DiversAbility Club at ECSU

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Why The Club Was Created

- I am a disabled female that goes to ECSU and during my time there I felt alone and like there was no one to share in my struggle and passion
- I was having issues on campus with accessibility and OAS was doing everything they could, but I felt hearing from students would be a stronger incentive
- I found like minded people and we all agreed that we could do something to help
  - Thus the club was made
Club Ideals

1. Bring together a community of people with disabilities and their supporters in a safe environment.
   a. In this environment they can express problems and issues both on campus and in their lives
2. Work to educate the campus community on disability rights and different topics
   a. Disabilities in education, disability history, proper etiquette
3. Fight for rights of people with disabilities both on campus and off
What We Do

1. Hold monthly educational talks open to all students and faculty
   a. Disability History, Autism Speaks, Ugly Laws, Disabilities in Politics, ETC…

2. Have weekly meetings where everyone is welcome, each week the topic changes

3. Go to national events like the Abilities Expo

4. Host accessible events and help educate other clubs on how to make their events accessible
   a. Silent Disco
Current Things

● Writing a letter to the President of the school about issues on campus
  ○ She is sending this letter we wrote to all students and faculty
    ■ We are talking about people pushing others in wheelchair without consent, distracting service animals (even when the handler has told them to stop), people taking and playing with others canes, and the lack of knowledge people have

● Hosting a speak out against Autism Speaks
  ○ We want to educate the students and faculty on why they should not support Autism Speaks and should support other organizations instead
J.U.S.T.I.C.E Event

J-Joyous

U-United

S-Society

T-Together

I-In

C-Connection and

E-Equity
J.U.S.T.I.C.E Event Continued

1. This is a school wide event where we want both students and faculty to attend
2. This is about disabilities in different cultures and educating people
3. All cultural/community clubs are being invited to talk about disabilities in their culture/community
4. Field experts are being invited to talk about disabilities
   a. Oakhill, Disability Rights CT, Husky Care, DDS, NuMotion, and more

1. We plan on having students hold tables about issues on campus
   a. One student will be holding a table on service animal etiquette
   b. One will be talking about mobility device etiquette
2. We will also be having the women’s center, pride center, intercultural center, OAS, and CAPS present as resources for students and faculty
The Future

1. Having a Disability center in our cultural wing
2. Have a mandated test like for Title IX that students have to take on disability etiquette and rights
3. Have mandated faculty training on disabilities
4. Have the school replace all push plates and change them to a sensor based system
5. Work with facilities on an intimate level on designing future buildings
6. Be a reference system for clubs when they want to host events to make them accessible
Thank You