



# CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR INCLUSIVE COLLEGE

## IPSE Day Celebrates Inclusive College Programs



Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Day is a nationwide celebration that raises awareness about inclusive college programs and honors the students, families, educators, and campus leaders who are helping advance access and opportunity in higher education. California Inclusive College Program partners (pictured above) are California’s pioneers who are building and expanding inclusive college pathways so more students with intellectual disabilities can achieve their dream of college.

### Expanding Access and Belonging: Gabby Shapiro Featured on LACOE’s *Let Me Add to That Podcast*



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UCLA Pathway program scholar Gabby Shapiro shares her journey as college student and self-advocate, and how she discovered her passion for working with young children, while gaining confidence as she prepares for a future career as a preschool assistant teacher.

### Looking Ahead



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# Cheers to the Graduates



## SPARTANS OCLS



SPARTANS OCLS proudly celebrates San Jose State scholar Prabhav Sriram on his graduation from the program!

# *Congratulations*

## Explorers



The CSUN Explorers program proudly recognizes two scholars who completed the program this spring. Rachel Barlog (left) and Abigail Jeng (right) are pictured with Program Director, Dr. Amy Hanreddy. Post-graduation, Abigail Jeng is launching her professional acting career in Los Angeles after booking roles in television, while Rachel Barlog will continue her educational journey at CSUN, focusing on communication for training and development.

## Think Beach

Samuel Spada is officially crossing the finish line! Huge congratulations to Samuel and the entire Class of 2026 as they graduate from CSULB's Think Beach program. Pictured Samuel (middle), celebrates this massive milestone alongside Think Beach leaders Dr. Kelli Sanderson (left) and Dr. Kristin Powers (right) for the program's third graduating class. Samuel and his classmates have tackled a rigorous vocational training program designed specifically to bridge the gap between college life and the professional world.



# Program Spotlights



## Think by the Bay



Think by the Bay at CSU East Bay is expanding to a four-year program with an inclusive housing option grounded in disability justice. Students engage in inclusive academic coursework, employment experiences, and campus life activities while building independent living skills and working toward self-determined futures.

Pictured Left to Right: Dr. Sara McDaniel, James Mastel, Kaushal Prodduturi, Estevan Villegas, Jada Balingit, Jalen Smith.

## Think Beach

CSULB Think Beach students are gaining valuable, hands-on micro-enterprise experience by running a daily campus coffee cart for California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) staff and peers. Alongside their dedicated peer mentors like Bryant Phung, scholars Anna Dominguez, Angelica Pineda Perez (top photo), Sammy Spada, and Steven Perez (bottom photo)



manage everything from brewing coffee, tracking daily profits, and interacting with loyal customers.



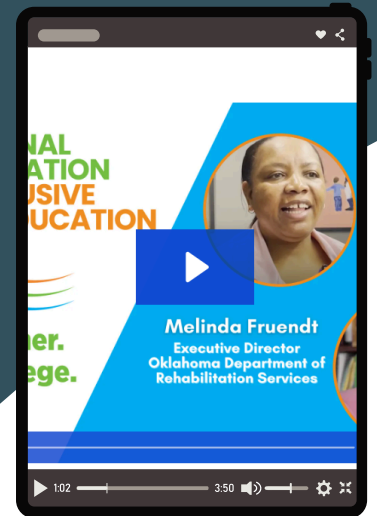
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# Resources and Tools



## Advancing Inclusive Higher Education: Resources for VR Professionals

Discover the impact of inclusive postsecondary education through a featured public service video from the “Think Higher. Think College.” campaign. This video brings together vital nationwide perspectives, hearing directly from a State Executive Director of Rehabilitation Services in Oklahoma and a Youth Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in Indiana. They share expert insights on how college programs are transforming life and career outcomes for students with intellectual disabilities.

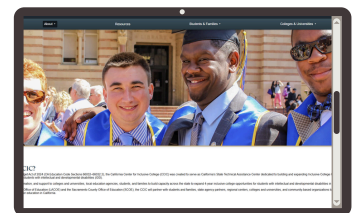
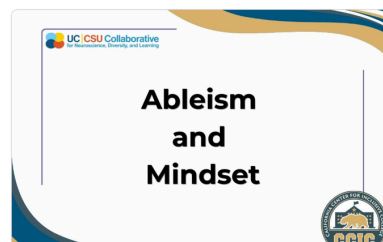


## Designing for Belonging: Inclusive Practices in College Programs

This three-part CCIC professional learning series explores ableism, disability awareness, and inclusive instructional practices to help educators create more accessible, supportive, and belonging-centered college environments for students with disabilities.

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