

# Advisory Council Established for Taishoff Center

**THE TAISHOFF CENTER** is pleased to announce the formation and founding members of the Lawrence B. Taishoff Center for Inclusive Higher Education Advisory Council. The Taishoff Center Advisory Council will assist with and guide key Center programs and initiatives, including regional events, fundraising, strategic planning, research, and InclusiveU admissions/recruitment. The Council will also represent the Taishoff Center and advocate for involvement and giving at Syracuse University.

As a member of the Syracuse University Board of Trustees, Captain Robert Taishoff '86 has supported the Center's growth over the past ten years with an unwavering vision of ensuring people with intellectual disabilities are not left out of college.

Amy Allyn has also assisted the Center in recent years, through support and community advocacy around InclusiveU. Doug Cramer G'87 hopes to grow the Center's support services offered to students in their transition from high school to college life.

Now in its 10th year, the Taishoff Center has grown into a national resource and model program for inclusive higher education. From the annual State of the Art Conference on Postsecondary Education and Individuals with Intellectual Disability to advocating on Capitol Hill, the Center's mission of increasing opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities has continued to make a strong impact in the field.

At Syracuse, InclusiveU continues to grow in reach with currently over 75 students attending Syracuse University, fully included in campus life, classes, student organizations, and residence halls. The program recently reached a 100% employment outcome for graduates of the internship component.

Executive Director of the Taishoff Center Professor Beth Myers has worked informally with the Board in recent years. "We are lucky to have such dedicated advocates supporting our work. They have been instrumental in raising our visibility and ultimately increasing opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at Syracuse and beyond," says Myers. "I look forward to what the future holds." ●



InclusiveU graduate Lorenzo Davis receives his OnCampus Certificate at School of Education's 2018 Commencement Ceremony

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**Captain Robert P. Taishoff, JAGC, USN (ret) '86**

Rob is CEO of Annapolis Yacht Sales and founder of the Lawrence B. Taishoff Center for Inclusive

Higher Education. He also serves as a member of the Syracuse University Board of Trustees, IVMF Advisory Board and Washington, DC Regional Alumni Council.

**Amy G. Allyn**

Amy is a Director of the Allyn Foundation and sits on the Board of the National Down Syndrome Society. She lives in Skaneateles, NY.



**Doug Cramer '87**

Doug is Managing Principal and Founder of Alternative Access Capital, LLC in Larkspur, CA. He is a member of the Whitman School

of Management Advisory Council and father of Jessica, a first-year student in the InclusiveU program.