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The times, they are a-changin

At the March 9 Central Pennsylvania Transition Fair at Harrisburg Area Community College, UCP Regional Director of Adult Services Diana (Dee) Steel presented two sessions on the topic of "The 'D' Word: Embracing Your Disability and Finding YOUR Power." Her message that day was relevant, timely, and spot on. Because at that very same moment, just down the hall, a differently-abled young man was bringing Dee's words to life as he began his own PowerPoint presentation before a standing-room-only crowd.

The young presenter's name is Bryan Gibbs. He is a 2012 graduate of Cumberland Valley High School and a student at HACC since 2013, working toward an Associates Degree in Information Systems. He lives independently in his own apartment with minimal support from UCP, and is employed as a Menswear Sales Associate at Walmart. Clearly, Bryan has embraced his disability and found HIS power. (continued on page 2)



Above, Diana Steel makes a point during her PowerPoint presentation at the Central PA Transition Fair at HACC on March 9; Below, Bryan Gibbs takes questions following his own presentation before a packed room.



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