WELCOMING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

**Three Things to Know**

1. Students with disabilities need a place to belong and grow in their areas of gifting.
2. They have unique obstacles to overcome as they consider joining our chapters and being our co-laborers.
3. Percent of U.S. students with a documented disability according to the National Center of Education Statistics:
   1. 19% Undergraduate
   2. 12% Post Baccalaureate

**Three Things to Avoid**

Don’t assume. If you’ve met one person with a disability, you’ve met one person   
with a disability.

Watch your language. Defer to what the individual (or group) with the disability prefers.

Avoid architecture and attitudes that cause exclusion.

**Three Things to Try**

1. Pray and ask God to help you build a close friendship with someone who has a disability.
2. Visit your school’s disability office to learn about services provided and ways you can be more involved.
3. Think through your chapter’s various meetings. Are they accessible for all students to meet Jesus? If not, what can be changed?

**More Resources**

Nine Ways to Make Your Chapter Disability Friendly  
[**https://goo.gl/8Ktbzs**](https://goo.gl/8Ktbzs)

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