

# SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

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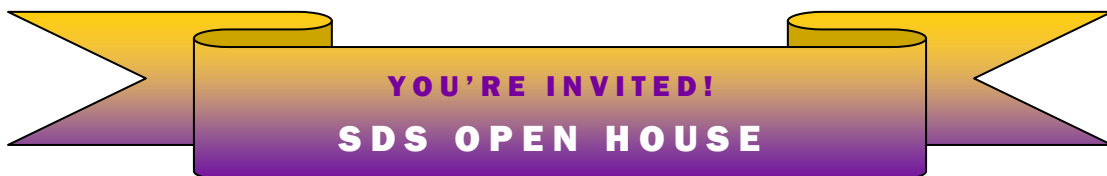
## OCTOBER IS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH!

Congress has designated each October as “National Disability Employment Awareness Month.” This effort to educate the American public about issues related to disability and employment actually began in 1945, when Congress enacted

a law declaring the first week in October each year “National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week.” In 1962, the word “physically” was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all

types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to “National Disability Employment Awareness Month.”

<http://www.dol.gov/odep/faqs/ndeam.htm>



In celebration of National Disability Awareness Month, SDS will be holding an open house from 2-4 PM at 103 Student Health Center. During the open house, you will be invited to

tour our office as well as participate in various activities. These activities will be held to help you gain an understanding of the challenges individuals with disabilities face, and the ac-

commodations they use to overcome them. In addition, SDS staff will be available to answer questions about the accommodation process at UNI. We hope to see you there!

## SDS Open House

**103 Student Health Center**  
**October 24th**  
**2-4 PM**

## DISABILITY CONSULTANT TO OFFER TWO TRAININGS

Amy Desenberg-Wines, a Disability Consultant for the DBTAC-Great Plains ADA, an agency authorized by the National Institute on Disability & Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) to provide technical assistance, training and materials dissemination related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to the Great Plains Region, will present two training sessions for faculty and staff at

UNI. Desenberg-Wines will be at UNI on Tuesday, October 30 to facilitate sessions focused on issues related to the ADA. The morning session will run from 10am–11:30am focusing specifically on ADA and employment. The session is open to all UNI faculty and staff. The afternoon session will run from 3pm–4:30pm and will focus

specifically on the ADA and classroom accommodations. The afternoon session is open to all UNI faculty. Both sessions will be held in the Commons Ballroom. Please check UNI online for additional information in the coming week. If you have questions, please contact Jill Smith at 3-2676 or Eunice Dell at 3-7432.

**MORE INFO TO COME!**

## NSF & NIH SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING: ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF RESEARCH MONIES

Dr. Norma Stumbo, Director of the Midwest Alliance, will present at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, October 25 McCollum Science Hall, Room 1 regarding NSF and NIH supplemental funding sources.

The Midwest Alliance in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) seeks to promote access to these fields for students with disabilities. One way to do this is through the variety of funding programs available to individuals with disabilities through the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Fund-

ing opportunities may be in the form of research internships, externships, student research projects, teacher/faculty research projects, institutional research projects, or grant supplements.

Dr. Stumbo will provide an overview of the requirements of these grant programs. For example, in some instances a faculty researcher with a current NSF or NIH parent grant may qualify for an additional supplement for high school, undergraduate or graduate students with disabilities. Also, researchers who acquire a disability during a grant period

may receive additional monies. Some applications for supplements are written by the faculty investigator, and some are written by and for the student.

Faculty, researchers, grant writers, and undergraduate and graduate students are invited to attend. Contact information for each funding source will be provided, and questions are encouraged.

The Midwest Alliance is an NSF-funded project based at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and also includes the University of Northern Iowa and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



### STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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