

Disability Community Virtual Welcome Event and Involvement Fair

September 10th, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Organized by Buckeyes for Disability and Student Life Disability
Services

Zoom Link:

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/99061119718?pwd=EOYpwXgQ8dXa4m6DMdIFBsgkBweOR4.1>

Meeting ID: 990 6111 9718

Password: community

General Timeline

Introductions by B4A and SLDS

Presentations by student orgs

1. TAPDINTO-STEM @ tOSU
2. POTS Club
3. Autistic Students Union (ASU)
4. Dysfunxional Movement Collective

Breakout rooms with individual orgs

8:00pm: Event officially ends, but feel free to stick around and chat with orgs and other members!

Access Information

Materials

All materials, including presentation slides, are available on the B4A website here: <https://org.osu.edu/b4a/fall-2024-disability-community-virtual-welcome-event-and-involvement-fair-presented-by-slds-and-b4a/> . PowerPoint presentations include alt-text and are screen-reader accessible. Recordings will be available on the B4A website after the event. If you experience issues accessing materials, please reach out to Code Beschler at beschler.1@osu.edu or via Zoom chat.

CART and Closed Captioning

CART will be provided via Zoom for the main meeting, and closed captioning will be available via Zoom during the student org break out rooms.

Access Invocation

Please use our meeting space in whatever way feels most accessible to you! This could be stimming, standing, sitting, laying down, having a nap, working on a project, or just about anything else.

If you have questions, you can ask them aloud or type them in the chat. You can have your camera on or off and can leave or enter the zoom meeting as it feels comfortable. You can reach out to a B4A moderator if you have an access request, and we will do whatever we can to accommodate it. Interact with the event as much or as little as you would like.

Overall, we want you to feel comfortable here!

Organization Information

Buckeyes for Accessibility (B4A)

Buckeyes for Accessibility (B4A) is the oldest and largest disability student-run organization at The Ohio State University. We have a long history of disability activism and have worked with various arms of OSU's administration to fix accessibility issues around campus.

B4A aims to foster a strong community and support network among Disabled students and allies, educate on Disability history and experiences, develop resources to aid those working and studying on campus, and improve OSU's policies to better accommodate the access needs of its faculty, staff, students, and community members.

Anyone interested, regardless of whether you identify as Disabled, is welcome to join us for a meeting or join our Discord, where we can get advice and support from each other, share memes, and discuss anything on our minds.

Contact Info

Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/b4a>

Website: [Buckeyes for Accessibility \(osu.edu\)](https://buckeyesforaccessibility.osu.edu)

Group Chat: <https://discord.gg/TjTGRSaZNu>

Meeting Information: Mondays at 6pm, virtual or in-person

Meeting Link: <https://go.osu.edu/B4AMeeting>

Social Media: https://www.instagram.com/b4a_osu/

Email: ASC-Buckeyesforaccessibility@osu.edu

Email List: <https://forms.office.com/r/TQ9XE7uW3P>

Membership Contact: beschler.1@osu.edu

TAPDINTO-STEM @tOSU

The Alliance of Students with Disabilities for Inclusion, Networking, and Transition Opportunities in STEM at The Ohio State University (TAPDINTO-STEM @ tOSU) is an organization that encourages horizontal mentorship, which means serving as a mentor for not only upcoming STEM students but serving as a mentor for your same level peers. We strive to increase retention of disabled students of any demographic (e.g. Deaf, mobility impaired, mental, emotional and physical disabilities etc.) pursuing undergraduate degrees in STEM from their first semester and beyond.

Contact Info

Website: <https://go.osu.edu/tapdintostem>

Group Chat: <https://discord.gg/NPk6ZMkMSj>

Social Media: <https://instagram.com/Tapdintostem>

Email: SL-tapdintostem@osu.edu

Membership Contact: richardson.1102@osu.edu ,
lyons.664@osu.edu , Karen.KrainzEdison@osumc.edu

POTS Club

In POTS Club, we hope to educate people (both with and without POTS) about this condition, share resources and experiences about POTS, connect with others, and raise money for POTS research! POTS Club will meet Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm this semester in Lazenby 018. Our first meeting of the semester will be Wednesday, September 11th. We also understand many people might not be able to attend in person for a variety of reasons, so we have a zoom link for those to join virtually!

Contact Info

Group Chat: https://groupme.com/join_group/98693133/tuaqQvGs

Social Media: <https://www.instagram.com/osupotsclub/>

Meeting Information: Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm, Lazenby 018

Meeting Link:

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/95655158954?pwd=noi9J8J3EO7XQ1kP3BcLyHVzP0x.1>

Email: osupotsclub@gmail.com

Membership Contact: longo.121@osu.edu

Autistic Students Union (ASU)

Our purpose, as the Autistic Students Union at the Ohio State University, is to uplift autistic voices at the Ohio State University. We are an organization run by neurodivergent students with the purpose of creating a space of peer support and compassion for tOSU students on the autism spectrum.

Contact Info

Website: <https://go.osu.edu/autisticstudentsunion>

Group Chat: <https://discord.gg/DJV3uK9VcF>

Social Media: <https://www.instagram.com/autisticstudentsunion/>

Meeting Information: Every 2nd Monday, 6-7:30pm Enarson 243

Email: ASC-AutisticStudentUnion@osu.edu

Additional Info: Members are also encouraged to meet in person or online independently of our club meetings if desired. We have a channel in our discord called meeting-plans where people can discuss meeting up for studying, body doubling, and just hanging out!

Dysfunxional Movement Collective

The Dysfunxional Movement Collective is a dance group that celebrates disability, queerness, advocacy, and bodily diversity. Created in 2023 by a group of experimental movers interested in dance & theatre improvisation, the collective is facilitated by Zoey November, MFA student in Dance & Disability at The Ohio State University. We offer community dance training, weekly rehearsals, and optional performance opportunities.

Contact Info

Website: <https://u.osu.edu/november-7/dysfunxional-movement-collective/>

Membership Contact: november.7@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Interest Form: go.osu.edu/DysMoCo

Acknowledgements

Land Acknowledgement

The Ohio State University occupies the ancestral and contemporary territory of the Shawnee, Potawatomi, Delaware, Miami, Peoria, Seneca, Wyandotte, Ojibwe, and Cherokee peoples. The name “Ohio” itself is derived from the Iroquois word “ohi:yo” - meaning the great river. The university resides on land ceded in the 1795 Treaty of Greeneville and the forced removal of tribes through the Indian Removal Act of 1830. Please see the links below to learn more about land acknowledgements and how we need to move beyond them.

This website contains a map outlining Indigenous territories, as well as other relevant information about land acknowledgements:

<https://native-land.ca/>

This podcast discusses ways in which Land Grant universities, like OSU, benefit from the dispossession and selling of Indigenous lands:

<https://ohiostateuniversityinspire.podbean.com/e/grappling-with-the-land-grant-truth/> . There is a transcript of the podcast available on the website.

This YouTube video discusses how we can move beyond a land acknowledgement and incorporate direct action:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eIYCfRPIPU>

Contributors

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Reference Material

[Access Invocation | Margaret Price \(wordpress.com\)](#)

[Write helpful Alt Text to describe images | Digital Accessibility \(harvard.edu\)](#)

[Add alternative text to a shape, picture, chart, SmartArt graphic, or other object - Microsoft Support](#)

[Preparing Your Presentation | Composing Access \(osu.edu\)](#)