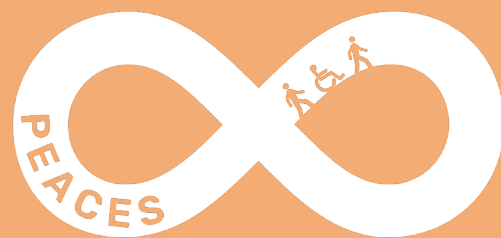


Postsecondary Education: Autistic Collegians' Experiences of Success



How Autistic College Students Demonstrate Advocacy



METHODOLOGY:

We recently interviewed 43 autistic undergraduate students to learn how these students understand their role in their own success in college.

Advocating for themselves and others was mentioned by all 43 students as a key factor that helped them succeed in college.

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Autistic college students engage in advocacy by:

1. Unmasking and selectively disclosing autism to trusted others
2. Demonstrating self-initiative in attaining campus resources
3. Engaging in activism through student organizations, careers in advocacy, and everyday communications

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