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Welcome 2019! The DD Network partners wish you a year of promise and purpose.

In honor of **Black History Month**, celebrate the many African American advocates with disabilities who used their abilities to better society!



Harriet Tubman is a figure well known for her contributions to help free slaves. She suffered severe head injury by the hands of a slave master. Because of her injuries, Tubman struggled with lifelong epilepsy, narcolepsy and severe headaches. This did not stop her from leading hundreds of slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad.



Claudia Gordan, from rural Jamaica, became deaf at age 8 because she did not have access to medical care. She was ridiculed, pulled out of school and lost her friends. At age 11, she moved to the United States and graduated from high school as a valedictorian. Gordon became the first African American woman to earn a law degree in disability-rights and policy at American University's Washington College of Law. The Obama Administration appointed her as the Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs in the Department of Labor.

For more inspirational stories, please visit www.myautism.org

Start Smart!

Join us for a
FREE SCREENING of the
new film **"Intelligent Lives"**
sponsored by Mississippi
Council on Developmental
Disabilities.

Please see flyer on page 2 for
more information.



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The Institute for Disability Studies at Southern Miss is hosting the Project ToTAL Alternative Spring Break pre-employment training for students ages 14-21 from March 11 to 15. For additional information, contact Danielle Parks at 601.266.5962 or alysa.parks@usm.edu.

**"Intelligent
Lives" Flyer**

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"It's the repetition of affirmations that leads to belief. And once that belief becomes a deep conviction, things begin to happen." - Muhammad Ali

If you have information or news you would like to be included in the next issue, please email Jin Joo Crosby at jin.mcclendon@usm.edu.

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JOIN US FOR A
SCREENING OF

intelligent *lives*

a film by dan habib



INTELLIGENT LIVES stars three pioneering young American adults with intellectual disabilities—Micah, Naieer, and Naomie—who challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college, and the workforce.

Documentary Rated: NR Duration: 70 minutes Released: 2018

SCREENING LOCATION

Regal Parkway Place Stadium 10, 1075 Parkway Blvd., Flowood, MS

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 • Check-in from 6:30 - 7 p.m. • Film at 7 p.m.

Free to attend! Tickets must be reserved.

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Or call: 601-359-6238

Provide check-in name, contact information, and number of tickets needed.

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