know you & general mentor/mentee connection
- Oct 4 Week 2: Campus & social life in college
- Oct 11 Week 3: Academics in college
- Oct 18 Week 4: Career exploration
- Nov 1 Week 5: Independence & self-determination
- Nov 8 Week 6: Celebration & Concluding Q&A (parents welcome)

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION HERE

IN! is a non-profit organization that advocates for college access for students with intellectual disabilities in Colorado. More about IN! at <u>inclusivehighered.org</u>.

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