

**Do you believe that our communities and schools need to be inclusive?
Do you believe that people with disabilities deserve the same access to their community as everyone else?**

Do you believe that social change can only come about with direct action?

If so, please consider joining TASH at NAU.

TASH at NAU is a student chapter of **TASH International**. **TASH at NAU** is made up of members both with and without disabilities who are committed to social change and fostering an inclusive society where all people have equal membership in their community.

Some current and past activities **TASH at NAU** has worked on include:

- Sponsoring guest speakers to come to the NAU campus including Sue Rubin whose movie “Autism is a World” was nominated for an Academy Award.
- Putting on a Self-Advocacy Fair where people learned about self-advocacy
- A film festival that showed people with disabilities accomplishing great things as well as their perspectives of the disability experience.

Here is a little more about **TASH International**:

TASH is an international membership association leading the way to inclusion, opportunity, equal access, and best practice based on research for people labeled with disabilities.

The strength of **TASH** is in its diverse membership from thirty-five countries around the world ~ thousands of parents, individuals with disabilities, researchers, educators, employers, and other concerned citizens who together take action every day to eliminate boundaries, change systems, build capacity, and arouse consciousness.

TASH focuses on the concerns and rights of those people with disabilities who are at most risk of exclusion and segregation; and supports the inclusion and full participation of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of their communities as determined by personalized visions of quality life.

TASH membership is for everyone who shares **TASH**'s values and is committed to assuring that all people with disabilities have: opportunities to grow up, learn, and play with their neighbors, friends, sisters and brothers; the right to live in homes of their own choosing, individually, or with roommates they choose, with all the supports needed for success; the resources and support needed to perform real work in the real world; protection from abuse and inhumane treatment; and, access to the richness and variety of communities in which they are challenged, engaged, and valued.

TASH values the potential contribution of everyone interested in membership. If you see your values reflected in the statements above, you need to be part of the **TASH** movement for social justice. As a member you'll have opportunities to shape and promote the most progressive work being done internationally in the areas of **inclusive education, supported living, self-advocacy, family issues, early childhood, communication, employment, specialized health care, assistive technology, positive behavioral supports, multicultural issues, recreation and leisure, related services, higher education, and more.**

We need your voice – now, more than ever.

TASH at NAU STUDENT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Join TASH at NAU and enjoy all of the benefits of TASH International membership for the coming year:

- **Opportunities to identify and interact with others who share particular interests, expertise, or experience.**
- **TASH's critically acclaimed Journal – Research and Practice for Individuals with Severe Disabilities (RPSD).** The Journal is one of the most respected scientific publications in the disabilities field. It carries more articles on topics such as inclusion, facilitated communication, supported living, self-advocacy, early childhood, positive behavioral practices, disability rights and issues of concern to families than any other publication available and is the premier vehicle for the dissemination of progressive research in the disability field. **With this special student package, copies of the last year's worth of Journals will be provided at the start of your membership year, free of charge!**
- **TASH's monthly magazine – TASH Connections.** TASH Connections is full of the information you need to stay abreast of best practices, family concerns, and events in a changing political environment. The provocative articles provide information about the very latest developments in the disability field and will challenge you to rethink some of the toughest issues affecting people with disabilities and their families and advocates, today.
- **TASH's web site** supplies members with the latest information on current issues in the disability field and provides important links to other disability resources worldwide. You'll also find samples of TASH publications, Action Alerts informing members of important legislative issues, advance notice regarding the TASH conference and information on TASH resources and products.
- **Substantially reduced rates** to attend TASH's exciting annual conference. Join researchers, students, people with disabilities, family members, professionals, and leading experts as they gather each year to meet and exchange ideas and information on every aspect of inclusive communities for children and adults with disabilities. The spirit and optimism, the unbeatable combination of personal experience and professional expertise and the tremendous wealth of information and enthusiasm make this **the** conference of choice in the disabilities field.
- **Access to a wide range of monographs, books and videos** on topics of immediate interest that TASH regularly adds to its collection of materials available for purchase.
- **Participation in your local chapter.** Join your state or regional chapter in addition to the international organization and participate in local advocacy efforts, local conferences and workshops and receive any publications that your chapter provides.
- **Reduced costs and opportunities to participate in a variety of state and local activities sponsored by TASH at NAU!**

Become a **TASH at NAU** member today by completing the attached membership application. The sooner you do, the sooner you'll join forces with members making a difference all over the world and begin receiving RPSD, TASH Connections and Action Alerts. We need you in our ranks because people with disabilities need the kind of advocacy to which you are committed, now more than ever.

The rate for student membership is \$35 per year!!

- Administrator/Adult Services
- Administrator/Education
- Administrator/Other
- Adult Services Provider/Staff
- Advocate/Friend
- Behavioral Specialist
- Case Manager
- Early Childhood Services
- Educator/Teacher (K-12)
- Government. Personnel

- Legal Services Provider
- Occupational/Physical Therapist
- Parent/Family Member
- Personal Assistant
- Public Policy Advocate
- Professor/Instructor College/Univ.
- Psychologist
- Regular Ed. Teacher/Admin.
- Related Services Provider
- Self-Advocate/Person w/ Disability

- Social Worker
- Speech/Language
- Special Ed. Teacher
- Special Ed. Support Specialist
- Staff Development/Trainer
- Student
- Supported Employment
- Other

Please select the Interest and Action Group(s)/Operating Committee(s) in which you would like to participate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure and Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Living | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development (Financial) | <input type="checkbox"/> Paraeducator Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education – Best Practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education - Public Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Positive Behavioral Approaches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment/ Transition Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Related Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governmental Affairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexuality/Sexual Orientation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship Alternatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Health Care Needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IDEA Implementation/Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirituality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Issues | |

If you would like, choose up to three topics of expertise under which you would like to be listed in the TASH Directory:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Grassroots Organizing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Individualized Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Living | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Locating Supports/Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Inclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> OT/PT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify |

Please help us to serve the membership better by answering the following:

What member benefits would you like to see offered in the future?

What topics would you like to see covered in future TASH publications, conferences, and workshops?

What current issues would you like to see addressed by the TASH membership?

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!