



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Day

California joins the nation in recognizing Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Day, an opportunity to uplift the importance of inclusive higher education for college students with and without an intellectual disability.

California colleges and universities offer 22 inclusive post-secondary programs. Students from all backgrounds enjoy academic and social benefits when taught together in inclusive classrooms, and students with intellectual disabilities who attend inclusive postsecondary education are more likely to have competitive, integrated jobs after college.

California recognizes that access to inclusive post-secondary education and training is vital to preparing individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for the workforce. That's why my Administration launched the development of a new Master Plan on Career Education that will guide the state's work to promote equitable access to career pathways and hands-on learning for Californians of all backgrounds, inclusive of ability. Also this year, we launched a Master Plan for Developmental Disabilities to strengthen bridges to inclusive education and employment. The Cradle-to-Career Governing Board is also advancing a proposal that would expand their data system to include the Department of Developmental Services.

Our state is proud to join with students, educators, universities, colleges, families, and other partners in celebrating Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Day. Today and every day, let us all do our part to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with intellectual disabilities and to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions to the prosperity and vitality of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

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