About:

Jessica Lopez is a disability advocate and full-time student at Coastline College triple-majoring in Business, Economics, and Communication. Born without hands and feet, Jessica’s lived experience as a disabled student informs her advocacy for inclusive and accessible education and workforces. She is Vice President of Coastline Associated Student Government, and advocates for students locally and statewide.

Jessica does consultancy work on disability, reaching over 800 educators on accessible education, and has organized student action and met with legislators to lead the way for expanded disability inclusion. She works to interrupt the narratives we are often led to believe about people with disabilities in order to make the world more equitable.

In this session, Jessica will offer a student’s perspective on accessibility. She will discuss the importance of Universal Design for Learning and how faculty can understand the variety of individual skills and learning styles or preferences, age, gender, sexual orientation, culture, abilities, and disabilities when selecting appropriate content and strategies for the delivery of online instruction.

Event link: https://cvc.edu/event/cvc-accessibility-webinar-series-student-experience-universal-design-for-learning/

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26% of Americans live with disabilities.

1 billion people live with disabilities worldwide.

19% of undergraduate students live with disabilities.

The overall graduation rate of undergraduate students is 64 percent.

The graduation rate of undergraduate students with disabilities is 34%.

75% of all students want online learning in some format.

Spring 2022 had 50% more enrollments in online courses than in-person courses in community colleges.

The evidence of online cheating is tenuous. There’s even evidence of less cheating in online classes.


Studies show no significant difference in grades between online students and in-person.