25th Anniversary of Passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)
Preliminary Program
October 5 – 9, 2015

Opening Session; Monday, October 5th, 8:30 – 11 am, Tomas Rivera Conference Center (TRCC)
Welcoming Reception; 8:30 – 9 am
NDEAM - White House Proclamation; Hector Vidal, Walgreens
Keynote Presentation; History of the ADA by Denette R. Vaughn, Senior Attorney;
Disability Rights – Texas
Presentation of Recognition Awards
Closing Comments- President Natalicio

Wheelchair Basketball Exhibition; Monday, October 5th, 6 – 8 pm, Memorial Gymnasium
Invitational wheelchair basketball game
The El Paso “Air Wheelers” and the Las Cruces “Rollers”
Food is available on site; Admission is free

Educational Seminars; Tuesday, October 6th, 9:00 – 2:30 pm, UTEP Union East Acacia 102
Sensitivity Training 101: A Walk in their Shoes; 9:00 – 10:45 am;
Hector Flores, ASL Services Manager & Isaac Valencia ’13
Service Animals: Don’t Step on my Paws; 11:00 – 11:45 am;
Isaac Valencia ’13 & Alejandro Garcia, student
Invisible No More; 1:30 – 2:30 pm; Angie Moreno, Asst. Director, Student Engagement and
Leadership Center & Emily Martinez, Inclusion and Advocacy Intern

Resource Fair; Wednesday, October 7th, 10 am – 2 pm, Centennial Plaza
Health and disability-related vendor and service delivery exhibition
Career fair of employers that are invested in hiring people with disabilities
Disability-related sports clinic and demonstrations

Wisdom Wednesday; Wednesday, October 7th, 12 pm – 2 pm, UGLC 306
Special faculty session of the Wisdom Wednesday series

Educational Seminars; Thursday, October 8th, UTEP Union East Templeton Suite 313
Do you see what I see: Photovoice Reflections and Resolutions; 9:00 – 10:30 am; Dr. Neelam Agarwal
Mental Illness on College Campuses: Stigma and How to Erase It?; 10:45-11:45 am; Prof. Kristin Kosyluk
In Our Own Voice: Breaking the Stigma of Mental Health; 1:30 – 3:00 PM Our Own Voice; Denise Uga,
MBA, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - El Paso

Third Annual Interdisciplinary Symposium; Friday, October 9th, Noon – 5 pm; TRCC
Conference theme; Defining the Future in Health Promotion and Disabilities
Focus on student research in fields associated with health disparities and disability
Topics include health care delivery, challenges in research, community outreach, and services
for people with disabilities.
Opening and closing plenary sessions
Keynote presentations and recognition for leaders and advocates in the field.

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