What took place...

The 3rd University of Maryland (UMD) Disability Summit took place on Friday, April 5th, 2019 at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center College Park. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) turns 30 in 2020. The anniversary of this necessary document, which ensures equitable access to public services by those with disabilities, gave us the chance to look both forward and backward at the ADA’s potential. In the current political climate, there is a deep need to come together as scholars, activists, practitioners, family members, and allies. The goal of the UMD Disability Summit was to bring focus to and promote discussion of key current events and research impacting disability in society.

Who was involved?

Dr. Fabian and Larry Abramson facilitated a panel discussion on the benefits of work based learning experiences. Chris Jones a junior at Eastport High school was failing school, not working and had no interest in college. All that changed when he met Dalton Leonard, the owner of FantaSEA Aquariums. Dalton mentored and supported Chris thru Chris’s first experience, by the second experience Chris was highly motivated independent team member and now Chris has his own small business and is headed to college.

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