



Gearing Up For Your Transitions

Blake Bossert's

Personal Story

Meet Blake Bossert, a volunteer firefighter who enjoys his job at the University of Delaware's Center for Disabilities Studies. Bossert has Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Dyslexia and Dyscalculia.

Q: What are you currently doing now that you have left high school?

A: I work at the Center for Disabilities Studies at the University of Delaware as the front desk person and also do advocacy and outreach for Junior Partners in Policy Making. I am a volunteer firefighter at Five Points Fire Company.

Q: What were your challenges and successes as you went through the transition process?

A: I think the top challenge I had was finding a workplace that I could fit in well and be able to do the work without the fear of my disabilities getting in the way. My successes are when I can find something I can do really well that sets me apart from others and gives me a job that everyone comes to me to do because they know it's one of my strengths.

Q: Were there any specific programs, agencies or persons which were helpful to you and your family/caregivers

during your transition process?

A: I went to DVR and got hooked up with the computer training program at Goodwill. Finding the job at CDS was by luck and with help from a good friend.

Q: What is your anticipated path for the future?

I am getting married, buying a house, new car and so on.