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Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on  
**Employment Policy for  
Persons with Disabilities**

"Advancing people with disabilities toward economic self-sufficiency"

**Disability and Employment Policy:  
Current College Students with Disabilities Offer  
Suggestions for Improving Outcomes for Young Adults**

A Public Policy Forum

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10 AM to 12 PM

Rayburn House Office Building

Washington DC

**Speaker Biographies**

**Angela Kuhn** of Clinton, Indiana, is pursuing a degree in Management Information Systems and Business Administration. She will graduate from Indiana State University in December 2006. This will be her second undergraduate degree; the first one was in Geography. A university and national Dean's list student, Angela is also involved as the secretary of Alpha Iota Mu (Management Information Systems Honors Fraternity), the president of the Management Information Systems Association, and a member of Beta Gama Sigma (International Business Honors Society). Angela is interning with the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**Jeff McCaffrey** is a student at the Bloch School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Previously, Jeff was a cadet at the United States Air Force Academy until he suffered a spinal cord injury.

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On campus, Jeff co-founded a chapter of the Student Society for Stem Cell Research. He became one of eight undergraduates in the United States selected to participate in the American Association of People with Disabilities' Congressional internship program this summer. For ten weeks, Jeff works in the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions committee, specifically on public health policy. This summer Jeff was also a featured speaker at Genetics Policy Institute's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Stem Cell Summit at Stanford University.

Off campus, Jeff is a speaker and patient advocate for the Missouri Coalition for Lifesaving Cures, promoting the Missouri Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative. Jeff is also a speaker for the Think First Foundation, a brain and spinal cord injury prevention program, speaking with students and young traffic offenders about the importance of being smart and safe in automobiles and in daily activities. He serves as a volunteer Laboratory Technician for Dr. Peter Baumann at the non-profit Stowers Institute for Medical Research and is a student member of the Kansas City-based Center for Practical Bioethics. Jeff, whose young cousin suffers from Type 1 diabetes, is also involved in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, participating in such events as the Walk for the Cure and the Fund a Cure gala.

**Ahmed Salem** of Fresno, California, is pursuing a degree in Government and Economics at Cornell University. He will graduate in May 2008. He has been very active with student organizations on campus, which include the Cornell University Student Assembly (International Students Liaison), Cornell Union for Disabilities Awareness (Publicity Chair and Co-president), Cornell Daily Sun (Opinion Columnist), Multicultural Advisory Committee (Honorary Member), National Federation of the Blind: Student Division of the State of New York (Vice President) and the Campus Life Student Advisory Committee (Resident Advisor). Ahmed was an active leader in the planning for the Cornell Union for Disabilities Awareness Disability Awareness Month - this portrays his belief that awareness is the spark that will solve accessibility problems. In addition, Ahmed has earned many awards and honors two of which include lifetime memberships into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the California Scholastic Federation. Ahmed will be interning in the office of Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA).

**Kristen Schiavone** of Gaithersburg, Maryland, attends James Madison University. She will graduate in May 2007 with a degree in Justice Studies and Political Communications. On campus, she is very involved as a Student Senator for the Student Government Association, a founding member of the Phi Alpha Belta Pre-Law fraternity, a member of Circle K International, and a volunteer for an elementary school in the emotionally disabled special education program. Previously, she had three other internship experiences: as a Workforce Recruitment Program Intern through the Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor; Research Assistant for the James Madison University Graduate School; and Psychology Intern for the Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents. Kristen's goal is to be a voice for people with hidden disabilities because she believes that often the legislatures focus on visible disabilities, and they do not see that hidden and visible disabilities both have a legitimate need. She believes that it creates inequity in disability policies text and application for people with hidden disabilities. Kristen will be interning in the office of Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD).

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