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Famous and Notable People with Disabilities

The following is a list of famous and notable people who have disabilities, including what they are known for, where they went to college and what degrees they hold, and what types of disabilities they have. The list is divided into sections based on the following disability categories: learning disabilities; ADD/ADHD; Autism Spectrum Disorder/Asperger syndrome; psychological/mental health; deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing loss; blind, visually impaired, low vision, and vision loss; physical and mobility disabilities, and health conditions.

Learning Disabilities

Person (Job/Known For; Disability)	University/School Attended, Degree(s) Obtained	References
Carol Mosely Braun (Former U.S. Senator from Illinois, U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand, first African-American woman Senator, and Visiting Professor of Political Science, Dyslexia)	B.A. in Political Science from the University of Illinois (1969) and J.D. from the University of Chicago School of Law (1972)	1 2 3 4
Gavin Newsom (Lieutenant Governor of California, Dyslexia)	B.S. in Political Science from Santa Clara University (1989)	1 2 3
Michael Bennet (U.S. Senator from Colorado and former Superintendent of Denver Public Schools, Dyslexia)	B.A. in History from Wesleyan University (1987) and J.D. from Yale Law School (1993)	1 2
Kendrick Meek (Former U.S. Representative from Florida, Dyslexia)	B.S. in Criminal Justice from Florida A&M University (1989)	1 2
Gaston Caperton (Former Governor of West Virginia, Dyslexia)	B.A. in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (1963)	1 2 3
Dannel Malloy (Governor of Connecticut, Dyslexia and motor control problems)	B.A. from Boston College (graduated Magna Cum Laude) and J.D. from Boston College Law School	1 2 3 4 5
Dave Reichert (U.S. Representative from Washington, Dyslexia)	A.A. in Social Work from Concordia Lutheran College (1970)	1 2
Anne M. Burke (Illinois Supreme Court Justice and a founder of the Special Olympics, Dyslexia)	B.A. in Education from DePaul University (1976) and J.D. from ITT/Chicago-Kent College of Law (1983)	1 2
Richard Branson (Businessman, Founder of Virgin Group, Dyslexia)	Did not go to college (dropped out of school at age 16)	1 2
Paul Orfalea (Founder of the copy-chain Kinkos [now FedEx Office] and a visiting professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara [UCSB], the University of Southern California (USC), and Loyola Marymount University, Dyslexia and ADD)	B.B.A. (Bachelor of Business Administration) from the University of Southern California (1971)	1 2 3 4

John Chambers (CEO of Cisco, Dyslexia)	Bachelor's degree in Business (1971) and a law degree (1974) from West Virginia University, and an MBA in finance and management from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University at Bloomington (1975)	1 2 3
Charles Schwab (Investor, financial executive, philanthropist, and founder and chairman of the Charles Schwab Corporation, Dyslexia)	B.A. in Economics from Stanford University (1959) and an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business (1961)	1 2
Ingvar Kamprad (Founder of IKEA, Dyslexia)	Did not go to college	1 2
Barbara Corcoran (Founder of one of NYC's largest residential real estate agencies, and investor and star of Shark Tank, Dyslexia)	Degree in Education from St. Thomas Aquinas College (1971)	1 2 3
Diane Swonk (Economist and author, Dyslexia and math issues)	B.A. and M.A. in Economics from the University of Michigan (with top honors) and an MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business (with top honors)	1 2
Stan Gloss (Co-founder of BioTeam [a multimillion-dollar company that builds supercomputers for scientists], Dyslexia)	Associate's degree in Respiratory Therapy from Northeastern University, Bachelor's in Respiratory Therapy from Upstate University in Syracuse, and a M.S. at SUNY Buffalo	1 2 3
Ben Foss (Inventor of the Intel Reader, Dyslexia)	B.A. from Wesleyan University (1995), JD/MBA from Stanford Law and Business Schools (2003)	1 2 3 4 5
Craig McCaw (Founder of McCaw Cellular and Clearwire Corporation, Dyslexia)	B.A. in History from Stanford University (1972)	1 2 3
Ted Turner (CEO of Turner Broadcasting System including CNN and TNT, Dyslexia)	Majored in Economics at Brown University (did not graduate due to expulsion), received an honorary bachelor's degree (1989) and doctorate(1993) from Brown University	1 2 3 4
John Reed (Former chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, former chairman and CEO of Citicorp, Citibank, and Citigroup, and past chairman of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's board of trustees, Dyslexia)	B.A. from Washington and Jefferson College (1960), B.S. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1961) [dual degree program], M.S. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan School of Management (1965)	1 2 3 4
Nancy Brinker (Founder of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Dyslexia)	B.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1968)	1 2 3
O.D. McKee (Founder of McKee Foods Corporation, Dyslexia)	No information found	1 2 3
Gary Cohn (Investment banker, President and Chief Operating Officer of the investment firm Goldman Sachs, and chief economic advisor to president Donald Trump, Dyslexia)	B.S. in Business Administration from American University's Kogod School of Business (1982) [majored in Finance, Real Estate, and Urban Development]	1 2 3
David Boies (Attorney and Chairman of Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, Dyslexia)	B.S. from Northwestern University (1964), J.D. from Yale Law School (1966) [magna cum laude], and an L.L.M. from New York University School of Law (1967), and a Doctorate from the University of Redlands	1 2 3

Ann Bancroft (Polar explorer, Dyslexia)	B.S. in Physical Education from the University of Oregon (1981)	1 2
Keith L. Magee, Th. D. (Pastor and community leader, Dyslexia)	Doctorate in Theology from Harvard Divinity School, also studied at Ohio University, Georgetown, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies, and Grace International Bible College in Ohio	1 2
Beryl Benacerraf, M.D. (Radiologist and expert in ultrasound during pregnancy, Dyslexia)	M.D. from Harvard Medical School (1976), Residency at Massachusetts General Hospital (1977-1980), and Fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital (1980-1981)	1 2
Blake Charlton, M.D. (Science fiction author and Cardiology Fellow at the University of California, San Francisco, Dyslexia)	Bachelor's degree in English language and literature from Yale University (2002), M.D. from the Stanford University School of Medicine with Scholar concentrations in Biomedical Ethics and Medical Humanities (2013)	1 2
Delos "Toby" Cosgrove, M.D. (Executive Advisor and former CEO and President of the Cleveland Clinic, Dyslexia)	Bachelor's degree from Williams College (1962), M.D. from the University of Virginia School of Medicine (1966), Residencies at the University of Rochester-Strong Memorial Hospital in General Surgery (1967), Brook General Hospital in Cardiothoracic Surgery (1973), Massachusetts General Hospital in Cardiac Surgery (1974), and Children's Hospital of Boston in Cardiac Surgery (1974)	1 2
Tyler Lucas, M.D. (Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at Metropolitan Hospital & Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, Dyslexia)	M.D. from Tulane University School of Medicine (1989), Fellowship in Sports Medicine at the Graduate Hospital – Tenet Healthcare, and Residencies at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in General Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery	1 2 3
Karen Santucci, M.D. (Associate Professor of Pediatrics; Medical Director and Section Chief, Pediatric Emergency Medicine)	B.S. in Biology with an Education Minor from the College of Mount Saint Vincent (1984), Biology Teaching Fellowship at New York University (1985), M.D. from the State University of New York (1989), Residency and Chief Residency in pediatrics at SUNY Downstate; Fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at Hasbro Children's Hospital/Brown Medical School	1 2 3 4
Stuart Yudofsky, M.D. (Distinguished Professor Emeritus and chairman of the Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine, Dyslexia)	B.A. from New York University (1966), M.D. from Baylor College of Medicine (1970), Internship at Albert Einstein College of Medicine Affiliate Hospitals (1970), and Residency at Columbia University Affiliate Hospitals (1971)	1 2 3
Jack Horner (Paleontologist, Curator of Paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies, the Regent's Professor of Paleontology, adjunct	Attended the University of Montana majoring in geology and zoology; received an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the	1 2

curator at the National Museum of Natural History, retired teacher at the Honors Program at Montana State University, technical advisor for all of the Jurassic Park films, and recipient of the MacArthur Fellowship in 1986 and the Romer-Simpson Price in 2013, Dyslexia)	University of Montana (1986) and an Honorary Doctorate from the Pennsylvania State University (2006)	
David Schoenbrod (Trustee Professor of Law at New York's Law School, Dyslexia)	Graduated magna cum laude from Yale University with a B.A. (1963), a graduate degree in economics (B. Phil) as a Marshall Scholar from Oxford University (1965), and a law degree (LL.B) from Yale University (1968)	1 2
Rafael Galvan (Attorney with Orrick's Energy and Infrastructure Group, Dyslexia)	B.A. from the State University of New York at Albany (1995), J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School (1998)	1 2
Bonnie Patten (Attorney and executive director of Truth in Advertising, Dylexia)	B.A. in Economics, African-American Studies from the University of Pennsylvania (1989) and a J.D. from Boston University School of Law (1992)	1 2
Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Ph. D. (Space scientist, science educator, and Honorary Research Associate in University College London's Department of Physics and Astronomy, Dyslexia)	BSc in Physics (1990) and a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering (1994) from Imperial College London	1 2 3 4 5
Carol Gerider, Ph. D. (Professor and Director of Molecular Biology and Genetics at Johns Hopkins University, Dyslexia)	B.A. in Biology from the College of Creative Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara (1983) and a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the University of California, Berkeley (1987)	1 2
Liz Ball (Teacher at the Beth Chana Academy, Dyslexia)	Graduated from Carleton College, graduated cum laude from Boston University Law School	1 2
David Schenck (Educator and Founder of the Schenck School for students with Dyslexia, Dyslexia)	Graduated with a degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan (1948), obtained a master's degree in education from Emory University (1959)	1 2 3
Dean Kamen (Engineer, businessman, and inventor of the Segway, various medical devices, and many other inventions, Dyslexia and ADHD)	Attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute (dropped out)	1 2 3 4
Alan Meckler, Ph.D. (Internet pioneer and publishing executive, founder and chairman of the Mecklermedia Corporation, founder of several print magazines including Virtual Reality World, CDrom World, and Internet World, and chairman and CEO of Mediabistro Inc., Dyslexia and ADHD)	B.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University (Ph.D. circa 1982)	1 2 3
Amy Sequenzia (Activist and poet/writer about disability rights, civil rights and human rights, Autism, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy, Dyspraxia, and Insomnia)	No information found	1 2 3

ADD/ADHD

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Paul Orfalea (Founder of the copy-chain Kinkos [now FedEx Office] and a visiting professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara [UCSB], the University of Southern California (USC), and Loyola Marymount University, Dyslexia and ADD)	B.B.A. (Bachelor of Business Administration) from the University of Southern California (1971)	1 2 3 4
danah boyd (Principal Researcher at Microsoft Research, the founder and president of Data & Society Research Institute, and a visiting professor at New York University, ADHD)	B.A. in Computer Science from Brown University, M.S. in Sociable Media at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab, and a Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley School of Information (2008)	1 2 3 4
Peter Kight (CEO of Checkfree, ADD)	No information found	1 2
David Neeleman (CEO of JetBlue, ADHD)	Attended the University of Utah but did not graduate	1 2
Glenn Beck (TV and radio personality, ADHD and several health conditions)	Attended at Yale University, honorary Ph.D. degree from Liberty University (2010)	1 2 3
James Carville (American political commentator, media personality, and faculty member at Tulane University and Louisiana State University's Manship School of Mass Communication, ADHD)	B.A. and J.D. from Louisiana State University	1 2 3 4
Katherine Ellison (Pulitzer-prize winning journalist, public speaker, editor, and writing consultant, ADHD)	No information found	1 2
Edward Hallowell, M.D. (Child and adult psychiatrist who specializes in ADD and ADHD, founder of the Hallowell Center for Cognitive and Emotional Health, and co-author of several books, ADHD)	Bachelor's degree from Harvard University, M.D. from Tulane University Medical School	1 2 3 4
Cameron Herold (Serial entrepreneur, business coach, business mentor, CEO coach, TED Talk speaker, lecturer for the Entrepreneurial Organization Master's program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and founder of COO Alliance, ADHD)	B.A. in Law from Carleton University (1988)	1 2 3 4 5
Dean Kamen (Engineer, businessman, and inventor of the Segway, various medical devices, and many other inventions, Dyslexia and ADHD)	Attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute (dropped out)	1 2 3 4
Alan Meckler, Ph.D. (Internet pioneer and publishing executive, founder and chairman of the Mecklermedia Corporation, founder of several print magazines including Virtual Reality World, CDrom World, and Internet World, and chairman and CEO of Mediabistro Inc., Dyslexia and ADHD)	B.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University (Ph.D. circa 1982)	1 2 3

Leigh Steinberg (Sports agent who are represented the number one overall pick in the NFL draft a record eight times and on whom the 1996 Jerry Maguire movie was based, ADHD)	B.A. in Political Science (1970) and J.D. (1973) from the University of California, Berkeley	1 2
Brookley Wofford (Miss Minnesota United States 2015 and a CHADD [Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder] champion/ambassador, ADHD)	Graduated from the University of Mississippi with honors with a degree in Marketing Communications and a minor in Broadcast Journalism (2009)	1 2 3

Autism Spectrum Disorder/Asperger syndrome

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Dr. Jason Nolan (Associate Professor in Early Childhood Studies at Ryerson University and Director of the Response Ecologies Lab and the Experiential Design and Gaming Environments Lab, Autism and Deaf)	Ph.D. in Critical Pedagogy from the University of Toronto (2001)	1 2
Bram Cohen (Creator of BitTorrent, Asperger syndrome)	Attended SUNY Buffalo but did not graduate	1 2 3 4
Temple Grandin, Ph.D (Animal Behaviorist and Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University, Autism)	Bachelor's degree in Human Psychology from Franklin Pierce College (1970), a Master's degree in Animal Science from Arizona State University (1975), and a doctoral degree in Animal Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1989)	1 2 3
Satoshi Tajiri (Creator of Pokémon video game series, Autism/Asperger syndrome)	Majored in Electronics and Computer Science at the Tokyo National College of Technology (two-year technical degree program)	1 2 3 4
Matt Savage (Professional jazz pianist, composer, and music teacher at Bunker Hill Community College, several community music schools, and private lessons, Pervasive Development Disorder (PDD-NOS) and Savant syndrome	B.M. degree in Performance (Piano) from Berklee College of Music (2012), M.M. in Jazz Performance (Piano) from the Manhattan School of Music (2015)	1 2 3
Tony DeBlois (Professional jazz musician who can play over twenty instruments, Blind, Autism, and Savant syndrome)	Graduated magna cum laude from Berklee College of Music (1996)	1 2
Caiseal Mór (Sci-fi and fantasy novelist, artist, musician, actor, and teacher, Autism, Dissociative Identity Disorder, and PTSD)	Graduated from the University of Western Sydney with a degree in Performing Arts (1990)	1 2 3 4 5
James Hobley (Ballet dancer and a finalist on season five of Britain's Got Talent, Autism)	Currently a student at the English National Ballet School (as of 2017)	1 2 3
Amy Sequenzia (Activist and writer about disability rights, civil rights and human rights, Autism, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy, Dyspraxia, and Insomnia)	No information found	1 2 3

Psychological/Mental Health

Person (Job/Known For; Disability)	University/School Attended, Degree(s) Obtained	References

Kay Redfield Jamison, M.D. (Professor of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University and former Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, Bipolar Disorder)	B.A. and M.A. in Clinical Psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles (1971), C.Phil. (1973) and Ph.D. (1975) from University of California, Los Angeles	1 2 3 4
Elyn Saks (Associate Dean and Orrin B. Evans Professor of Law, Psychology, and Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences at the University of Southern California Gould Law School, Adjunct professor of Psychiatry at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine, faculty at the New Center for Psychoanalysis, and a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship winner, Schizophrenia)	Graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University, MLitt from Oxford University as a Marshall Scholar, J.D. from Yale Law School, Ph.D. in Psychoanalytic Science from the New Center for Psychoanalysis	1 2 3 4
John Forbes Nash Jr (Mathematician and Nobel Prize Winner in Mathematics, Schizophrenia)	B.S. and M.S. in Mathematics from Carnegie Institute of Technology (1948), Ph.D. from Princeton University (1950)	1 2
J.K. Rowling (Novelist, screenwriter, and producer who is best known for writing the Harry Potter fantasy series, Depression)	B.A. in French and Classics from the University of Exeter (1986)	1 2 3
Buzz Aldrin (Engineer, former astronaut, Command Pilot in the United States Air Force, and one of the first two humans to land on the Moon, Depression)	B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point (1951), Sc.D. in Astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1963)	1 2 3
Kjell Magne Bondevik (Norwegian Lutheran minister and politician, former Prime Minister of Norway, and current President of the Oslo Centre for Peace and Human Rights, Depression)	Theological candidate at the MF Norwegian School of Theology (1975)	1 2 3
Barbara Bush (former First Lady of the United States, Depression)	Attended Smith College but did not graduate (1943-1944)	1 2 3 4
Lawton Chiles (Politician, former United States Senator and the 41st governor of Florida, Depression)	Graduated from the University of Florida at Gainesville (1952) and earned a law degree from the University of Florida's law school (1955)	1 2 3
Tipper Gore (Wife of Al Gore [the 45th Vice President of the United States], Depression)	B.A. in Psychology from Boston University (1970), Master's degree in Psychology from Vanderbilt University's George Peabody College (1975)	1 2
Jason Saltzman (Startup mentor, entrepreneur, and CEO of Alley, Generalized Anxiety Disorder)	BFA in Fine Arts from Fashion Institute of Technology (1999), BFA in Marketing and Fine Arts from Briarcliffe College (2003)	1 2 3
Caiseal Mór (Sci-fi and fantasy novelist, artist, musician, actor, and teacher, Autism, Dissociative Identity Disorder, and PTSD)	Graduated from the University of Western Sydney with a degree in Performing Arts (1990)	1 2 3 4 5

Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Hearing Loss

Person (Job/Known For; Disability)	University/School Attended, Degree(s) Obtained	References
Tom Ridge (Former Governor of Pennsylvania and first US Secretary of Homeland Security, Hearing Loss and Tinnitus)	B.A. from Harvard University with honors (1967), J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law (1972)	1 2

I. King Jordan, Ph. D. (First Deaf President of Gallaudet University, Deaf)	B.A. in Psychology from Gallaudet University (1970), M.A. (1971), and Ph.D. (1973) in Psychology from the University of Tennessee	1 2 3
Vinton Cerf (Internet pioneer, one of the "Fathers of the Internet", and a member of the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University, Deaf/Hard of Hearing)	B.S. in Mathematics from Stanford University, M.S (1970) and Ph.D. (1972) in Computer Science from the University of California, Los Angeles	1 2
Konstantin E. Tsiolkovsky (One of the fathers of rocketry and cosmonautics, Deaf)	Clear information not found; available information suggests that he attended university lectures but did not earn a degree	1 2
Ella Mae Lentz (Author, poet, teacher, and advocate, Deaf)	Dual bachelor's degrees in Drama and English from Gallaudet University (1975)	1 2
Mojo Mathers (New Zealand politician and former member of the New Zealand House of Representatives, Deaf)	Honors degree in Mathematics and a Master's degree in Conservation Forestry	1 2
John Cornforth Jr (Chemist and winner of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, Deaf)	B.S. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Sydney's School of Chemistry (graduated with First-Class Honors and the University Medal, 1937), D.Phil. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Oxford's St. Catherine's College (1941)	1 2
Kathleen Ollerenshaw (Mathematician, politician, and Lord Mayer of Manchester from 1975-1976, Deaf)	Graduated from Somerville College in the University of Oxford with a First-Class degree in Mathematics (1933), D.Phil. from Somerville College in the University of Oxford (1945)	1 2 3
Sue Thomas (First Deaf person to work as an undercover specialist for the FBI, Deaf and Multiple Sclerosis)	B.S. in Political Science and International Relations from Springfield College (1976), post-graduate work in counseling at Case Western Reserve and Columbia Bible College and Seminary	1 2
Caroline Soloman (Professor of Biology at Gallaudet University and Adjunct at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Deaf)	B.A. in Environmental Science and Public Policy from Harvard University, M.S. in Biological Oceanography from the University of Washington, and a Ph.D. in Biological Oceanography from the University of Maryland	1 2
Dr. Joshua Reiher (Physician, first deaf person to graduate from the University of Wisconsin Medical School, Deaf)	M.D. from the University of Wisconsin Medical School (2012)	1 2
Dr. Christopher Moreland (Physician [Hospitalist] and the Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the University of Texas Health Science Center, Deaf)	B.A. from The University of Texas Austin (Plan II), M.D. from the University of Texas Houston Medical School, Residency in Internal Medicine at the UC Davis School of Medicine (2008)	1 2 3
Omer Zak (Digital Electronics and Software Engineer, Deaf)	B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from the Technion (Israel Institute of Technology), M.Sc. in Physics from Weizmann Institute of Science	1 2

Dr. Kathryn Woodcock (Professor at Ryerson University specializing in human factors engineering, first deaf woman to earn a Ph.D. in Engineering and longest tenured deaf professor in Canada, Deaf)	B.A.Sc and M.A.Sc from the University of Waterloo, Ph.D. from the University of Toronto	1 2 3
Dr. Michele Cooke (Professor at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst in the Department of Geosciences, Deaf)	Graduated cum laude with a B.S.E. in Geological Engineering from Princeton University (1989), M.S. in Civil Engineering from Stanford University (1991), Ph.D. in Geological and Environmental Sciences with a Ph.D. minor in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University (1996)	1 2
Dr. Jason Nolan (Associate Professor in Early Childhood Studies at Ryerson University and Director of the Response Ecologies Lab and the Experiential Design and Gaming Environments Lab, Autism and Deaf)	Ph.D. in Critical Pedagogy from the University of Toronto (2001)	1 2
Dr. Phillip Zazove (Author, physician, chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Michigan, and the third deaf American physician, Deaf)	Bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, Master's degree in Biology from Northwestern University, M.D. from Washington University School of Medicine	1 2 3
Dr. Peter Hauser (Psychologist, director of the Deaf Studies Laboratory and professor at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT/NTID), and leader of the Rochester Bridges to the Doctorate Program at Rochester Institute of Technology, Deaf)	B.A. in Psychology and Philosophy from Central Connecticut State University (1994), M.A. from Gallaudet in Linguistics (1998) and Psychology (1999), Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Gallaudet University (2000)	1 2

Blind, Visually Impaired, Low Vision, and Vision Loss

Person (Job/Known For; Disability)	University/School Attended, Degree(s) Obtained	References
Cyrus Habib (Current Lieutenant Governor of Washington, President of the Washington State Senate, lawyer, and Professor and Distinguished Lawmaker in Residence at Seattle University Law School, Blind)	Graduate summa cum laude with a B.A. in Comparative Literature from Columbia University, Master of Letters in English Literature from St John's College at the University of Oxford, and a J.D. from Yale Law School	1 2 3
David Paterson (55th Governor of New York, first African-American Secretary of State in New York, and the first African-American Vice-Chair of the National Democratic Party, Legally Blind)	B.A. in History from Columbia College of Columbia University (1977) and a J.D. from Hofstra Law School (1983)	1 2
Chris Holmes, Baron Holmes of Richmond (Paralympic swimmer and life peer in the House of Lords, Blind)	B.A. in Social and Political Sciences at King's College, Cambridge, his B.A. was promoted to a Master of Arts (Oxbridge and Dublin) degree (1998), post graduate diploma in law (PGDL) from BPP Law School, and completed the Legal Practice Course (2002)	1 2 3

Bob C. Riley (Educator [university professor], politician, the former Acting Governor of Arkansas, and the eighth Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas, Blind)	B.A. (1950), M.A. (1951), and Ed.D. (1957) degrees from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville	1 2
Trischa Zorn (Swimmer, the most successful athlete in the history of the Paralympic Games, former Special Education teacher swimming coach, and attorney for an Indianapolis insurance company, Blind)	B.S. in Education/Special Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (1987), Master's degree in School Administration from Indiana University, graduated from Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis (2005)	1 2 3
Dr. Abraham Nemeth (Mathematician and inventor, Professor of Mathematics at the University of Detroit Mercy, and the developer of the Nemeth Braille Code for Mathematics and Science Notation, Blind)	Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Brooklyn College, M.A. in Psychology from Columbia University, Ph.D. in Mathematics from Wayne State University	1 2 3 4
Dr. Jacob Bolotin (First man born totally blind to become fully licensed to practice medicine, Blind)	Graduated from the Chicago College of Medicine with honors (circa 1912)	1 2
Richard H. Bernstein (Lawyer and Michigan Supreme Court Justice, Legally Blind)	Graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. from the University of Michigan (1996), J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law (1999)	1 2 3 4
Dr. Wanda Díaz-Merced (Sonic astrophysicist and astronomer at the International Astronomical Union's Office of Astronomy for Development, Blind and Diabetes)	Bachelor's degree and Master's degree from the University of Puerto Rico, Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Glasgow (2013), post-doctoral fellow at the South African Astronomical Observatory	1 2 3 4 5 6
Dr. David Hartman (Psychiatrist, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, and first blind American to complete pre-med and medical studies, Blind)	Graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in Biology from Gettysburg College (1972), M.D. from Temple University School of Medicine (1976), Residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Temple University Hospital, Residency in Psychiatry at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania	1 2 3 4
Dr. Tim Cordes (Psychiatrist at the William S. Middleton VA Hospital, second blind person ever to be accepted to an American school of medicine, Blind)	Valedictorian of the University of Notre Dame with a B.S. in Biochemistry (1998), M.D. (2004) and Ph.D. in Biochemistry (2007) from the University of Wisconsin-Madison	1 2 3 4
Dr. Stanley Yarnell (Physician specializing in physical medicine and rehabilitation, Visually Impaired)	Graduated cum laude with a degree in Microbiology from Ohio State University, graduated from Ohio State University Medical School	1 2
Dr. Stanley Wainapel (Clinical Director of Rehabilitation Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center, assistant clinical instructor with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and an associate professor with Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, Blind)	Graduated with a bachelor's degree, an M.D., and a Master's degree in Public Health from Boston University	1 2
Dr. Iliff Jeffery (Osteopathic physician and preceptor for Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and Western University's College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, Blind)	D.O. from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (1944)	1 2

Tony DeBlois (Professional jazz musician who can play over twenty instruments, Blind, Autism, and Savant syndrome)	Graduated magna cum laude from Berklee College of Music (1996)	1 2

Physical and Mobility Disabilities

Person (Job/Known For; Disability)	University/School Attended, Degree(s) Obtained	References
Dr. Meghan Wilson (Physician [Physiatrist], Quadriplegia)	Bachelor's degree in Neurobiology from the University of Florida, Ph.D. (2011) and M.D. (2013) from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Medical Scientist Training program, Internship at the Northside Medical Center, Residency at the University of California, Irvine in Rehabilitation Medicine	1 2
Dr. Thomas Strax (Physician [Physiatrist], Professor and Chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and Medical Director of the JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute, Cerebral Palsy)	B.A. from New York University (1963), M.D. from the New York University School of Medicine	1 2
Janet Reno (First female U.S. Attorney General, Parkinson's Disease)	B.S. in Chemistry from Cornell University, J.D. from Harvard Law School (1963)	1 2 3
Bob Dole (Former member of the U.S. House and U.S. Senate from Kansas and the 1996 Republican Party's presidential candidate, paralyzed right arm and hand)	B.A. and LL.B from Washburn University (1952)	1 2
Wilma Mankiller (First women Chief of the Cherokee Nation and Women's Rights Activist, Myasthenia Gravis [neuromuscular disease])	Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from Flaming Rainbow University, completed graduate courses at the University of Arkansas	1 2
Charles Proteus Steinmetz (Electrical Engineer famous for his work in electricity, Kyphosis, Dwarfism, and hip dysplasia)	Undergraduate degree from the University of Breslau, honorary degree from Harvard University (1901), honorary Ph.D. from Union College (1903)	1 2 3
Justin Whitlock Dart Jr. (Activist and advocate for people with disabilities, physical disability [polio])	Bachelor's degrees in History and Education from the University of Houston (1954)	1 2 3
Richard Mankin (Research entomologist for the Agricultural Research Service [part of the U.S. department of Agriculture or USDA], Mobility disability [rare muscle disease])	B.S. in Mathematics and B.S. in Physics from New Mexico State University (1970), M.S. in Physics from the University of Florida (1976), and Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of Florida (1979)	1 2 3
Farida Bedwei (Software engineer and co-founder and chief technical officer of software company Logiciel, Cerebral Palsy)	Diploma in Software Engineering from the ST. Michael Information Technology Center, B.Sc. in Computer Science from the University of Hertfordshire (2005), certificate in Project Management from Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (2009)	1 2 3

Larry Pileggi (Tanoto Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Carnegie Mellon and the director of the Center for Circuit & System Solutions, a multi-university U.S. research program, Physical Disability [Wheelchair user])	B.S. (1983) and M.S. (1984) in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University (1989)	1 2 3
Amy Sequenzia (Activist and writer about disability rights, civil rights and human rights, Autism, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy, Dyspraxia, and Insomnia)	No information found	1 2 3

Health Conditions

Person (Job/Known For; Disability)	University/School Attended, Degree(s) Obtained	References
John F. Kennedy (35th President of the United States, Addison's Disease)	Graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Government with a concentration on international affairs from Harvard University (1940), audited graduate classes at the Stanford Graduate School of Business (circa 1940)	1 2
Naomi Ondrasek (Biologist at the University of California, Davis, Autoimmune disease [Irritable Bowel Disease]	Ph.D. in Integrative Biology from University of California, Berkeley (2013), Fellowship at the University of California, Davis	1 2
Michelle Bachmann (Politician, former member of the United States House of Representatives, and candidate for the Republican nomination in the 2012 United States presidential election, Migraines)	B.A. from Winona State University (1978), J.D. from Oral Roberts University (1986), LL.M in Tax Law from William & Mary Law School (1988)	1 2 3
Howard Bloom (Author and former publicist for singers and bands such as Prince, Billy Joel, and Styx, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome)	Graduated from New York University	1 2 3 4 5
Susan Blackmore (Psychologist, writer, contributor to The Guardian newspaper, sceptic, lecturer, broadcaster, and a Visiting Professor at the University of Plymouth, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome)	B.A. (Hons) in Psychology and Physiology from St. Hilda's College, Oxford (1973), MSc in Environmental Psychology from the University of Surrey (1974), Ph.D. in Parapsychology from University of Surrey (1980)	1 2 3
Leonard Jason (Professor of Psychology and Director of the Center for Community Research at DePaul University, former president of the Division of Community Psychology of the American Psychological Association, and a past	B.A. in Psychology from Brandeis University (1971), Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Rochester (1975)	1 2

editor of The Community Psychologist, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome)		
Ken Baumann (Writer, publisher, book designer, co-founder of the iOS app Sweetspot, and actor on The Secret Life of the American Teenager, Crohn's disease)	Currently attends St. John's College (as of 2016)	1 2 3 4
Dwight D. Eisenhower (34th President of the United States, Crohn's disease)	Graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point (1915)	1 2
Travis Flores (Activist, philanthropist, motivational speaker, actor, and children's book author, Cystic Fibrosis)	B.A. in Acting from Marymount Manhattan College, M.S. in Fundraising from New York University (2013)	1 2 3
Amy Sequenzia (Activist and writer about disability rights, civil rights and human rights, Autism, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy, Dyspraxia, and Insomnia)	No information found	1 2 3
Tony Coelho (Politician, former United States Representative from California, primary sponsor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and a former chairman and current member of the board of directors of the Epilepsy Foundation, Epilepsy)	B.A. from Loyola University (1964)	1 2 3