

The Ability Advisor

"Focusing on Student Abilities"



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September's Ability Advisor will focus on the future. What topics and trends will affect our students and our teaching practices in the future? The world is changing, our students are changing, and our society's needs are changing. If we approach education the same old way we always have, then our students will not be prepared to work, live, or thrive in the future. This is especially a concern with regards to the educational needs and services for our special populations.

This month's quote and video are borrowed from our state Tech Prep Coordinator Jeremy Zweiacker's favorite site: [Did You Know?](#)

"We are currently preparing students for jobs and technologies that don't yet exist... In order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet." – Karl Fisch, in [Did You Know 2.0](#) ★

Article of the Month:

The University of Washington produces some excellent research and articles through their DO-IT publications regarding educational services for students with disabilities.

Click on this link to access the PDF: **Access to the Future: Preparing College Students With Disabilities for Careers**

<http://www.washington.edu/doi/Brochures/PDF/future.pdf>

One of the most useful features included in this document is the **Student Services Conference Room** which navigates the user to very useful checklists for accommodations for a wide variety of disabilities.

The Student Services Conference Room at <http://www.washington.edu/doi/Conf/> includes a collection of documents and videos to help you make student services accessible to everyone. Included are checklists for career services, distance learning, computer labs, recruitment and admissions, registration, housing and residential life, financial aid, libraries, tutoring and learning centers, and student organizations. *The Conference Room* also includes a searchable Knowledge Base of questions and answers, case studies, and promising practices. For more information about applications of universal design consult <http://www.washington.edu/doi/Resources/udesign.html>.



Future Fall Events 2010:

Please plan to attend the **Oklahoma Transitions Institute** at the OU Forum Sept. 14-16. Register here: <http://education.ou.edu/zarrow/?p=54&z=139>

State Superintendent's **Encyclo-Media™** Conference 2010

Dates: **Thursday, October 7 - Friday, October 8**

Location: **Cox Convention Center, Oklahoma City**

[More Information](#)

Project Lead the Way Counselor's Conference ...Tues, Oct 26, 2010

Tulsa Southern Hills Marriott

Register here by Oct 15 <http://www.okcareertech.org/stem/events.htm>

Guidancefest Tour:

Break out the tie-dye, because the **Guidancefest** tour dates have been set.

October 27 - Tulsa Technology Center, Lemley Campus

November 3 - Western Technology Center, Burns Flat

November 9 - Northwest Technology Center, Fairview

November 10 - Moore Norman, S. Penn Campus

November 18 - Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada

December 14 - Kiamichi Technology Center, Talihina

If you would like to attend a **Guidancefest** near you,

go to: <http://www.okcareertech.org/techprep/guidancefest.htm> for more information and to register.



Please contact me with questions, comments, or concerns. I'll look forward to your emails and phone calls.

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