Being Exceptional in Our Community

The purpose of this program is to raise awareness in our IWU community about people with disabilities. This is one of the least discussed minority groups on the IWU campus. Next semester, the Educational Studies Department and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion will work together to put on a program called Being Exceptional in our Community. This will be an afternoon-long program where people in the community will present on various points regarding this topic such as the history of people with disabilities, specificities of what a disability is, and advocacy. We need your help, as presenters, to paint this picture for the community; what does it mean to be a person with a disability? What can we do to create a more inclusive community?

In order to display a clear image of people with disabilities and how our vision would impact our community, we are asking members of the IWU community to participate in this program by presenting various facets of this topic continuously throughout one afternoon on the IWU campus.

If you would like to participate in this program, please submit a one-page proposal to Amber Stringer at astringe@iwu.edu (with the subject as Being Exceptional in Our Community) by October 28, 2016 at 4pm.

Please include answers to the following questions in your proposal:

What is the topic of your presentation?
Why is it important to talk about?
What manner are you presenting in (poster, skit, brochures, video, etc.)? *We encourage creative representations!
Will you need any special equipment to present?
How long will it take to go through your presentation one time? *If it lasts more than 30 minutes, please explain how exactly you will make use of this time.

This program will take place on February 1, 2017, 11am-4pm. If you are selected to present at this program, we will ask you to commit at least 2 hours during the aforementioned time slot to present. These two hours will be selected at a later date.

We will notify applicants on November 4, 2016 by 11:59pm regarding their acceptance into this program.