2016 DIVERSABILITY EVENTS
OCTOBER

Saturday, October 1, 2016
Ability Athletes Seated Volleyball Game
Immediately after Women’s Volleyball Game
(Women’s Volleyball game begins at 8pm)
Rec Hall
• Seated Volleyball Game – Ability Athletes vs. Women’s Rugby Team

Monday, October 3, 2016
Ensuring Accessibility with the Sites at Penn State WordPress Platform
1:30pm – 2:30pm
Sites at Penn State (Zoom Webinar)
• This webinar will review accessibility option in the updated Sites at Penn State WordPress platform and explain how to navigate the different options available in the new system.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016
Serving Patrons with Disabilities
10:00am – 12:00pm
Foster Auditorium, Paterno Library, Media Site Live
• Providing the best service to Library patrons is important. In doing this, we need to be aware of the needs of our patrons. This session presented by Disability Coordinators and patrons with disabilities and will provide information to help serve all patrons.

Thursday, October 6, 2014
Canvas Accessibility
8:45am – 11:30am
Adobe Connect
• This hands-on session will cover Penn State policy on course accessibility and different techniques and resources to optimize the accessibility of course content in Canvas, for users with different disabilities.
Friday, October 7, 2016
Accessibility: Optimizing Word and PowerPoint Files
8:30am – 11:30am
• This hands-on session will focus on optimizing materials for accessibility, using tools in Word and PowerPoint 2013. Participants will use these tools to create a Word document and a PowerPoint presentation that has been optimized for accessibility. Best practices for formatting and design will be discussed.

Sunday, October 9, 2016
Chicago Marathon
• Penn State Ability Athletes competing in Chicago Marathon. Brett Gravatt and Michelle Wheeler, along with other PSU students will be participating.

Monday, October 10, 2016
Optimizing Accessibility in Your Canvas Syllabus
Noon – 1:00pm
Zoom Webinar
• It is important that all course materials meet accessibility standards, but sometimes the course syllabus is neglected when preparing a course. This webinar will explain how to create an accessible syllabus online and on paper.

Thursday, October 13
Disability in the Workplace: An Employment Perspective
6:00pm – 7:30pm
Foster Auditorium, Paterno Library
• People with disabilities need to understand their employment rights. A distinct focus will include various employment opportunities and initiatives fostered through the Department of Labor. Presenters will include Taryn Williams, Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Labor, former Presidential Advisor on the Disability Community; Penn State staff, faculty and students.
Thursday, October 13, 2016
*Using 3D Printing to Increase Accessibility*
2:00pm – 3:00pm
Zoom Webinar
- This session will discuss some uses of 3D printing to provide accessible content for different disciplines in both the arts and the sciences.

Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16, 2016
*Paralympic Experience with Navy Wounded Veterans*
- October 15 – sled hockey at Pegula Ice Arena (time TBA) – Attendees are invited to participate in a sled hockey experience.
- October 16 – Track and Field (1:00pm – 3:00pm) at the Multisport Complex - Attendees will be able participate in Track and Field coaching clinics led by Teri Jordan, Ability Athletics Coach.

Tuesday, October 18, 2016
- Ability Athletes Recognition at Men’s Soccer Game against Akron. Being recognized are Emily Frederick, Brett Gravatt, Max Rohn, and Sean Brame.

Tuesday, October 18, 2016
*The Power of People, Partnership, Perception and Potential: A Discussion with OVR Executive Director David DeNotaris*
6:30pm – 8pm
Foster Auditorium, Paterno Library
- David DeNotaris is a published author, and international powerlifting champion, husband, father, and Executive who also happens to be totally blind. Come and learn more about what it takes to be successful in college, life and work, as well as strategies for overcoming obstacles, fear and rejection. No one rises to low expectations! David DeNotaris believes that his disability does not define him. In this session, he will share his experiences as a student growing up with a disability in a public school and what he learned through networking, athletics, community service and volunteerism. David will also speak to students about his own experiences as a college student who was in denial of his disability and what he learned as a job seeker with a disability, focusing on the power of perception, how you perceive yourself, how you perceive others and how other’s perceive you. David will conclude his session with lessons he’s learned from mentors and strategies for building your Board of Directors, who you are taking advice from, who is in your network and who is encouraging you.
Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Testing the Accessibility of Websites with the Functional Accessibility Evaluator and Companion Tools
2:00pm – 3:00pm
Zoom Webinar

- This session will review a suite of free accessibility testing tools developed by the University of Illinois – Functional Accessibility Evaluator 2.0 (“FAE 2.0”), A1spector Sidebar for Firefox and Accessibility Bookmarklets. We will talk about the methods of using these tools to evaluate the accessibility of websites, web pages and web applications, as well as the benefits and limitations of these tools.

Monday, October 24, 2016

Accessibility: Optimizing Canvas Courses for Accessibility
8:45am – 11:30am
Via Meeting@PennState (Adobe Connect)

- This training session is part of the Canvas Learning Path. Please visit the Learning Path [https://psu.instructure.com/courses/1741795] to find important materials, resources, and context that will help you get the most out of your learning experience before, during, and after the live training session.

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

An Evening with Ms. Wheelchair America: Dr. Alette Coble-Temple crowned MWA 2016
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Freeman Auditorium, HUB

- Dr. Alette Coble-Temple, a licensed clinical psychologist and professional woman with Cerebral Palsy, captivates audiences across the country on a new perspective, how to use disability as an employee asset. She combines her research with personal experiences to bring to life the systemic challenges faced by people with disabilities in a society that traditionally discriminates against people with disabilities in the work force. By challenging the status quo, and inviting a new perspective both employers and employees leave her presentation with a new model on disability and employment, and strategies on how to market one’s disability in the work force. She lives with Cerebral Palsy and much of her work has focused on disability rights. In 2015 she won the Ms. Wheelchair California pageant.
Thursday, October 27, 2016
Understanding Disability Culture from an International Perspective
11:00am – 12:00pm
124 CEDAR Building

- A panel presentation will describe the experiences of several Penn State students and faculty members who participated in a 4-week course, “Ireland: Culture and Disability” that was held in Dublin and Galway. As part of this course, students participated in a 5-day international conference on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We will talk about what we gained from our experiences in learning about disability culture and, in particular, between that within Ireland and the United States. Students interested in participating in this course that will be offered next May/June may find this presentation particularly useful.

Saturday, October 29, 2016
Run, Walk, and Roll – One Mile Race with Ability Athletes
9:00am at Rec Hall
Come join the one mile race beginning at 9:00am with Ability Athletes, PSU celebrity athletes, and individuals with disabilities. Or join the 9:15am starting time if you prefer to walk the course. Proceeds from the race support Penn State Ability Athletes and our local Wounded Warriors.

Sunday, October 30, 2016
(Time and Location will be announced)
Trick or Treat Wheelchair Basketball