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West Chester University's Dub-C Autism Program Recognized as Outstanding Autism Program of the Year

On Tuesday, October 15, the College Autism Network named West Chester University's Dub-C Autism Program (also known as "DCAP") the recipient of its 2024 Outstanding Autism Support Program. The award was announced at the College Autism Summit, a national conference with 300 professionals and students in attendance.

DCAP, led by director Cherie Fishbaugh, was recognized as a model program among the more than 140 autism support programs that are members of the College Autism Network. DCAP began in 2016, and currently serves 105 West Chester University students. In addition, DCAP supports a summer initiative, the College Autism Readiness Retreats (CARR), an innovative and much-admired program to smooth the transition to college for West Chester students and others.

DCAP and Fishbaugh were recognized for being a program that "supports other professionals, providing mentorship and encouragement, especially to other programs in the Greater Philadelphia region," according to a nominator.

The College Autism Network is a national nonprofit organization that links varied stakeholders engaged in evidence-guided efforts to improve access, experiences and outcomes for autistic college students. Founded in 2016, CAN supports research, training and advocacy with a goal of helping colleges and universities improve their services to autistic students.

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