

Quinnipiac University

Ability Media

School of Communications

Hamden, CT

Partnership

Ability Media is a media group that produces print, video and audio news content focused on stories that affect and center people with disabilities. They cover both local and national stories.

Lead faculty

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Website

Ability Media Group

Impacts

Partner organizations provide vital communitybased services to people with disabilities and help drive traffic to the channel. Over 10,500 site visitors accessed the articles and videos at https://abilitymediagroup.com and 22,300 others accessed its social media sites (Facebook, Instagram). The data is from the past academic year.

Students

8,788 at Quinnipiac University

631 in the School of Communications

15 in the partnership, per semester

Student work

This is a student club, although some students also intern, receiving credit in this way.

All stories are edited by Chris Roush and video content is revied by Dave Stevens before distribution.

Faculty/staff

Chris Roush and Dave Stevens work with students, at times going into the field with them to pursue stories. Roush edits each story before it's released.

Funding sources

Ability Media receiving some funds through an online fundraiser. Grants applied for; no results yet.