

# FIVE-PART SPEAKER SERIES

## College Matters: What Students, Families, and Professionals Can Do to Support College Access and Success for Students with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities.

### What is College Matters?

Funded by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, College Matters is a five-part series of 1-hour conversations for secondary and postsecondary education personnel focusing on postsecondary education for students with IDD. Each speaker event will address a unique aspect of improving the pathways to success. Facilitated by Think College staff, and featuring a short presentation by a content expert, the series will provide participants with strategies to prepare and support students with IDD for college success and will allow time for discussion and resource sharing.

**College Matters** is designed to cover a broad range of topics critical to achieving successful postsecondary education in Florida. All sessions will be relevant to both secondary and postsecondary personnel, as well as anyone interested in promoting higher education for students with IDD!

### How will this speaker series benefit me?

College Matters is intended to:

- Provide a series of easy-to-access training opportunities.
- Emphasize the implementation of concrete strategies for replication.
- Create a platform to better connect secondary education professionals with postsecondary education professionals across the state.

**Featured speakers** will include content experts from both across the country and within Florida, as well as staff from Think College at the Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts Boston.

### DATES

November 30, 2020

January 11, 2021

February 22, 2021

April 5, 2021

May 24, 2021

All Dates:  
3–4:00pm EST

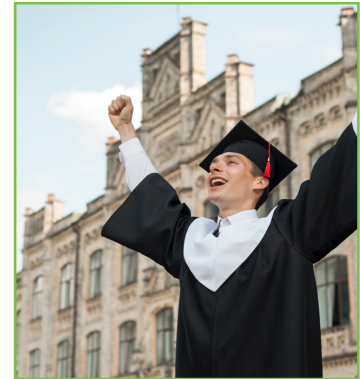
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### TO REGISTER:

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DATE	TOPIC
November 30	Preparing secondary students and parents for higher education including financing, changing roles, and FERPA.
January 11	Promoting inclusive postsecondary options with transition stakeholders including students and families, IEP team members, and adult service entities.
February 22	Developing IEPs that support college-based services including transition assessments, measurable postsecondary and annual goals, and Summary of Performance.
April 5	Orienting students, parents, and professionals to academic and campus supports including disability and academic support services, the role of peer mentors/tutors, and other resources.
May 24	Acquainting students, parents, and professionals to non-academic campus resources including residential life, student life such as extracurricular activities, and work options to support student success.



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[https://fcsua.org/K\\_College\\_Matters.php](https://fcsua.org/K_College_Matters.php)