

Final Personal Reflection: Presentations

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Michelle Kendrick's presentation on Access versus Success was a topic that has a lot of relevance to me as a high school teacher because I encounter students with various learning and physical disabilities daily. I also hope to work with international students in the future in a higher education setting, and I am sure that there will be some confusion with disability accommodation upon arrival to the university. The relevance of Michelle's topic to my life and my future made her research particularly engaging. I am really struck by her comment, "Accommodations are not granted because a student with a disability is unsuccessful, and they should not be denied because a student is successful" following a description of a case of a successful student who could not pass her Legal Bar test due to her learning disability. Her presentation made me want to learn more about disability services and the legal issues that accompany them. This way, I can incorporate these skills into my current interaction with students with disabilities and my future career as well.