

Autism Speaks, Missouri State *Still* Listens

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What is Autism?

- ◆ Autism falls under Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) in the DSM-4
- ◆ It is characterized by:
 - ◆ difficulties in social interaction
 - ◆ communication
 - ◆ repetitive behaviors
- ◆ It affects 1/88 children
- ◆ Autism is not always associated with intellectual disabilities

What are some barriers in higher education?

- ◆ Lack of services for adults with Autism
- ◆ Lack of individualization
- ◆ Lack of funding to train faculty

Our Resolution!

◆ **Total Signatures: 487**



Getting signatures to show the University that students care about making accommodations for students with autism.



Autism Higher Education Foundation



Mission Statement:

The Autism Higher Education Foundation exists to create, improve, and provide access to college-level educational opportunities to individuals on the autism spectrum who have requisite reading and writing skills and would like to continue to advance their learning beyond high school, but are otherwise unable to do so.

DONATION TOTAL: \$213.94

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- Annually observed April 2nd each year
- Part of Autism Awareness month activism in April



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Alpha Sigma Alpha – Beta Sigma



Xi Omicron Iota



Alpha Chi Omega – Zeta Sigma



Delta Zeta – Epsilon Nu

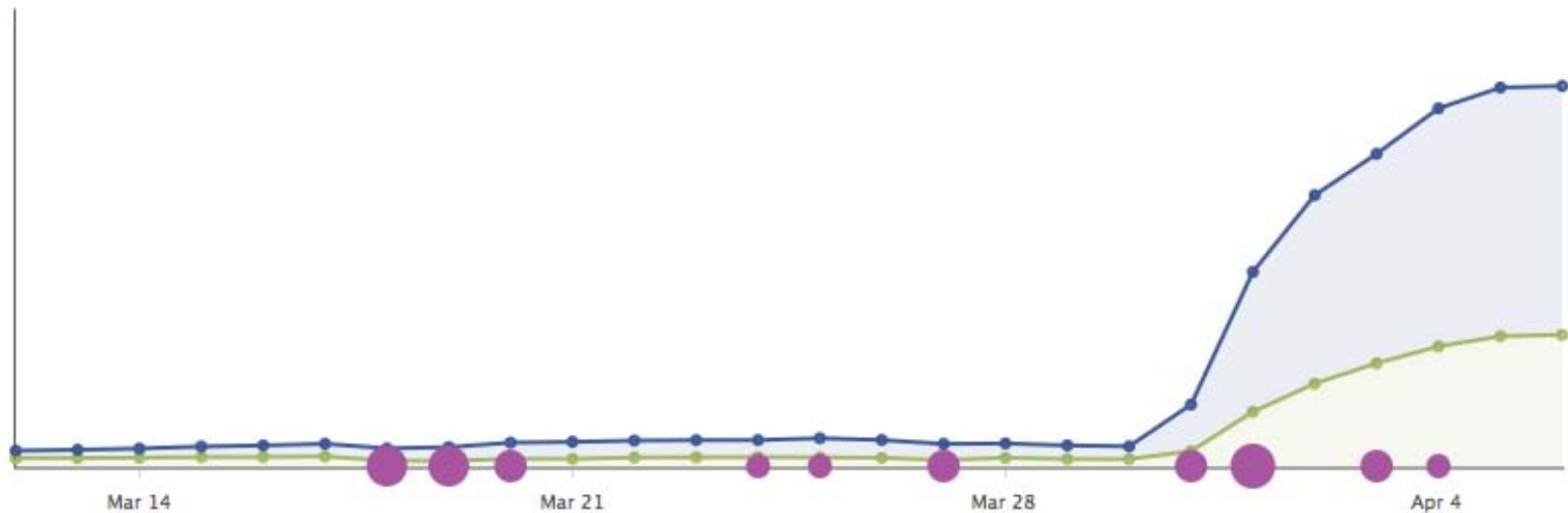
Using Social Media to Spread Awareness

All dates and times are in Pacific Time

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535 136.73% **17,262** **5,868** 774.52% **53,636** 5,037.55%

Posts? People Talking About This? Weekly Total Reach?



TOTAL 'LIKES' BY PUBLIC: 535

Facebook Competition Winner



TOTAL AMOUNT OF LIKES: 2,513



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The Public Affairs Mission

- ◆ Cultural Competence
- ◆ Ethical Leadership
- ◆ Community Engagement



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