

“Rethinking College: A film about college students with intellectual disabilities” - A Discussion

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INTRODUCTIONS

- WHO ARE YOU?
- WHAT INTERESTED YOU IN ATTENDING THIS SESSION?

- What were your first thoughts when you heard about students with intellectual disabilities attending college?
- What are the benefits of a college education?
- Is college for everyone?
- What questions do you have about college for students with ID?

Rethinking College

“Rethinking College is a 25-minute film produced by Think College that explores the growing movement to include students with intellectual disability in higher education.

Through the perspectives of parents, educators, advocates, policy leaders, and (most importantly) students, this film illustrates how colleges and universities can provide a setting for all students to grow, learn, and build toward better futures.”

- What is your response to the start of the film, which juxtaposes young children planning for their futures with the recollections of a person who did not have the opportunity to go to college?
- Claire is featured quite a bit in the film as an advocate for college for all. What are your impressions of her? What impact does she have on your opinions about college for students with ID?
- Of all the students and other speakers you meet in the film, which one impacts you most, and why?

- Many people in the film speak positively about including students with ID in college. What do you think others might say who have concerns about including this population? How might those concerns be addressed?
- How did the film make you feel? Why?
- Do you think that college students without disabilities benefit from these inclusive initiatives? Why or why not?

- In the film, Madeleine Will, a disability advocate, reflects on how far we have come in the treatment of people with disabilities: “In the past 50 years, the blink of an eye in the course of human history, we have come to see how misguided we were.” How does postsecondary education fit in this change in perspective?

- What questions do you still have after viewing this film?
- What can we do to make college a possibility for more individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities?
- <https://thinkcollege.net/resources/rethinking-college>