



Disability Support Services Quarterly Newsletter

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Spring 2021 Graduation: May 14th

Memorial Day: May 31st

Independence Day: July 5th

For this edition of the DSS Quarterly Newsletter, DSS explains what a learning disability is and provides information on various types of learning disabilities!

Our DSS staff is available to service our students, faculty, and staff during business hours. To schedule a virtual appointment or for assistance with accommodations, please contact one of the following DSS Coordinators:

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DSS Mission Statement

DSS is committed to assisting the college so that individuals with disabilities are assured an equal opportunity to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from all college programs, services, and activities. DSS supports individuals with disabilities by coordinating reasonable accommodations and services. We are committed to providing equal access to higher education for academically qualified individuals with disabilities.

Quote of the Quarter

*"Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential."
~ Winston Churchill"*

WHAT IS A LEARNING DISABILITY?

According to the Learning Disabilities Association of America, "Learning disabilities are due to genetic and/or neurobiological factors that alter brain functioning in a manner which affects one or more cognitive processes related to learning. These processing problems can interfere with learning basic skills such as reading, writing and/or math. They can also interfere with higher level skills such as organization, time planning, abstract reasoning, long or short term memory and attention." In addition, "A learning disability cannot be cured or fixed; it is a lifelong challenge. However, with appropriate support and intervention, people with learning disabilities can achieve success in school, at work, in relationships, and in the community."

There are several types of learning disabilities:

***Dyscalculia** - A specific learning disability that affects a person's ability to understand numbers and learn math facts.

***Dysgraphia** - A specific learning disability that affects a person's handwriting ability and fine motor skills.

***Dyslexia** - A specific learning disability that affects reading and related language-based processing skills.

***Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities** - Has trouble interpreting nonverbal cues like facial expressions or body language and may have poor coordination.

***Oral / Written Language Disorder and Specific Reading Comprehension Deficit** - Learning disabilities that affect an individual's understanding of what they read or of spoken language. The ability to express one's self with oral language may also be impacted.

Related Disorders:

***ADHD** is a disorder that includes difficulty staying focused and paying attention, controlling behavior and hyperactivity.

***Dyspraxia** is a disorder which causes problems with movement and coordination, language and speech.

***Executive Functioning Disorders** affects, planning, organization, strategizing, attention to details and managing time and space.

Source: <https://ldaamerica.org/types-of-learning-disabilities/>