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College Autism Network News and Notes

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**SEPTEMBER WEBINAR WILL EXPLORE HEARTS
HEALTHY DATING CURRICULUM**



Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 6 at 4 pm ET!

If you are seeking a tool to recommend to your students who are exploring dating and relationship strategies, HEARTS might be it.

As part of CAN's Foothills Academy webinar series, we invite you to join us for a one-hour webinar with Dr. Emily Rothman, co-developer of HEARTS, who will describe the

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content of the HEARTS class (a 12-session workshop for autistic adults who would like to learn about, and talk about, healthy friendship and dating relationships), how facilitators are trained, and how students can enroll in the October session.

This webinar is free for members of the College Autism Network. Register (or join CAN) here: <https://collegeautismnetwork.org/home/training/foothills-collection/>

THE SUMMIT IS JUST WEEKS AWAY



Join us at Vanderbilt University **October 18-20** for the 7th [College Autism Summit](#), the premier professional event for those who work with autistic and other neurodivergent college students, and for neurodivergent self-advocates who want to influence their work. Come for our keynote speaker, poet and activist [Russell Lehmann](#), stay for our research discussions, networking and programs like these:

- Valuing and Understanding Neurodivergence Through a Cultural Lens
- Promoting Sexual Self-Advocacy: Critical Review and Call to Action
- A Comprehensive Career Readiness Program: A Scaffolded Model for Neurodivergent Students
- Adapting “Evidence-Based” Mental Health Interventions for Neurodivergent Students
- And 30 more sessions on academic, social, employment and research topics

Are you in the early stages of new program development? You’ll want to register for our preconference workshop “Building, Expanding or Improving a Program for College Students with Autism.” Are you a program leader looking to meet others who understand your work? You’ll want to attend our Program Leaders’ Networking Breakfast.

AUTISM PROGRAM LEADERS SIGN UP HERE



One of the College Autism Network's most important member benefits is being part of our Program Directors' support group. We host a Google group where members can ask about resources, exchange ideas, and learn about CAN and other activities and events. Once a month, we host a Zoom meeting where program leaders learn about and discuss different topics of interest to the group. If you are not part of our Google group, please contact [Lee](#) to be added.

CAN MEMBERS IN THE NEWS: HARPER COLLEGE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF STUDENT SUPPORT



CAN loves to see our member schools get the kind of recognition they deserve. [This article](#) from the Daily Herald (a Chicago-area news source) gives a big shout-out to Harper College, a community college that has a long and

impressive history of serving students with disabilities. Among those services is TAP, Harper's well-regarded Transition Autism Program led by CAN member Anita Rehberg. Congratulations, Harper College, on your outstanding service to community college students!

CAN MEMBERS IN THE NEWS: OSU'S NISONGER CENTER HIGHLIGHTED BY UNIVERSITY



There's a lot of good stuff going on in Columbus, OH. This is a great [article](#) about the multi-faceted work going on at The Ohio State University's Nisonger Center, especially its Ace! program (Autism College Experience) and its [Autistic Student Union](#). Kudos to Program Manager Karen Krainz Edison and Program Coordinator Jastyn Wallace.

HIRE AUTISM OFFERS FREE EMPLOYMENT-FOCUSED WEBINARS



The [Organization for Autism Research](#) is hosting an excellent lineup of [free webinars](#) on employment and neurodiversity. These presentations include:

- [Autism, Disclosure, and Workplace Accommodations](#)

- September 13, 11-12 p.m. ET
- [Lost in Translation: What's Missing in the Strengths- Based Approach for Autistic Workers](#)
 - September 21, 1-2 p.m. ET
- [The Transition from Higher Education to the Workplace for Autistic Students](#)
 - September 28, 11-12 p.m. ET
- [Autism Inclusion in the Workplace Panel](#)
 - October 12, 11-12 p.m. ET

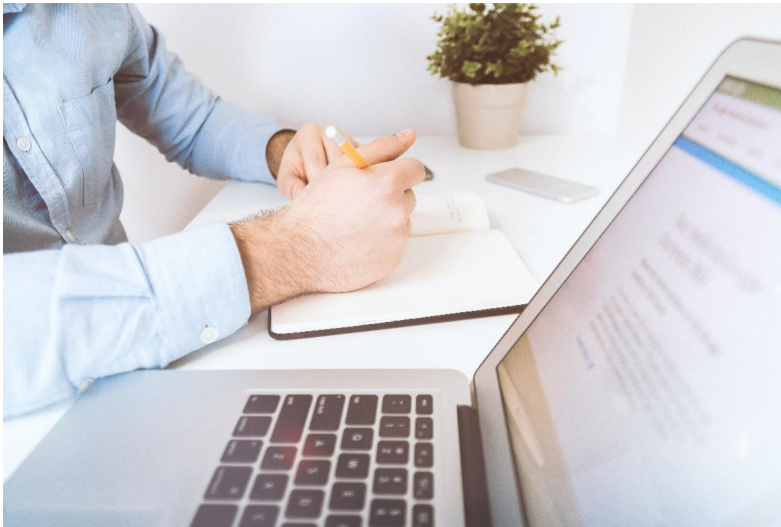
[Hire Autism](#) also has a scholarship for autistic adults 18+ called the [Synchrony Tech Scholarship](#). This scholarship funds certificate programs in the IT/Tech Field for those individuals interested in pursuing or advancing their career in this field. For more information, contact [Courtney Carroll](#), manager of the Hire Autism Program.

DRIVING WITH AUTISM RESOURCES AVAILABLE



Andrew Arboe's [website](#) provides autism/disability schools and organizations nationwide with public speaking and freelancing services with a focus on driving. Andrew has an extensive professional background working with organizations like Autism Services & Resource Connecticut, Anderson Center for Autism, FOCUS Center for Autism. Andrew is available as a presenter on this and other topics. He works with organizations to help empower them and their individuals.

ASPERGER'S/AUTISM EMPLOYMENT COACH CERTIFICATION STARTING NEW GROUP



Presented by Barbara Bissonnette of Forward Motion Coaching, this comprehensive, 8-week [program](#) features weekly, live sessions over the Internet, plus a 6-week supervised practicum. It is approved for 19.5 Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) credits. Participants will learn how to coach individuals with Asperger's Syndrome and similar autism spectrum profiles to choose the right job or career, find an internship/employment, and stay hired. The program combines instruction, mentoring and weekly assignments with personalized feedback. A variety of spectrum profiles are presented, along with tools and techniques to address communication, executive function and sensory processing difficulties. Barbara Bissonnette shares tips and techniques honed during her work with more than 1,000 clients.

Group size is limited! For details and to request an application, visit the Forward Motion Coaching [website](#) or email Barbara@ForwardMotion.info.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES OFFERS INTERNSHIPS FOR ND STUDENTS



The Southwest Airlines Campus Reach Neurodiversity

internship program offers 12-week, paid internships within our Technology department for eligible part-time and full-time college students. This program is designed for neurodivergent individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

- **Internship dates:** May 21 - August 9, 2024
- **Application dates:** January 22 - January 29, 2024
- **Design:** 40 hours per week, Monday-Friday during normal business hours
- **Types of roles:** Technology Teams, more information to come
- **Format:** Virtual internships with optional, in-person opportunities
- **Program:** This tailored program will provide valuable work experience, career coaching, and mentorship for individuals with autism spectrum disorder.
- **Additional Perks:**
 - Access to a job coach from the time of application through the interview process and internship, if selected
 - \$30 per hour + \$1,000 stipend paid one time on first paycheck
 - Receive free, unlimited space available travel privileges for yourself (taxes and fees may apply on international travel).

Have any questions about the recruitment process? Email Southwest directly at CampusReach@wnco.com.

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Was someone nice enough to forward this newsletter to you? We're happy to add you to our mailing list to receive it directly. [Send us a note](#).

If you appreciate our work, please consider [joining CAN](#) to receive additional information and discounts on some of our resources and to support our work. Individual and organizational memberships are available.

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