INCLUSIVE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION (IPSE)

IPSE gives students with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to attend college with their peers who may or may not have a disability. They participate in the same classes, same clubs, same residences, and same athletics as students who may not have an intellectual disability.

SINCE 2013, 217 STUDENTS HAVE GRADUATED FROM IPSE IN OUR STATE.

143 students are currently enrolled statewide in IPSE.

*89% OF 2021-22 GEORGIA IPSE GRADUATES REPORT BEING “SATISFIED” OR “VERY SATISFIED” WITH THEIR JOBS.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY 9 GA COLLEGE OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

- Albany Technical College (Albany)
- Columbus State University (Columbus)
- East Georgia State College (Swainsboro)
- Georgia College & State University (Milledgeville)*newest program, opened in Jan of 2023
- Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta)
- Georgia Southern University (Statesboro)
- Georgia State University (Atlanta)
- Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw)
- University of Georgia (Athens)

DID YOU KNOW?: Over 146 small businesses and corporations in Georgia employ IPSE interns and graduates.

74% of GA IPSE graduates live in a rented apartment or home that is not their family home. 22% live independently.

*41% OF GA IPSE GRADUATES HAVE PAID TIME OFF, WITH 32% ALSO HAVING ACCESS TO PAID SICK LEAVE.

FOR THE LAST SCHOOL YEAR (2021-2022), GA IPSE GRADS WERE EMPLOYED AT A RATE OF 58% JUST 90-DAYS AFTER GRADUATION.

Nationally, people with independent living disabilities are employed at just 19%. In Georgia, that same group is employed at 15%.

97% of Georgia IPSE graduates have health insurance.*

*data from 2021-2022 graduates collected 90 days after graduation
Nationally, students exiting IPSE are five times more likely to be working than adults served by their state DD agencies alone.

AND 1.6 times more likely to be working than adults served by their state VR agencies alone.

**ADVOCACY AT THE CAPITOL THIS YEAR**

This year, we’re asking for an additional $500K to:
- Increase the current allocation for capacity building to keep pace with inflation, student body growth, and number of programs
- Support a position to collect graduate data and coordinate an IPSE alumni network
- Invest in technological supports and infrastructure

The state of Georgia has annually supported IPSE growth with about $500K.

**HOPE FOR IPSE!**

We’re asking lawmakers to support legislation that includes IPSE students into the existing HOPE Scholarship eligibility requirements.

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