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College Autism Network News and Notes

August 2024

A TASTE OF THE SUMMIT



What is the best thing about the [College Autism Summit](#)? The exhibitors and employers and their excitement about meeting campus professionals and neurodivergent students? The bottomless pots of coffee and tea? The dreamy-eyed researchers imagining their next multiple analysis of variance? The student panel that reminds us of the WHOLE POINT? Or a combination of these things? We hope you're excited about any and all of it and that you'll join us in Columbus, OH, October 13-16. If you know, you know, and if you don't, you're about to find out what makes the Summit almost everyone's favorite conference.

Here are *some* of the programs that have been confirmed:

- How College Words Land on High School Ears - Tailoring Your Message of Support for Success in Enrollment... and Outcomes
- Co-Mentorship as a Catalyst for Employment Outcomes in Neurodivergent College Students
- Not Your (neuro)Typical Girl: Women, Neurodiversity, and Higher Education

Newsletter Highlights

Summit sessions look...
a-may-zing

August calls for members:
CANVAS (Aug 9)
Program Leaders (Aug 14)

Stuff worth reading

Coming in February: CAN in
Arizona

Landmark Offers ND/LD
Certificates—deadline
approaching

Where will the 2025
Summit be? Cast your vote.



- Pivoting Your Passion and Embracing Change on the Autism Spectrum
- The World-Building Power of Dungeons & Dragons Therapy
- Shifting the Paradigm: Understanding the Impact of Cognitive Load on Workplace Success
- ASD and Co-Occurring Eating Disorders
- “No One Wants to Understand Me Enough to Make It Better”: ND College Students’ Experiences & Strategies Navigating Life at a Midwest University

The Summit happens at the intersection of research and practice, the corner of neurodiversity and educational rigor, and the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Columbus. It is an affordable, enjoyable, educational experience for campus practitioners, researchers, employers and autistic students who want to influence the conversation about neurodiversity on campus and in the workplace. Early registration prices end on September 24. Discounted hotel rooms are going fast. We hope to see you there!

[Here's where to register.](#)

**UPCOMING MEMBERS' CALLS ON
AUGUST 9 AND 14: JOIN US FOR
ONE OR BOTH**

AUGUST CANVAS CALL: AUGUST 9



Title: Predictors of Sexual Victimization Among Autistic and Non-Autistic College Students

Presenter: Dr. Natalie Libster (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Vanderbilt University Medical Center)

Fri, August 9 at 12pm EST

Meeting Agenda: [Please indicate if you plan on joining us here!](#)

Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5235660844?omn=89759179454>

Presentation Description: Sexual victimization is a critical and prevalent issue on college campuses, and undergraduate students with certain disabilities are more likely than students without disabilities to be sexually victimized. The current study examined whether autistic college students are more likely than non-autistic students to experience unwanted sexual contact and sexual assault, controlling for co-occurring diagnoses. This study further examined whether students with other disabilities, specifically ADHD, learning disability (LD), and psychological disorders, are more likely than students without these disabilities to experience unwanted sexual contact and sexual assault.

PROGRAM LEADERS' CALL: PARENT COACHING STRATEGIES



PARENT COACH
PROFESSIONALS

August 14 at 4 pm ET

Join a conversation with Colin Cass and Mary Hickey of Parent Coach Professionals who will offer tips and strategies for building positive relationships with parents. If you'd like to be part of our Program Leaders' list and get the link to this and other calls, please [contact Lee](#) to be added to the list. You'll then receive a reminder with the Zoom link.

INTERESTING ARTICLES FROM AROUND THE INTERNET AND OTHER PLACES

ABOUT KIDS, BUT HAS SOME RELEVANCE FOR HOW WE WORK WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS



While this [piece from Psychology Today](#) focuses more on younger students, it's a good reminder that there is tremendous power in reframing a challenging situation. Sometimes it's good to see the world through others' eyes.

THOUGHTS ABOUT LANGUAGE AND NEURODIVERSITY FROM OUR UK COLLEAGUES



This is a [great article to share](#) with colleagues--faculty and staff--if you are hoping to give them an important understanding of the neurodiversity all around them.

SAVE THE DATE! ARIZONA IN FEBRUARY



This is our first official note about an event that might be of interest to you if you are in the Southwest. CAN is partnering with Arizona State University, the University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University and Mesa Community College to host a 2-day professional conference, “Building Bridges for Autistic Students to College and Beyond.” This multi-purpose conference will have meaningful content for college-bound autistic students and their families, high school personnel who help guide them, and college- and university-based professionals who

support them once they enroll. More details to come, but mark your calendars for February 20-21. Watch this space for more details in the next couple of months.

LANDMARK OFFERS ONLINE ND AND LD CERTIFICATE



LANDMARK C O L L E G E

August 25 is the application deadline for fall courses in Landmark College's highly regarded online certificate program in Learning Differences and Neurodiversity. Participants can take individual, 8-week courses or pursue a graduate-level certificate with a choice of specializations in Autism on Campus and Online, Executive Function, or Postsecondary Disability Services. The certificate program draws an engaged group of educators, counselors, disability services professionals, parents, and neurodiversity advocates.

Fall courses running September 13 - November 20 are:

- "Understanding and Supporting Diverse Learners"
- "Leveraging Universal Design and Learning Technologies for Student Success".

See the certificate website or contact Carol Beninati, Certificate Program Coordinator, at institute@landmark.edu or (802) 387-1662

WANT TO HAVE A SAY IN THE LOCATION OF THE 2025 SUMMIT?



Please take a moment to fill out this [brief survey](#) about potential sites for the 2025 College Autism Summit. Thank you!

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 2400 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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