Dan Habib
Filmmaker • Disability Rights Advocate

Disabling Segregation
September 23, 2020 • 6 to 8 pm MDT

Dan will describe his family’s fight to ensure an inclusive education for their son Samuel and will make a powerful case for ending the systemic segregation of people with disabilities in all aspects. Dan will share how inclusive education is not only preparing for adult life in the community but also will describe the powerful impact that inclusion has on students and adults without disabilities. BIO: Creator of award-winning documentary films that focus on intellectual, emotional, and developmental disabilities including Intelligent Lives, Who Cares About Kelsey?, and Including Samuel plus other short films. In 2014, Habib was appointed by President Obama to the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities—a committee that promotes policies and initiatives that support independence and lifelong inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities.

Hasan Davis
Hope Dealer • Disability Rights • Juvenile Justice

A Way From No Way
October 14, 2020 • 6 to 7:30 pm MDT

Hasan will include 5 strategies for navigating and overcoming challenges to success. These will help us look at the challenges and pitfalls that young people experiencing disabilities have to navigate throughout their formative years. Often this includes some form of educational exclusion/removal and even Justice involvement. Without support in developing self-advocacy skills, these challenges can be difficult to navigate. His words will come from his own experience of traversing these systems as a young person experiencing ADHD and dyslexia in addition to a handful of other social challenges. BIO: Hasan provided executive leadership to the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, serving as Deputy Commissioner for Facilities and Operations and then as Commissioner of Juvenile Justice. He has both a college and law degree.

Ian Watlington
Senior Disability Advocacy Specialist

From the Hill to The Hill
October 28, 2020 • 6 to 7:30 pm MDT

Ian will highlight the spectrum of advocacy from his own personal story to his advocacy work on Capitol Hill. He will encourage us to find our own voice at the micro-level taking it to the macro-level of policy. Ian’s humor and keen insights on living with a disability will make this session engaging and practical for all. He challenges and encourages us to be our own self-advocate. BIO: Ian joined the National Disabilities Resource Network (NDRN) in 2011 where he provides training and technical assistance for the operation of the PAIMI Advisory Councils. He served on the Board of the Colorado P&A, Disability Law Colorado. Ian has a B.A. in Sociology, minorin in Political Science from Guilford College, Greensboro, NC.

LeDerick Horne
Poet • Speaker • Advocate

Intersectionality: Disability + Race
November 12, 2020 • 6 to 7:30 pm MDT

LeDerick will draw from his book Empowering Students with Hidden Disabilities: A Path to Pride and Success to share his own experience as a special education student as well as give advice to help all develop positive identities as people with disabilities. The audience will also explore the intersectionality of disability and race to help them create more inclusive schools and communities. BIO: His work reaches thousands including appearances at the White House, the United Nations, Harvard University, and Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week. He served as the Founding Board Chair of Eye to Eye, the only national nonprofit mentoring program for students labeled with LD / ADHD. He has earned a BA in Mathematics with a Fine Arts minor from New Jersey City University.

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