



Webster Centre, Student Affairs
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March 9th, 2018

RE: Letter of Support
Stars for Life Foundation for Autism
Tracy Smith, Executive Director

The University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI), has experienced a drastic increase in the number of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) enrolling in full and part time studies. The number of self-identified students with ASD registered with Accessibility Services has increased from two in 2011 to 24 in the current school year. This number is constantly changing as more and more students become aware of supports and services available to them and register with Accessibility Services.

UPEI, Student Affairs, and Accessibility Services collaborate with Stars for Life to provide professional development, education, and training to students, faculty, and staff with regards to working with and teaching individuals diagnosed with ASD. We also rely on attendants provided through this organization to support our students in educational and social settings in their work as one to one support workers.

This organization is unique to PEI and is a critical service that provides both the understanding of unique challenges associated with ASD, one to one support in the classroom, as well as academic and life skills coaching.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (902) 628-4364

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "nwadden@upei.ca".

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