

Bear POWER Transcript

Bear POWER – Promoting Opportunities for Work, Education, and Resilience is a new initiative at Missouri State. You know, we want every student that graduates from Missouri State to gain cultural competence and an appreciation of cultural diversity. And, what better way to accomplish that than to create a college based experience where young people with intellectual disabilities become part of the MSU community. **Dr. Chris Craig, Deputy Provost, Missouri State University – 0:05**

As a parent to a child with Down Syndrome, Bear POWER is huge. Not only is Missouri State creating an inclusive college experience for people with intellectual disabilities, but they're also sending a message to the community and that message is raise expectations, which in turn, creates future opportunities for independence and inclusion. **Rachel Heinz, Parent Advocate – 0:32**

I for one would love for MSU to get a residential program for people like me in dorms, so I can witness the greatness of everyone experiencing the college life and atmosphere here in Springfield. I support this all the way. **Adam DeBacker, Student – 0:52**

Not only the college classroom experience, but everything that happens after class. From going to football games, to participating in other parts of student life, we're going to make that activity happen for these students. **Dr. Chris Craig, Deputy Provost, Missouri State University – 1:05**

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