

ROWAN UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES PRESENTS

ACCESS + INCLUSION WEEK 2021

OUR THEME - MOVING FORWARD - CELEBRATES ROWAN UNIVERSITY'S ABILITY TO COME TOGETHER DURING A PANDEMIC. STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF SHARED A COMMON BOND DEMONSTRATING THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS, EQUITY, NEURODIVERSITY AND UNIVERSAL DESIGN IN THE CLASSROOM AND ACROSS CAMPUS. THE WEEK IS DEDICATED TO PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS SHOWCASING THE LIVED EXPERIENCES OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND BEST PRACTICES IN SUPPORTING THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN COMMUNITY!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:30am in Student Center Room 221 - Welcome Ceremony

Join us for the welcome ceremony for Access and Inclusion Week! We will discuss what is ahead for the week and have a couple other surprises.

11am - Developing Self-Assessments for Holistic Environments and Inclusivity

Presenters: Rachel Budmen and Alicia Groatman, Academic Advising

[Click here to join the virtual presentation](#)

During our presentation, you can expect to learn more about what makes physical and virtual environments inclusive and you will have an opportunity to reflect on the physical and virtual spaces you use. We will also share a template for self-assessment that you can use for continued reflection and remediation, to create and cultivate inclusive spaces and interactions. Finally, we will share resources that you can use to work on becoming the best version of yourself, which can certainly be helpful in making your interactions with students move more smoothly and help guide them to be as successful as possible and have a more meaningful college experience.

12:30-3pm in Student Center Room 221 - Resource Fair

Access and Inclusion Week will provide a resource fair with different clubs and resources that can foster your inclusivity on campus.

3:30pm in Student Center Room 221 - Presentation: Are You as Inclusive as You Think?

Presenter: Garry Jones, Resiliency Coordinator, Student Affairs Office

Dialogue around inclusivity often stop after pronouns and dietary restrictions. However, there are many areas of inclusivity that we often overlook. Let's explore those, why they matter, and talk about ways we can make them part of the larger conversation.

5pm - Accessibility and Environmental Sustainability

Presenter: Steph Evans, Rowan Grad Student

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Environmental practices can often forget about or disregard accessibility needs. Accessibility and environmental issues coincide together regarding pollution, water quality, and energy usage. This presentation discusses the ways these two topics coincide and how environmental practices can be inaccessible to those with disabilities.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:30am - Your Accessible Libraries: What We Can Offer and How You Can Make the Most of It

Presenters: Ashley Lierman, Marryam Naqvi, Shilpa Rele, Christine Davidian, Bret McCandless, Sam Kennedy, Sharon An, Rowan Library

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This virtual introduction will highlight the accessibility tools and resources provided to students by the Rowan University Libraries, including technologies and spaces in the Campbell Library building, online and physical materials for doing research, and library faculty and staff who are available to help with assignments and more. Learn strategies for taking best advantage of what the Libraries have to offer, and getting access to everything you need to succeed.

11am in Student Center Room 129 - Disability in the Muslim and South Asian Community in the United States.

Presenter: Muqaddas Tahir, Rowan Alumni

This presentation will include stigmas around disabilities in the South Asian Community, the increasing number of disabilities and the required resources in the South Asian community. It will also include how special needs awareness work is emerging within the minority community and local faith institutions such as mosques, and what Islam says about disabilities.

12pm in the Library and outside the Student Center - Brain Break

Presented by Student Support Services

Have you been working really hard in preparation for the midterms? Don't you think you and your brain deserve a break? Join us in the library and outside the Student Center for music, games, and mindful and therapeutic activities. It's all brought to you by your favorite Rowan programs and organizations. Get your brain rested and ready to ace those midterms!

2pm - Living with Jeune's Syndrome: In-between Visibility and Invisibility

Presenter: David Schweizer, Rowan Student

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Have you heard of Jeune's Syndrome? Discover and talk with someone with a rare genetic pulmonary disorder.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

11am in Business Hall Room 208 - Making the Most of Your Tutoring Experience: Success Tips and Strategies for Neurodivergent Students

Presenters: Laura Repsher, Tutoring Coordinator and Lea Donaghy, Tutoring Graduate Coordinator

Coming to tutoring can be very nerve-wracking, especially not knowing where to start. This presentation will help you learn different skills and techniques to help you make the most of your tutoring sessions. Come to your session confident! The tutoring center is here to support you.

12:30-3:15pm in Student Center Room 129 - Art and Power Workshop

Presenter: Elizabeth Shores, Professor, Art Department

Free monoprinting workshop. All are welcome, no art experience necessary.

3:30pm in James Hall Room 2093 - Writing Using Storytelling

Presenter: Shirley Wenner, Professor, Department of Interdisciplinary and Inclusive Education

"I don't know what to write." But, everyone, young and old, has stories to tell. This presentation will provide an enjoyable activity for transferring a verbal story into its written form: easy and appropriate for all ages. Participants will be both storytellers and listeners, helping each other to narrow the topic, tell their story, edit, and write a finished product.

6pm in Student Center Room 221 - Access and Inclusion Week Student Panel

Join us for a panel of neurodiverse students and other students with disabilities to hear their experiences and their stories.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

10am-12pm in Discovery Hall Room 100A - Access and Inclusion in Campus Public Space Workshop

Presenter: Dr. Jen Kitson, Professor, Department of Geography, Planning, and Sustainability

What would make outdoor campus public space more inviting for you? What are some barriers to using and enjoying outdoor public spaces on campus that you've observed? We want to know! Stop by the first floor of Discovery Hall on 10/28 from 10 – 12; grab a snack and share your experience with us (Geography, Planning, & Sustainability students).

12:30pm in James Hall Room 2093 - Words Matter: Using the Language of Inclusive Pedagogy in Classroom Settings

Presenter: Dr. Cori Brown, Professor, Department of Interdisciplinary and Inclusive Education

We all strive to be student-centered instructors in the classroom. Part of creating an inclusive classroom is understanding and using language that fosters an inviting and engaging learning experience for ALL students. Come join in this interactive dialogue presentation and leave with specific tips and techniques you can implement in your teaching and learning spaces.

3:30pm in Student Center Room 127 - Framing Cultural Context Conversations

Presenter: Michael Morgan, Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance

This is an interactive workshop. Participants will be introduced to and experience “Cultural Context Conversations” originally developed by Phil Thompson and Andrea Caban as part of Knight-Thompson Speechwork Training. Through dialogue, participants will investigate our individual and shared cultural context. We will listen, dismantle preconceived notions, and cultivate a new understanding of each other and the work.

5pm - PATH-Lockheed Martin Event: The Impact of an Internship

[Click here to join the virtual presentation](#)

Join us for a virtual session to discuss a partnership between Rowan University's PATH Program and Lockheed Martin. You will hear about the Lockheed Martin internship experience, student perspectives on the value of an internship, and lessons learned.

9pm in Student Center - Access and Inclusion Week Open Mic Night

Presented by Rowan After Hours

RAH has teamed up with the Academic Success Center to bring you our annual Access and Inclusion Open Mic Night! To celebrate Rowan's Access and Inclusion week, we invite students to sign up and showcase their talents in a night hosted by musicians Ryan “Gooch” and Brianna Nelson. There will also be chances to win some great prize packs throughout the night, so be sure to join us!

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11am in Wellness Center - Chill & Chat

Presented by Healthy Campus Initiatives

Join the team of Healthy Campus Initiatives and the ASL Club to have a conversation!

12:30pm - Online Accommodations: What do Faculty Need to Know?

Presenter: Shaun Holland, Instructional Design Coordinator, Rowan Global

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Faculty are often faced with a confusing, daunting task when presented with a need for accommodation. This confusion is often exacerbated when working within the online or hybrid medium. Shaun Holland, Instructional Design Coordinator for Rowan Online will present a brief overview of how Rowan Online can help, common questions that have come up and how to get technical support.

2pm in the Rec Center - Open Dance Class

3pm - Redefining Dance & Disability with AXIS Dance Company

Presented by Axis Lecture - College of Performing Arts, Rowan Recreation Center, and Dance Extensions

[Click here to reserve tickets](#)

As part of Rowan's Access & Inclusion Week, AXIS Dance Company will present an hour-long program, showing video of current material, lecture, and question and answer session. AXIS Dancers will showcase work and give information on company history as well as on personal dance and disability history.