

Access to Experts



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Sam Leckrone is a successful adult with autism who is committed to advocating for individuals with disabilities. Sam was the first student with autism to be included in regular classes in the Ypsilanti, Michigan school district. Using the public school system to work on social skills, peer interactions, and problem solving, Sam graduated from Ypsilanti High School and was admitted to the University of Michigan College of Engineering. Sam was able to pursue his passion for road design and transportation Engineering, develop lifelong friendships with other Engineers, and successfully complete his Bachelor's Degree at U of M. He then accepted a graduate fellowship, and completed his Master's Degree of Transportation Engineering at Purdue University. Sam was able to navigate the interview process, and was hired by the Virginia Department of Transportation. He enjoys problem-solving, interacting with his colleagues, and enjoys a good relationship with his Supervisors. VDOT has been extremely accommodating and supports Sam and other individuals with disabilities in a positive work environment.