

DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK

Disability and Sports: Level Playing Fields

April 4-7, 2016

CALENDAR

Mon. April 4th

10:20-11:20am | room M239
Kickoff Event - Q&A with Victor Calise
Light Refreshments will be served

Victor Calise is a sled hockey coach, sled hockey paralympian who represented the U.S. in 1998 in Japan, and currently the Commissioner for the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities. Come hear how Mr. Calise recovered from a spinal cord injury in 1994 and achieved every athlete's dream of participating on the world stage.

1:50-2:50pm | Gym Room G102
Level Playing Fields NYC: From Playgrounds to Games

Come learn about the evolution of NYC playgrounds and how some of them have become accessible to people of all abilities, or what we like to call level playing fields. After learning about play spaces, try an inclusive game to see how we can engage people of all abilities in play.

Tues. April 5th

5-7pm | Gym Room G101
Junior Nets Access Your Ability Clinic

Brooklyn Nets/Junior Nets and Unity Sports Teach Basketball

Join the Junior Nets for a one day basketball clinic for adults with Autism and Intellectual Disabilities. During the clinic participants will be practicing the basics through drills and competitions. Participants will learn a variety of drills to make themselves a more complete basketball player. We will have station work - ball handling, shooting, passing, and defensive systems. We will also have plenty of game situations and contests for our participants. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wed. April 6th

10:20-11:20am | Room V219
Adapted Taekwondo Demonstration with KCC Student Margot Cole

Margot Cole is a student at Kingsborough and has been doing adapted Taekwondo since 2014, which has improved her balance, coordination, physical strength, ability to focus, and self-confidence. Margot has also written and directed 3 short films, "Drama Sighted," "Only Those Who Limp Allowed," and "Crips Not Creeps," which can be found on YouTube.

11:30-12:30pm | Room V219
Volunteerism, Internships and Careers in Sports – Career Panel

Featuring Edmond Laryea Broadcast Associate, CBS Sports Network (Former Rutgers linebacker,) and Edmund Asiedu CUNY Student, Disability Activist & Competitive Athlete for Achilles Foundation. This event will educate the KCC community about the abilities of disabled athletes and professionals who work in the world of sports. It will also inform students about realistic careers in the field. We hope to encourage students to explore the various career options open to them in sports, and to use KCC internships, and volunteer opportunities to improve their skills and resumes to give them an edge in this very competitive job market.

12:40-1:40pm | Room V219
Special Olympics (SO) Nuts and Bolts

Come learn everything you ever wanted to know about Special Olympics and how you can get involved in working with individuals with intellectual disabilities as they play competitive sports. Success in sports leads to success in life. Athletes working with SO, build athletic skills and character

traits that help them both on and off the field. Special Olympics offers athletes the opportunity to showcase their talents and to change the negative stereotypes and misconceptions about people with intellectual abilities.

1:50-2:50pm | Gym Room G101
Special Olympics Exhibition Basketball Game

Come watch as KCC athletes play alongside Special Olympic athletes in an exhibition basketball game. Guest referees will be on hand to make sure everyone plays fair. Special Olympics will be handing out promotional items as well as providing information about how you can be involved with their organization.

Thur. April 7th

2-4pm | TBD
Relay Race Disabled Experience

Sign up to run a relay race where each leg will include the simulated experience of some form of disability. Racers will be blind folded, using wheelchairs, or other experiences as they race in teams to see who can be the first to reach the finish.

For more information or to bring classes to any of the events please contact Peter Santiago in room D205 at 718-368-5175 or email peter.santiago@kbcc.cuny.edu



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