



Inclusion Works Summit

June 21, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Hawkeye Community College: Tama Hall



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Welcome

Welcome and thank you for being a part of the 2019 Inclusion Works Summit. We are so glad you are here and look forward to spending this time together to share best practices that lead to inclusion in environments from education to employment and beyond.

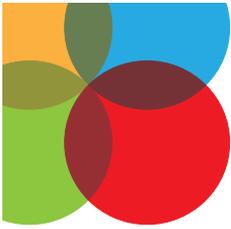
We are honored to have with us exhilarating keynote speaker Nicole Eredics and a fantastic line-up of breakout session presenters. You will interact with educators sharing success stories and learning journeys for school inclusion, employment, recreation and life.

The Summit is designed in hopes that all attendees -self-advocates, family members, educators, speech language pathologists, employment specialists and others -find supportive environments and lasting networks of advocates to help make a real difference here forward in achieving access and inclusion for all.

We are grateful to our wonderful sponsors and exhibitors, who made this year's summit possible.

Enjoy the Summit and please implement what you learn to make your community more inclusive and thereby change the world.





Keynote Speaker: Nicole Eredics

Nicole Eredics is an educator who advocates for the inclusion of students with disabilities in the general education classroom. She draws upon her years of experience as a full inclusion teacher to write, speak, and consult on the topic of inclusive education to various local and national organizations. Nicole uses her unique insight and knowledge to provide practical strategies for fully including and instructing students of all abilities in the classroom. She is the author of a practical new guidebook for teachers and parents called, *Inclusion in Action: Practical Strategies to Modify Your Curriculum*. For more information, go to www.theinclusiveclass.com.



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9:00 am - 10:00 am

Auditorium

Nicole Eredics, Educator

Audience: All

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

The Keys to Full Inclusion

What makes an education truly inclusive? It is more than just placing a child with disabilities in the general education classroom. During this keynote, Nicole Eredics will talk about inclusive teaching practices as well as the critical role that curriculum modifications have in the full inclusion of students with disabilities.

30 Minute Break

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Room 128

*Rhonda McRina, Director of Diversity and Inclusion
Hawkeye Community College*

Audience: Self-advocates, Teachers, Administrators, Parents & Family Members

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Diversity & Inclusion: Making the Case for a Culturally Competent Campus

The purpose of this workshop is to identify strategies that recognize, value, and promote the benefits of cultural diversity on college campuses. Participants will learn how to engage diverse cultures with positive purpose, sustain and increase cultural knowledge, and support inclusion by creating/revising policies, programs, and services to meet the needs and support the success of the increasingly diverse student and staff populations.

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Room 116

*Corrine Brown, 4th grade teacher, Betsy Haht, Paraeducator
Cedar Heights Elementary*

Audience: Teachers, Administrators, Parents & Family Members

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Adaptations for Success: Case Study from Cedar Heights Elementary

A 4th grade student became Mrs. Brown's first visually-impaired student in her 20+ year career of teaching. Learn how she and Betsy teamed up to find more than 12 ways to accommodate the student using everything from an iPad, Chromebook, magnifiers, tactile objects and more. You will be inspired to find solutions in your home or school to accommodate others. Also, you'll see how by making learning more accessible for one student, it can make learning more accessible for all.

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Room 117

*Amanda Weichers
Sarah Corkery Project
Leaders - A Place to Play*

Audience: Self-Advocates, Parents & Family Members

PLAY

A Place to Play: Inclusive Playground Project

Amanda and Sarah recently completed fundraising for a \$1M inclusive playground in Cedar Falls, Iowa. It will be built by the fall. Hear how they became inspired to build A Place to Play Playground, what tools they used to raise money, the features and benefits of using landscape-based design (hint: it's not about ADA compliance) and how you can make parks more inclusive in your community.

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Pick up box lunch.

Lunch Presentation

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Auditorium

Nicole Eredics, Educator

Audience: Educators,
Administrators, Parents &
Family Members

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Access for ALL: Making Accommodations & Modifications to the Curriculum

Inclusion is more than placement in the general education classroom. Inclusion also means that students with disabilities have appropriate access to the curriculum. Educators can make inclusion in the curriculum possible through the use of accommodations and modifications. In this session, Nicole Eredics will provide attendees with a solid understanding of accommodations and modifications, how they are used, and when. Furthermore, Nicole will also ensure that attendees leave with a “toolkit” of tips and strategies to help them make accommodations and modifications with ease!

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1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Room 117

Wendy & Quinn Partridge

Audience: Parents &
Family Members,
Self-Advocates, Educators

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Leaning into Community: Transitioning to Adult Life

Is a hopeful, creative and flexible future important to you or the person you care about? Learn steps to seeing and moving in a future worth working towards. We take the work of being part of the tapestry of ordinary life seriously. Our vision is about elevating the culture of support and connecting people to valued social roles that lead to relationships.

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Room 128

*Amy Hunzelman,
Education and Special
Projects Director, Chris
Kremer, Events Director
Gallagher Bluedorn*

*Tyler Greene, Inclusion
Coordinator
Together We Play*

Audience: Parents &
Family Members,
Self-Advocates

PLAY

Inclusive (Not Exclusive) Opportunities for Recreation

Discover the programs and services offered at UNI's Gallagher Bluedorn for individuals and families to experience the arts.

Tyler Greene is the Inclusion Coordinator for Together We Play (TWP), a service of The Inclusion Connection. TWP supports organizations with ideas and training on how to think more inclusively as an organization in their marketing, interactions, and in providing services and programs. Greene has cerebral palsy and speaks from experience. He will share the importance of Inclusion and what it means to promote Ability Awareness.

30 Minute Break

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Room 117

*Kayleen Symmonds,
Inclusion Connection
Amy Bakker,
Project SEARCH*

Audience: Teachers,
Administrators,
Self-Advocates, Parents
& Family Members

WORK

Inclusion at Work

We will share innovative techniques to assist people with disabilities in obtaining real work for real wages in the community. Inclusion Connection, Waterloo Community Schools, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services and UnityPoint Health-Allen Hospital are on the leading edge with Project SEARCH. This program provides supported internship experiences within the hospital with outcomes of inclusive community employment upon completion. Through partnerships with local businesses, job seekers' skills and interests are matched with employer needs to become competitively employed; real work, real wages and being a contributing member in today's society.

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Auditorium

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**Everything You Need to Know About Inclusion
(from an Inclusion Teacher)**

Get the inside scoop on inclusion from an inclusion teacher! Nicole Eredics, a seasoned inclusive educator, will provide an in-depth look at the structure and processes of an inclusive classroom. Her unique insight will give attendees a better understanding of the everyday roles and responsibilities of school staff, the partnership with parents, the types of supports required for successful inclusion, and ways to create an inclusive environment through classroom design and supplies.

End of Day

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