

**Access College
Today**
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ACT

- A campus visitation program specifically designed for students with disabilities

**Where did the idea
begin?**

- Transition Council
- University Staff Meeting
- Admissions Staff reports
- Asking a Question

QUESTION

- Do we have a visitation day specifically for students with disabilities?
- Answer = NO
- Can we talk about developing a program?
- Answer = YES

Float the idea to others.

- Contact local transition council
- Contact other offices on campus who work with SWD
- Further discussions with Admission Director
- Arrange a meeting with all interested parties

Generate Ideas

- Have admissions explain their process
- Discuss what information swd need to know
- Pick a date
- Decide the number of students you can host
- Assign specific planning responsibilities to groups/members

Assigned Responsibilities

- Office of Disability Services
 - name for program
 - get students for student panel
 - provide 20 minute talk on accessing services in a postsecondary environment
 - provide any needed accommodations

Assigned Responsibilities

- TRIO Disability Support Services
 - arrange for door prizes
 - 20 minute talk on how to be successful at a 2 or 4 year college
 - meet with students during lunch

Assigned Responsibilities

- Admissions
 - arrange rooms on campus
 - registration of attending students
 - tour guides for campus tours
 - \$1,000 scholarship for one of the attendees

Assigned Responsibilities

- Transition Counselors
 - identify juniors and seniors planning to attend 2 or 4 year college
 - get permission for students to attend
 - arrange for students transportation
 - help students register for event

Comunication

- 80% done by emails
- responded to everyone each time so we all had a record of communication
- only had 2 face to face meetings, initial meeting then one more a month before event.

University Attendees

- President (welcome students)
- VP for Student Affairs (encourage & welcome)
- Associate VP for SA (greet students)
 - too many for greeting students
 - Limit to 2 and no more than 5-10 minutes each, prep beforehand

Agenda Year 3 Group B

September 30, 2009

Time	Session	Location
10:00	Welcome	MWC Auditorium
• Divide the large group into two groups		
• Group B stays at MWC		
• Group B		
10:20	Admissions	MWC
10:40	Disability Support Services/Disability Services	MWC
11:00	Financial Aid	MWC
11:20	Leave for Lunch at Fairmount Towers	Fairmount Café
• Group B		
1:00	Groups B divides into smaller groups for tours	
2:00	Tours end at MWC	

Evaluation

- Written Evals for all students to complete before they got university t-shirt, flip-flops
- Follow up meeting of all parties approximately 2 weeks after ACT

Groups size

- 96 students
- 26 school counselors, parents, and VR personnel
- We decided this was too many people.
- We now limit to 75 students and 25 additional people at maximum.

Lessons Learned

- keep everything short
- move students as much as possible
- separate students into smaller groups
- get presenters that are interesting
- be personal, share our story
