MY STORY

FATHER/SON CONNECTION
THE VISION OF UNIVERSAL ABILITIES

Universal Abilities

- Universal Abilities School
  2017

- Universal Abilities Employment Network
  2017

- Leadership LI
  Business Leadership Network
  UA Social Media Alliance

- Entrepreneurship Program
  2018

- Underserved Program
  (Name may change)
  2019

- Universal Abilities School
  Accreditation
  2017-2018

- Social Network Marketing
  2017
MILESTONES

**Achieved**
- NYSED/BPSS approved
- ADA Complainant
- Co-created network
- Dedicated Advisory Board
- Strong partnerships
- NYBLN
- UA Social Media Alliance

**Looking Ahead**
- Exponential growth
- Accreditation
- Articulation Agreements
- Employment (EN) Placement/Compensation SSA
- Open source Pendola Bioethics Center
- Powerful social media presence
PURPOSE

- Providing training that empowers people with disabilities and underserved students with the opportunity to start, fund and grow their businesses.
- There are few other educational companies that concentrate on teaching persons with disabilities how to enhance their self-efficacy.
WHY NOW?

- Over 60 million Americans have disabilities with a disproportionately few number of vocational opportunities available to them.
- People with disabilities have a proportionately lesser percentage of employment and greater percentage of unemployment than the “nondisabled.”
- *Reference: The American Community Survey (ACS) estimates the overall rate of people with disabilities in the US population in 2015 was 12.6%.
“Great Problems are Just Opportunities in Disguise”

The school is specifically designed to address the following:

- Options
- Accessibility
- Self Empowerment
- Self Sufficiency
- Self Efficacy
COURSEWORK

• Entrepreneurial Mindset
• E-Commerce
• Social Media
• Basic Legal Structures
• Accounting & QuickBooks
• Capstone Course
Co-creation is a management initiative, or form of economic strategy, that brings different parties together (for instance, a company and a group of customers), in order to jointly produce a mutually valued outcome (Wikipedia, 7/1/17). “

We believe that co-creation is the attribute that already is providing results for our students.
INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN: “BEEFING UP” THE CURRICULUM TO MAKE FOR A BETTER ENTREPRENEUR

• Redesign based on additional courses:
  • Sales Seminar
  • Fundraising
  • Leadership
SAMPLE STUDENTS AND THEIR STORIES

- Geoffrey
- Dondi
- Mary
- Justin
- Troy
OPTIONS

- Self-Employment with permanent supports:
- Management positions with various companies
- Franchising opportunities
Team

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• Questions?

• Thank you!
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