

Fall 2023 Webinar Series

IN! 101 + SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

(Student & Graduate Panel)



PATHWAYS TO INCLUSIVE
HIGHER EDUCATION

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Who We Are

IN! exists to create **inclusive** college opportunities in Colorado for students with intellectual disabilities (ID) to foster **academic growth, social development, career advancement, & independence.**

What We Do:

EDUCATION

OUTREACH

EXPANSION

OUTCOMES

*IN! does not provide direct services on campus

Webinar Objectives

- Understand inclusive college options for students with intellectual disabilities (ID) in Colorado.
- Identify common ways inclusive higher education programs promote and support social engagement during college.
- Hear from graduates and students about their experiences with social engagement during and after college.

Meet the Panelists

Panelist Introduction



- Your name
- Your school
- Your favorite part about going to college / being a part of inclusive higher education

Understanding Inclusive College Programs in CO

What is Inclusive Higher Education?

- Alternative admission pathway for students with intellectual disabilities*
- Fully inclusive & normative
- Students take courses that align with career goal
- Access accommodations & modifications
- Earn certificate credential
- Participate in career readiness and independent living
- Staff and peer mentor support in 4 domains:





- Elevate
- Arapahoe Community College
- Littleton, Colorado
- **Commuter Campus**
- 3 year program
- arapahoe.edu/elevate-acc



- Office of Inclusive Services (OIS)
- University of Colorado
- Colorado Springs, Colorado
- **On campus living**
- 4 year program
- inclusiveservices.ucsc.edu



- GOAL – Go On And Learn
- University of Northern Colorado
- Greeley, Colorado
- **On campus living**
- 4 year program
- unco.edu/unc-goal



- GLOBAL Inclusive Program
- Regis University
- Denver, Colorado
- **On campus living**
- 1-2 year program
- regis.edu/global

- Comprehensive Transition & Postsecondary Program (CTP) = Financial Aid
- Statewide Comprehensive Higher Education Certificate = Meaningful Outcome



- CSU RAM Scholars
- Colorado State University
- Fort Collins, Colorado
- Experiential learning and agriculture focus
- <https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/ramsolars/>



- Inclusive Higher Education Solutions
- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Denver, CO
- Program specifics coming soon
- msudenver.edu/IHES



- Rural university



- Community College

Coming Fall 2024

Coming Fall 2025

Promoting Social Engagement in Inclusive Higher Education Programs

Personal-Skills Supports

- Self-awareness, regulation, adaptability
- Schedule management
- Professional relationship awareness
- Communication of needs
- Relationship / conflict management
- Collaboration / active participation in group work, etc.
- Responsible risk taking
- Appropriate use of social media



General Supports (Vary by School)

- Required campus-life involvement
 - Facilitated meal groups
 - Attend a club/organization event
- Use of natural supports (peer mentors)
 - model behavior
 - identify opportunities for connection
 - accompany students to courses, events, off-campus activities
 - integrate students into the campus community



Peer Mentor Perspective



- What are various ways you support students' social development?
- What training/support do you receive from program staff to be the best mentor you can be?

Student Perspective



- What type of social events do/did you participate in around campus?
- What has been easy about that? What has been difficult about that?
- How have you seen yourself grow socially since attending college?
- How did/does your program support students socially? (What help do you get?)

Student Perspective



- How did you learn to navigate campus?
- How did you practice safety across campus?
- How else have you seen yourself grow since going to college?
- In general, how did college prepare you to be more independent?
- Anything else!

Conclusion



What is your greatest piece of advice for for students with Intellectual Disabilities who want to pursue college and grow socially?

Learn More & Get Involved

IN! works to raise awareness of the inclusive college options available throughout Colorado via webinars, informational sessions, mentorship opportunities, college prep resources, and more.

Helpful Links

- [IN! website](#)
- [IN! College Mentorship Program](#)
- [Self-Paced Modules: A deep dive into inclusive higher ed](#)
- [Monthly newsletter](#)

National Resources

- [Going to College Preparation Page](#)
- [ThinkCollege Program Search Page](#)
- [ThinkCollege Facilitating Social Connections on Campus](#)



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