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Webex meeting recording: Neurodiversity: Moving Beyond Autism Awareness & ADA Compliance (Lunch-and-Learn)

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Guest Speakers: Tre Hamlin, Native American Student Organization (NASO)  
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Dr. Vanessa Harwood, Assistant Professor, Start URI Program  
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**Background:** April is Autism and Neurodiversity Awareness Month. The goal of this event was to celebrate neurodiversity and the contributions of the neurodiverse community while also highlighting services offered to students and staff and raising awareness of our compliance obligations.

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- Are you a student interested in learning more about the reasonable accommodation request process? [Follow this link to learn more.](#)
- [Follow this link](#) to learn more about the START URI Program.
- Are you being discriminated against on the basis of disability, or another protected category? Please refer to the URI [Policy on Nondiscrimination](#) or [contact](#) the Office of Equal Opportunity for a consultation.
- Continue the conversation and explore [Neurodiversity Celebration Week](#) resources.