

**COLLEGE LEADERSHIP FORUM
FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (CLF)**

July 27- July 30, 2012

WHAT IS THE CLF?

- Four-day leadership and transition training program for students with disabilities in college or post secondary programs.
- Model program sponsored and developed locally with collaboration from Iowa State University and Des Moines Area Community College.
- A collaborative effort between the Department for the Blind and Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

WHY HAVE THE FORUM?

According to the National Organization on Disability, 12% of students with disabilities graduate from college versus 23% without disabilities, yet 55% of college graduates with disabilities are unemployed compared to 14% of college graduates who do not have disabling conditions.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM?

Students with Disabilities in College or Post Secondary Programs with Disabilities and Who...

- Demonstrate leadership potential;
- Demonstrate involvement in the community or extra-curricular activities;
- Demonstrate the ability to interact effectively with other students and programs;
- Are representative of Iowa in terms of geographic region, gender, ethnicity and disability.

GOALS

- Students with disabilities in college or post secondary programs will become encouraged and empowered to reach their employment goals;
- Students with disabilities in college or post secondary programs will be knowledgeable about resources available to them to become successfully employed adults;
- College students with disabilities will be interact with professionals with disabilities who are recognized leaders and role models;
- College students with disabilities will become employed and self-sufficient as they transition into the workforce.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN AT THE FORUM?

- Setting goals toward transition and independence
- ADA and self-advocacy in attaining goals
- Reasonable accommodations
- Resume writing
- Job search
- Interviewing
- and much more

WHO: Students with disabilities in college or post secondary programs will be selected to attend through a competitive selection process.

WHEN: July 27 – July 30, 2012

WHERE: Iowa State University

COST: **Students/participant will not be charged to attend this forum.** Funding for this project is supported by the Iowa Division of Persons with Disabilities, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and the Iowa Department for the Blind.

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