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NEWS TIPS

JAN. 31-FEB. 1: ABILITIES ARE FOCUS OF DISABILITIES AWARENESS WEEK ACTIVITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

Shunning the notion of limitations in favor of abilities, University of Dayton students, staff and guests are recognizing campus Disabilities Awareness Week with a variety of activities designed to enlighten and inspire.

- Michael Bérubé, the father of a boy with Down syndrome and author of *Life as We Know It: A Father, A Family and an Exceptional Child*, will meet with faculty members during his campus visit on **Wednesday, Jan. 31**. Bérubé will meet with faculty from all departments in an open discussion forum from **noon to 1 p.m.** in the Ryan C. Harris Learning Teaching Center. He'll discuss and answer questions pertaining to the topic of his Wednesday evening address, "Disability and the 'Difference' it Makes," also a part of UD's Distinguished Speaker Series. Bérubé is an accomplished scholar and English professor and director of the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. For more information on Bérubé, call **Steve Dandaneau** at (937) 229-3695.
- Overcoming disabilities will be the focus of a panel discussion featuring John Geiger, provost and senior vice president for academics, who walks with a cane; UD senior Stephanie Grant, who has a learning disorder; and Robert Phipps, a UD student with cerebral palsy, at **3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31**, in Sears Recital Hall in the Jesse Philips Humanities Center. The discussion is part of the 14th annual Scholars Symposium and is open to the public. For more information, call **Stephanie Grant** at (937) 627-8749.
- In preparation for an evening concert Thursday, Feb. 1, two dancers in wheelchairs from Dancing Wheels — a Cleveland-based professional company of dancers with and without disabilities — will rehearse a featured number with six students from the University's music therapy program. The rehearsal will be from **9:45 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday** in the music/theatre building rehearsal hall. The dancers will be in costume. For more information about the rehearsal, call **Barbra Lupp** in the music therapy program at (937) 229-2787.