## What About Disability?

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COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS

FOR A SPACE ON CAMPUS





# The Disabled Population at Iowa

- 80% increase over 10 years in student accommodations (Krejci 2022).
- 77% increase overall in recorded disabled students (Krejci 2022).
- Nationally, there's been an increase from 13% to 18% of disabled students graduating with a BA (PNPI 2022).
- However, this is still significantly smaller than the rate of 36% for nondisabled students (PNPI 2022).

#### Academia is Ableist

- Students and academics report being seen as their disability and not as people (Brown & Leigh 2018, Saia 2022).
- Many colleges are still unprepared to support disabled students beyond ADA-mandated accommodations (Hong 2015).



#### How a Cultural Center Helps

- "Unlike the larger institutional context, participants viewed the DCC as rooted in social and cultural understanding of disability that was designed for and involved disabled students" (Saia 2022).
   Reduces students sense of
  - Reduces students sense of isolation and leads to solving campus-wide problems (Chiang 2020).
  - This sense of identity and belonging leads to <u>an increase in</u> <u>student retention and graduation</u> (Rave, Murchake, & Chalk, 2018).



### Petition & Sources Here

