

Disability Rights and Inclusion: RA Schedule of Events

July 3, 2023 | 6:30 pm | Convention Center Room WF3 |

Creating a Culture of Inclusion Virtual Discussion with Dan & Samuel Habib



“Creating a Culture of Inclusion in Schools and Communities”

NEA will be hosting “Creating a Culture of Inclusion in Schools and Communities,” a 90-minute virtual presentation with award-winning documentarian Dan Habib and his son Samuel. Filmmaker and parent-advocate, Dan will screen clips from his many film projects and discuss what it takes to create a culture of inclusion in our schools and communities. His films vividly document evidence-based practices, such as universal design for learning, assistive technology, positive behavioral supports, family engagement, youth leadership, and cultural responsiveness. Samuel, who was featured in his father’s seminal 2008 film *Including Samuel*, will share the film he co-directed with his father, *My Disability Roadmap*, and discuss his advocacy for inclusion in his school district, college, and community and his plan for a full adult life.

Refreshments will be provided. Event is limited to 250 participants.

July 4, 2023 | 11:30 am | Main RA Stage |

Helena Donato-Sapp Addresses the Representative Assembly



At 14 years old, Helena Donato-Sapp is breaking barriers and setting the stage for future disability justice leaders to come. Building on her powerful speech at the 2023 NEA Leadership Summit, the young activist will address the Delegate Assembly and share about championing disability rights to end disability discrimination. She will discuss why it is important to put “caring before content,” how assessments could not be used to measure her brilliance, and how it is critical to value and accept individuals for who they are including all their intersectional identities, not what they can or cannot do.

July 4, 2023 | 12:30 pm | Freedom to Learn Stage



During the extended lunch period, NEA Secretary-Treasurer Noel Candelaria and activist Helena Donato-Sapp invite you to join them at the Freedom Stage to learn how you can begin your journey as a champion for disability rights and inclusion. Noel and Helena will discuss what it means to be a champion—sharing personal experiences—and will introduce participants to the core tenets of disability language and disability etiquette.

All participants will be entered into a drawing to meet Helena and receive an autographed poster. Winners will be notified by text and/or email.

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