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Hello Siskiyous!

April is Autism Acceptance Month which focusses on the inclusion and acceptance of those with different neurologies. At the end of this email, there's a variety of resources that can assist in creating connections, providing support and creating a sense of belonging. Thank you Liz Jungermann for the valuable resources and for bringing these efforts to our attention!

This week's updates:

- **Enrollment Report:** Can be accessed [here](#).
- **Office of Institutional Research Report:** : The Office of Research completed a research request to emulate a study done at another community college related to the predictability of degree completion given certain parameters. Read the full report in this month's Campus Connection which can be accessed [here](#). THANK YOU JT and Makenna for this insightful and interesting report!
- **REMINDER: ACCJC Peer Review Site Visit May 1st (Yreka @ 10a), May 2nd and May 3rd:** Everyone should have received Outlook invites for the sessions in which the Peer Team as requested to meet with you. As a reference, I have attached our 8 Core Inquiries as well as final agenda.

SJEDI Corner

- **American Association of University Women & Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center Presentation:** Thursday April 20th at 5:30p located at the Wine Bar and Bistro 314 S Broadway St, Yreka, CA 96097.
- **Classified Professionals Leadership and Career Advancement Series: What can I do to stand up to injustice and inequity?:** Friday April 21 @ 12pm - Learn to recognize injustice/inequity, gain skills in having your voice heard and enhance your upstander capacity. Click [here](#) to register.
- **REGISTER NOW: 2023 Black Student Success Week:** Registration is now open for 2023 Black Student Success Week, scheduled for April 24 through April 28. This year's theme is "Vision to Action: Building Systems and Structures for Black Student Success." To learn more and to register, click [here](#).

Autism Acceptance Month resources (thanks again Liz Jungermann!):

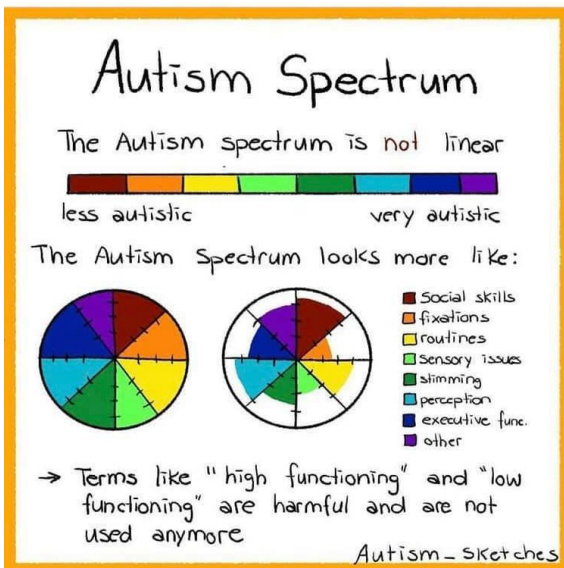
- 10 things colleges should

know: <https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2021/10/20/lessons-teaching-students-autism-spectrum-opinion>

- Autistic faculty and staff: <https://www.chronicle.com/newsletter/your-career/2023-03-20>
- How to make the classroom more welcoming: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/how-to-teach-your-many-neurodivergent-students>

Autistic Community Points of Information:

- Most prefer identity-first language (autistic person not person with autism)
- Kids do not grow out of autism and adult diagnoses are on the rise
- Terms like high functioning and low functioning are problematic and outdated
- The blue puzzle piece created by Autism Speaks to represent autism is outdated, as autism is not a puzzle that needs to be solved. Blue was used, since it was once believed that only males can be autistic. Female diagnoses are also on the rise. Many in the community have denounced Autism Speaks.
- A rainbow infinity symbol is now used
- Most autistic characters in movies and TV are based on stereotypes and are not representative of the autistic community. This leads to many autistic people being questioned and their diagnosis not being believed. Autistic people have identifiable similarities, but it is truly a spectrum
- Autism is not a mental health condition, it is a neurological and developmental disorder.
- Autism falls under the umbrella term neurodiverse/neurodivergent (ND) which includes other diagnoses such as ADHD and dyslexia



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