# Collaborations with University Partners for Inclusive Engagement in the COVID Campus

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Association for Higher Education and Disability
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We ask you to join us in creating a culture that reflects...

Access and Inclusion

and

Civility and Respect

...consistent with the <u>AHEAD Statement of Civility</u> during our conference and in all aspects of our organization.



### **Meet the Presenters**

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### Introduction

- Disability Resource Center
  - Intentional effort to promote campus wide inclusivity
  - Classroom, Housing, and Campus Life
- Student Affairs Division
  - "Creating Experiences for Life" for all students



### Introduction

- Engaged Divisional Leadership
  - Understand the need for and practice of campus accessibility.
- Departmental Partnerships
  - Facilitate mission of DRC and the Division



# **Campus Commitment to Accessibility**

- "...open and accessible to all students with disabilities. We are committed to providing assistance to enable qualified students the opportunity to accomplish their educational goals and assuring equal opportunity to derive the benefits of campus life..."
- Accessibility is the minimum, Inclusivity is what we strive to achieve.



- Campus Activities and Involvement Center and Disability Resource Center
  - Annual Film Series
    - Murder Ball
    - Just Add Water
    - Darius Goes West
    - Mary and Max



- Behind the Scenes
  - Funding
  - Community and Business Partnership
  - Relationship Building
- Inclusive Language Over the Years
  - UNCWelcome Booklet: Through the wide range of programs offered, we encourage the full participation of all students, faculty, and staff.. (continued on next slide)



 ...including those with disabilities, and have worked to make events and programs accessible to all. Should you have questions and concerns about disability access, contact the sponsoring office for that event for additional information. Many of the events are specifically targeted to military, off-campus, non-traditional, and transfer students, so look for those words in the event titles and descriptions.



- Campus Life and Disability Resource Center
  - Training for student staff
    - Planning
    - Skits
    - Discussion
  - Film Captioning
  - Nyle DiMarco



# COVID-19 Response

- Shift to primarily online programming
- Closed captioning and recorded presentations / workshops
- Adaptation of services
- Relied on DRC expertise to ensure student needs are met









### **Questions or Comments?**



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### **Session Evaluation**

- Link to Session Evaluation Form tinyurl.com/AHEAD2020-SessionEval
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- Thank you for attending!

