



## OCTOBER IS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

**WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER TO HELP  
ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO EQUAL ACCESS  
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Myth:** There is nothing one person can do to help eliminate the barriers confronting people with disabilities.

**Fact:** Everyone can contribute to change. You can help remove barriers by:

- Understanding the need for accessible parking and leaving it for those who need it.
- Encouraging participation of people with disabilities in community activities by using accessible meeting and event sites.
- Understanding children's curiosity about disabilities and people who have them.
- Advocating a barrier-free environment
- Speaking up when negative words or phrases are used about disability.
- Accepting people with disabilities as individuals capable of the same needs and feelings as yourself, and hiring qualified disabled persons whenever possible.

**PURSUE SUCCESS WITH EQUAL ACCESS**

## Be Mindful Of Persons With Disabilities

### People Who Are Blind

- Identify yourself before you make physical contact with a person who is blind. Tell them your name and your role, such as fellow student.

### People with Hidden Disabilities

- Not all disabilities are obvious.
- If someone has "unusual" requests such as needing information written down, this person may have a disability. They should have their needs respected whenever possible.

### People Who Use Service Animals

- Some people who are Deaf, blind, or who have traumatic brain injury, seizure disorder, etc. may use a service animal to assist them with daily living.
- Do not touch the service animal without permission.

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