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College Autism Network News and Notes

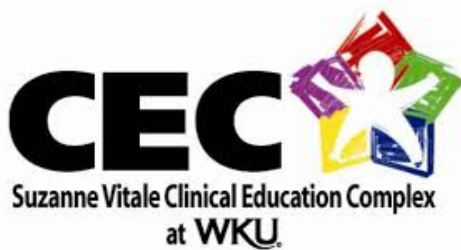
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COLLEGE AUTISM SUMMIT OFFERS VALUABLE PRECONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

During this year's [College Autism Summit](#), we are offering four very different preconference workshops, all scheduled for Sunday, October 13 from 1 pm until 4 pm. Which one is right for you?

Building Blocks for a New Autism Program: Led by Amy Rutherford of UT-Chattanooga and Matt Segall of Emory University, this workshop is ideal for any professional who is starting a new campus autism program, is thinking about starting a new program, or has a new program that is ready to move to the next level. Limited to 40 participants.

Sponsored by the Suzanne Vitale Clinical Education Complex at Western Kentucky University



College to Career: The Next Frontier: Led by Kendra Evans

Newsletter Highlights

College Autism Summit
Preconference
Opportunities: Space is
Limited! Don't Delay

Inclusive Academia
Premieres on YouTube to
Promote ND Programs

40 Study Tips for ND
Students Now Available

Grab Your Calendar: July
CANVAS Call

News from Member and
Other Programs: Bellevue
College and Austin Peay
University



of RIT, this program will offer participants valuable information about a career readiness curriculum, the Neurodiverse Hiring Initiative. This outstanding curriculum spans the college experience and prepares students for a variety of career options. Limited to 40 participants.

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Program Leaders' Collaborative: If you are the leader of a campus autism or ND program, consider joining your peers for an afternoon of learning and networking. Presenters will address topics determined by surveying current program leaders seeking to sharpen their skills. Make new connections while you learn from experienced colleagues. Limited to 40 participants.

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Student Experience: We are excited to have 40 autistic undergraduates join us for the Summit. Their experience begins with this lunch and workshop led by John Caldora of the University of Kentucky and Jastyn Wallace of Ohio State University. This workshop is free, but registration is required, and there is a limit of 40 student participants, so please sign up early.

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To participate in any of these preconference workshops, you must register for the [Summit](#). The cost for each of the first three is \$75 for CAN members and \$115 for non-members if you register by September 24 (there is no charge for the Student Experience workshop). Space is limited to 40 for each workshop.

YOUTUBE OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE

PROGRAMS AND SHARE INFO WITH PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS



Want to promote your program? Want to hear about other programs? Subscribe to a new YouTube channel, “[Inclusive Academia](#).” CAN is excited to partner with this initiative to provide valuable information for neurodivergent high school students and their families navigating post-high school options. There are video interviews with a number of program directors. These interviews help a program come to life (versus a website), and give prospective students a feel for the approach a program takes to supporting autistic and other ND students. Please give these videos a look, subscribe to the channel to hear when new ones are posted, and if you think this is something you’d like to do, please contact Inclusive Academia directly, specifically [Matt Gunter](#), its producer.

GREAT RESOURCE TO SHARE WITH STUDENTS



Here's a handy resource, "[40 Study Tips for Neurodiverse Students](#)," outlining study tips for neurodivergent students created by Studocu, a student-created organization that provides all sorts of student support information. It actually begins with "How to find a college which caters to neurodiversity" (see above article for our own tip on this need).

UPCOMING MEMBERS' CALL: CANVAS ON JULY 9



After its one-month hiatus so Brett can catch his breath, CANVAS resumes for the 2024-25 academic year!

Join us on *Tuesday, July 9 at 1 pm ET* to hear Alex Newson, PhD (University of Oregon), Erin Hopkins PhD (Case Western Reserve University), Lauren Collier, MA (Associate Director for Disability Services at University of Massachusetts Amherst), Liam Whitney, MS Ed., (COMS, VRT), and Madeline Mueller (MSSW/MPH Candidate at Columbia University):

Title: Cultivating Community through Research: A Participatory Project Exploring the Experiences of Autistic Burnout and Educator Burnout for Autistic Educators in the United States

Description: In their AIR-P-funded project, *Double Burnout: Exploring the Experiences of Autistic and Educator Burnout Among Autistic Educators*, the presenters have purposefully curated a space where Autistic educators and researchers can collaborate effectively. Guided by principles of community-based participatory research

(CBPR), the team of Autistic Community Partners (ACPs), Autistic researchers, and allied researchers engaged in all phases of the research project, from design to dissemination. In this presentation they will discuss the logistics of actively including Autistic perspective through the applied example of how they collaborated to develop a model for Autistic flourishing and burnout. They will review lessons learned and ways that their collaboration strengthened study quality, provided learning opportunities for ACPs, and allowed for increased accessibility and communication. To indicate your plan to attend, please sign up on the agenda, which you can find [right here](#).

Link for call: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5235660844?omn=87292221392>

NEWS FROM MEMBER PROGRAMS

BELLEVUE COLLEGE'S NAVIGATORS PROGRAM GETS SOME SEATTLE ATTENTION



It's always great to see CAN's member programs get a shout-out in their local media. Here's a [nice piece](#) about Bellevue College's outstanding Navigators program, published by a magazine that covers Seattle.

AUSTIN PEAY'S FULL SPECTRUM LEARNING PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTED ON LOCAL SITE



FSL director Emmanuel Mejeun is an active CAN member, and one of our favorite people, so it's wonderful to [see his work featured on ClarksvilleNow](#), touting the program's growth in students and staff over the last few years.

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU



Was your program featured recently in a local media outlet (newspaper, magazine, website, TV news [which we hear people still sometimes watch])? **Send us the link** and we'll feature it in an upcoming CAN newsletter.

SHORT NEWSLETTER?



Yep. It's summer. Go read something more fun than our CAN newsletter.

This newsletter is published monthly by the [College Autism Network](#), an independent 501(c)3 organization supporting the success of autistic college students and the professionals who work with them. Want to share an article? Feature an upcoming event? Post a job opportunity in autism support services? Our monthly newsletter reaches over 2000 self-advocates and professionals. Send it [to Lee](#) and we'll share it.

Was someone nice enough to forward this newsletter to you? We're happy to add you to our mailing list to receive it directly. [Send us a note.](#)

If you appreciate our work, please consider [joining CAN](#) to receive additional information and discounts on some of our resources and to support our work. Individual and organizational memberships are available.

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