

# DRS shares tips and organizes wheelchair basketball for Disability Awareness Month



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October isn't just a month on the calendar; it's a canvas upon which we paint a celebration of diversity, resilience, and innovation. As we continue our recognition of Disability Awareness Month, it's critical that we recognize that diversity isn't just a concept at Madison College; it's our greatest strength.

Throughout this month, we embark on a journey to shed light on the unique perspectives, talents, and contributions of individuals with varying abilities.

Each week in October Disability Resource Services will share some tips and resources for supporting students with disabilities. Plus, there is an event coming soon you won't want to miss!

## Tips for this week: Students with Autism

Teaching students with autism requires a thoughtful and individualized approach that recognizes their unique needs and strengths. Autistic students may display varying communication styles, sensory sensitivities, and social challenges. Here are some essential strategies to support students effectively:

- Check out the [DRS tip sheet](#) for supporting students with autism, custom designed (based on conversations with Madison College faculty) by the experts at Landmark College.
- Using clear and concise language, providing written instructions, and using visual aids can enhance communication and comprehension for students with autism.
- Autistic students often thrive in structured routines. Share a detailed syllabus early on, maintain a predictable schedule, and use consistent teaching methods. This provides a sense of security and promotes better engagement.
- Recognize that students with autism may have sensory sensitivities. Create a quiet and predictable classroom environment, allowing them to focus without distraction.

By implementing these strategies, you can create an inclusive and supportive learning environment, empowering students with autism to achieve their academic goals and contribute positively to the campus community.



## Mark your calendars!

On Wednesday, October 18, the National Champion Warhawks will be here in the Redsten Gym for wheelchair basketball. All students, teachers, and staff have an opportunity to play against some of the premier wheelchair athletes in the country.

### [Register here](#)

The UW-W Cornerstones for Success wheelchair basketball program is a dynamic celebration of resilience, unity, and the boundless potential within each of us.

This event stands as a testament to Madison College's unwavering commitment to diversity, inclusion, and the celebration of human potential. It serves as a symbol of the college's ongoing commitment to creating an environment where everyone, regardless of abilities, feels not only accepted but celebrated.

## Questions?



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