

**ABOUT OUR
SPEAKER**

Michael Peluso is Client Advocate for the New York State Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID) and a Syracuse University graduate. Michael will speak about his experiences at Syracuse University at the time when he was a student and will share his thoughts on the status of students with disabilities on campuses and in communities today.

**ABOUT
THE ADVOCACY BOARD:**

Since the early 1970s, Center on Human Policy staff have worked closely with a local advocacy board composed of people with disabilities, family members, advocates, and concerned citizens, to address issues of importance to people with disabilities in New York State. The Advocacy Board, in conjunction with Center staff, has addressed such statewide issues as school exclusion, institutional abuse, accessible public transportation, institutional closure, "dumping" in the community, educational inclusion, integrated work, and access to communication interventions.

"Access To Higher Education: Students with Disabilities Speak Out"
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*in collaboration with
the Beyond Compliance Coordinating Committee (BCCC)
and the Office of Disability Services*

presents

***Access To Higher Education:
Students with Disabilities
Speak Out***

Friday November 14, 2003

1:00-5:00 pm

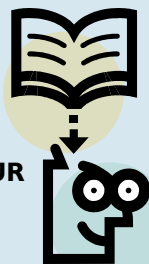
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Rooms 304 A and B
Syracuse University***

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**STUDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES—WE NEED YOUR
STORIES!**



We are seeking undergraduate and graduate students who want to tell about their college or university experiences. We want the best, the worst, and the typical experiences with:

- Faculty/classroom experiences
- Student activities and campus involvement
- Residential life
- Friendships, dating, and peers
- Physical access
- Any important part of your college experience and its interaction with your disability.

Send us a typed story of up to 4 pages or a clear audio tape of up to 6 minutes. Selected stories will be shared at this forum. Send tapes or written stories by November 1st to:

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Schedule

1:00–1:15 PM **Registration** (light refreshments provided)

1:15–2:15 PM **Setting the Tone**
· Keynote Address
· Students Speak Out
· Faculty Perspective on Building Community

2:15–2:30 PM **Break**

2:30–3:15 PM **Topical Break-Out Sessions**
· Faculty
· Student Activities
· Residential Life
· Friendships, Dating, and Peers
· Physical Access

3:15–3:30 PM **Break**

3:30–4:30 PM **Wrap Up**
· Reports from Groups
· Final Words

4:30–5:00 PM **Time for Networking**



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This forum is open to students with disabilities, their friends and allies, faculty and staff allies, and college or university administrators who want to learn from the stories and voices of students with disabilities.

FORUM LOCATION

This forum will be taking place in Rooms 304 A and B of The Schine Student Center, 303 University Avenue at Syracuse University. Directions and a parking map are enclosed.

Alternate versions of this brochure are available upon request.

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For additional information or to request access accommodations, please contact Debbie Simms at 315-443-4355 or dasimms@syr.edu