Welcome Youth & Parents:

This is a milestone year for I’m Determined. We have been on our journey for over a decade. Our first summit had one youth leader, 25 youth participants and no concurrent parent summit. Ten years later, we have 25 youth leaders from across Virginia, we have a committed group of parent leaders and we regularly receive over 200 applications.

This year’s summit theme is Journey of a Lifetime. Becoming self-determined doesn’t happen overnight. It is a lifelong journey. Attending the summit is a major step toward becoming self-determined. We are faced everyday with opportunities to increase our self-determination skills and add more tools to our toolbox. However, if we don’t push ourselves to use our tools, they will get rusty.

We are excited you are spending two days of your journey with us – we promise it will be filled with learning opportunities, possibly some tears, and lots of fun!

Have fun!

John McNaught  Dana Yarbrough
Youth Summit  Parent Summit
Location & Directions

The Youth and Parent Summit is hosted on the campus of James Madison University. Opening and closing Youth and Parent Summit sessions will be in the Festival Conference and Student Center. Parent Summit concurrent sessions will be held in the third, fourth and fifth floors of the Madison Union Building.

Lodging will be in the Residence Halls, with overflow in local hotels due to construction. Meals will be in E-Hall.

Featured here are a campus map and diagrams of the upper and lower level of the Festival Conference and Student Center, and the Madison Union Building.

Journey of a Lifetime
Festival Center
2nd Floor

Festival Center
1st Floor
Parent Facilities

5th Floor
- Madison Grill
- Madison Union Ballroom

4th Floor
- 418 Airport Lounge
- 420 Fraternity & Sorority Life
- 412 Interfaith Chapel
- 419 Meditation Room
- 400-404 Meeting Rooms

3rd Floor
- 300 Dean of Students
- 330 Dux Leadership Center
- 302-311 Meeting Rooms
- 320 Student Activities
- 331 Student Government Association
- 324 University Program Board

2nd Floor
- Bank
- 207 Center for Multicultural Student Services
- Clubhouse
- Madison Union Event Services
- 205 Madison Union Finance
- 245 Madison Union Scheduling
- 203 Meeting Room
- 206 Meeting Room
- 256 Meeting Room
- 200 University Unions Administration

1st Floor
- Auntie Anne's
- Corner Pocket Billiards
- 102 JMU Event Management
- TAVI or Down Under Stage & Lounge

Journey of a Lifetime
Wednesday, June 15th

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Summit Registrations, AT and Exhibitor Hall (Festival Center)

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner (E-Hall)

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Summit Informational Meeting (John McNaught and Dana Yarbrough) (Festival Center Ballroom)

8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Parents Parent Video Meeting (Jill Rose) (Festival Center Highlands Room)
Youth Icebreaker (Festival Center Ballroom)

Thursday, June 16th

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast (E-Hall)

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Summit Welcome and Opening Remarks (Amanda Randall) (Festival Center Ballroom)
~ Welcome from Virginia Department of Education (John Eisenberg)
~ Keynote Presentation (George Dennehy)

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Parents Busses to Parent Summit (Festival Center Driveway)
Youth Break

10:45 – 12:30 p.m. Parents Parent Summit Welcome (Union Hall Auditorium)
~ Journey of a Lifetime Skit (Erin Mahone & the Parent Summit Players)
~ Welcome from Center for Family Involvement and the VA Department of Education (Dana Yarbrough & Hank Millward)
~ Open Q&A for parents
Youth (Festival Center and Turf Field)

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

1:45 – 5:00 p.m. Parents Parent Summit Learning Sessions (Union & Taylor Halls)
Youth Youth Summit Learning Sessions (Festival Center)
5:00 – 5:15 p.m.  Parents Busses back to Festival Center (Union Hall Entrance)

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  Dinner (E-Hall)

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  Parents Parent Social (E-Hall 2nd Floor)
    Youth Social (Festival Center Ballroom & Lower Level Game Room)

**Friday, June 17th**

6:30 – 8:15 a.m.  Breakfast (E-Hall)

8:15 – 8:30 a.m.  Parents Busses to Parent Summit (Festival Center Driveway)
    Youth Break

8:45 – 11:15 a.m.  Parents Parent Summit Closing (Union Hall Auditorium)
    Keeping yourself Emotionally and Physically Fueled Yourself Along the Journey (Rose Heyward and panel with Matthew and Eve Shapiro, Phillip and Barbara Mooney-Blevins, & Monique and Larry Tinsley)
    Closing Remarks (Gloria Dalton)
    Youth (Festival Center and Turf Field)

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.  Parents Busses to Summit Closing (Union Hall Entrance)

11:30 – 1:00 p.m.  Summit Closing (Festival Center Ballroom)
    ~ Youth and Parent Summit Closing Remarks (Amanda Randall, Dana Yarbrough and John Eisenberg)
    ~ DCDT Youth of the Year Award Presentation
    ~ Parent Video Presentation
    ~ Youth Presentation

1:00 – 3:30 p.m  Lunch and Move Out (E-Hall and Dorms)
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The Center for Family Involvement Mission and Vision

The Center for Family Involvement works with families to increase their skills as advocates, mentors, and leaders so that family members and others with disabilities can lead the lives they want.

Every family of an individual with a disability, together with the professionals who work with them, embraces the family’s role in improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. Family members become:

- advocates who speak with and for their family members with a disability
- mentors who use what they have learned to help others; and,
- leaders who make possible a better life for those who follow

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I'm Determined

The Virginia Department of Education’s I’m Determined project is a state-directed project whose purpose is to increase the self-determination skills of students with disabilities.

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