

**Annual Banquet and Dance Registration due today!**

## Did you know about?

Learn about services and organizations in our community we think you should know about!

**Interview with Jordan Bentz**  
Program Coordinator, Transition and Access Program  
North Dakota State University



### **What is TAP?**

The Transition and Access Program (TAP) at North Dakota State University is an inclusive college program for students with disabilities between the ages of 18-26. TAP makes the dream of college a reality for students with disabilities and creates quality futures for these individuals to live and work in their communities.

### **What is the program's goal for people who are in the program?**

The main goal of our program is to ensure equal access to higher education for students with intellectual disabilities while offering the support they need to grow their independence in academics, employment, and independent living.

### **How many individuals have you served in the program?**

We currently serve 11 students for the 2024-25 school year. The maximum capacity of our program is approximately 30 students.

### **Is there funding to make the program affordable for individuals?**

Currently, our inclusive post-secondary education program faces limitations in funding. We are in the process of implementing changes to help students access more funding opportunities. Meanwhile, students use local and national scholarships, along with support from community agencies that offer funding for both employment and educational experiences.

### **What is the biggest takeaway for students who complete the TAP program?**

The biggest takeaway for students is gaining both valuable skills and a meaningful credential, which allows them to pursue successful careers and contribute positively to their communities.

### **What else should we know?**

We have developed specific pathways for students so they may match their education to their career goals. This will allow them to have a more specialized college path that shows employers that they have more knowledge in specific areas. Our pathways include:

- Agriculture Science
- Animal Science
- Computer and Engineering
- Education and Childcare

- Hospitality and Business Management
- Entertainment, Athletics, and Art

For more information on the program visit [TAP's website](#) or [Facebook](#).



October is Disability Employment Awareness Month! Please read our Director's Corner about the history and importance of this celebration on our website!

## Director's Corner

# Life Academy

## ACCEPTING PARTICIPANTS!

### Vision Board Planning

We study one topic each week!

What I Love About Me

My Interests & Dreams

My Home & Work Goals

Things I Dislike

### Sessions Available

**Pink Group**  
Wednesdays at 2:30  
4-Week Session  
Starting October 9th

**Black Group**  
Thursdays at 10:00  
4-Week Session  
Starting November 7th  
(skip Nov. 28)

**Brown Group**  
Thursdays at 2:30  
4-Week Session  
Starting November 7th  
(skip Nov. 28)

### Location

The Arc of Cass County  
215 N University Dr  
Fargo

### Contact

Contact Janell to sign up for a group at 701-293-8191 or [janell@arccassnd.org](mailto:janell@arccassnd.org)



# VOTING

## Make Your Voice Heard!

We will be learning about voting and how to use the accessible voting machine.

Snacks will be provided!



Friday, October 25th, 2024

1:00-2:30

Rustad Recreation Center

Harvest Room, Door 5

601 26th Ave E, West Fargo

RSVP TO JANELL BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH.  
[JANELL@ARCCASSND.ORG](mailto:JANELL@ARCCASSND.ORG)



### HYBRID BOOK CLUB

Fall 2024



**Title: The Giver**

**Author: Lois Lowry**

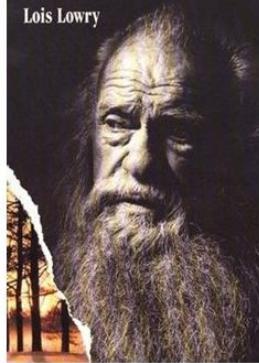
**When: Tuesdays at 1 pm, starting 9/10**

**Where: In-person @ The Arc, or virtually via Microsoft Teams**

Life in the community where Jonas lives is idyllic. Designated birthmothers produce newchildren, who are assigned to appropriate family units. Citizens are assigned their partners and their

# Weekly Meeting





Citizens are assigned their partners and their jobs. No one thinks to ask questions. Everyone obeys. Everyone is the same. Except Jonas. Gradually Jonas learns that power lies in feelings. But when his own power is put to the test—when he must try to save someone he loves—he may not be ready. Is it too soon? Or too late?

To RSVP or for more information, please email [arcassistant@arccassnd.org](mailto:arcassistant@arccassnd.org) or call (701)293-8191.

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**ADAPTIVE AA GROUP**  
**Fridays at 1pm**

**The Arc of Cass County**  
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NEW! We have an Amazon Wish List! Please consider supporting us by purchasing supplies we need to provide services to people with disabilities!

Amazon Wish List!

## Good Reads

### North Dakota Events

- Vocational Rehabilitation - Annual Conference October 9-11th Bismarck in-person 2024
- Recovery Reinvented - Conference October 30th Bismarck in-person or streaming
- Nurtured Heart Class for Caregivers - Multiple October Dates Fargo in-person
- Mission of Mercy - Free Dental Care Event October 11-12th Bismarck

### North Dakota News

- The Arc of ND Justice Unveiled Event Recording
- KVRR - West Fargo Sports and Activities Recognized by Special Olympics for Inclusivity
- KXMA - What to know about brain injuries in North Dakota

### US Disability News

- Disability Scoop - Feds Tweak Housing Program For People With Disabilities
- STAT NEWS - Millions of People are Missing from US Disability Data
- New Mobility - From 'Roughing it' to glamping: Adaptive Camping for Wheelchair Users

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complete the form  
to enter!



Winners will be notified  
on Oct. 31st via email.



[Click here to enter!](#)

**October Sales**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>SHIRTS</b> buy 1 get one FREE	<b>SENIORS 55+</b> get 20% off your purchase	<b>SHOES</b> 50% off	<b>TEACHERS, STUDENTS, &amp; FIRST RESPONDERS</b> get 20% off your purchase	<b>BOOKS, MOVIES &amp; MUSIC</b> 50% off	<b>EARLY BIRD</b> 10-11:30am 20% off MYSTERY SALE all day	<b>25% OFF</b> your purchase <b>ALL DAY</b>

Shopping Hours  
Monday-Saturday 10-7:30  
Sunday 12-6:00

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Sunday 12-5:00

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