Introduction to Inclusive College in Georgia

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Postsecondary education is a most important key to shaping a new reality for people with disabilities. It has the exciting potential to create a future based not on low expectations, the cant’s and shouldn’ts, but on the high expectations of productivity and personal and economic freedom.

-Madeleine Will
What is an Inclusive PSE Program?

- Students with IDD
- 4-year & 2-year programs
- Residential & commuter
- Classes for audit or credit
- Mentoring programs
- Internships/Work Study
- Independent Living

**Principles of IPSE**
- Inclusive
- Academic
- Accommodating
- Employment Focused
- Evaluated
Why College?

• Students with intellectual disabilities see higher education as important and attainable
• Students develop marketable skills they cannot typically acquire anywhere else
• Transformational Outcomes
  • How did college changed you as a person?
  • Pivotal Skills for adulthood
Pivotal Skills Learned in Higher Ed

• Self-Management
• Self-Determination
• Motivation
• Social Initiation
GAIPSEC FAST FACTS

- **260+** Inclusive Postsecondary Education (PSE) programs throughout the United States
- **9** Inclusive PSE programs in Georgia
- **1** Inclusive PSE programs in planning stage
- **$500,000** a year for 5 years TPSID Grant from US Department of Education to increase IPSE programs in Georgia. We are finishing year 2 of the grant.
- **$500,000** from GA Legislature to be used for programs development and provide scholarships
2018-2019 School Year
Georgia college options for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Current Georgia IPSE Programs
• Kennesaw State University (KSU)
• Georgia State University (GSU)
• East Georgia State College (EGSC)
• Columbus State University (CSU)
• Georgia Institute of Technology (GT)
• University of Georgia (UGA)
• Albany Technical College (ATC)
• Georgia Southern University (GSU)
• University of West Georgia (UWG)
Student Enrollment in IPSE Programs across Georgia

140 students enrolled in Georgia IPSE Programs in Fall 2018

Updated 9/14/18
GOALS Program

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https://te.columbusstate.edu/goals.php
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Students who obtained a paid job while enrolled were almost 15 times more likely to have a paid job at exit than those who did not.

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Resources

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