National initiative - postsecondary education for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Think College Illinois - partnership with state agencies & Illinois colleges to create a blueprint for postsecondary education opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities
CAREER SKILLS INSTITUTE GOALS

- Academic skills tied to daily needs
- Self-determination
- Work behaviors
- Career interests
- Campus membership
OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM

- Cohort model - appropriate pace and accommodations

- 2-year program meets 3x/weekly

- Program coordinator, instructors, & job/education coaches

- Coaches are undergraduates completing field experience requirements for Harper programs
Students independently transition between classes, buildings, & non-academic activities

Most classes are held in the same building located near the Career Skills Institute office

Work-based training is hosted by other departments on campus during the 4th semester of the program
Core values:
- Integrity
- Respect
- Excellence
- Collaboration

Promote safety and appropriate social interaction
Classes prepare students for generalized workplace skills

On-campus work experience places them in a work setting for one or our campus departments

Partnership with Little City for job placement and follow-up mentoring
CLASS OF 2014
PROGRAM’S FIRST GRADUATION

May 19, 2014