

# Day One Agenda – September 23<sup>rd</sup>

## 2021 North Carolina Autistic Career Summit

9:30am - 9:50am

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Welcome Message

A brief message about the summit and the growing neurodiversity movement taking place in North Carolina, with special focus on autism.

10am - 11:30am

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Opening Keynote

Recorded discussion on neurodiversity, the rise of “neurodiversity in the workplace” initiatives, and perspectives on life and work with the Australian sociologist who coined the term neurodiversity in 1998, Judy Singer. Following the recorded discussion, a live panel response and audience Q&A.

**\*\* TWO HOUR BREAK \*\***

1:30pm - 3:00pm

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Student &  
Professional Panel

Panel discussion featuring college students and recent graduates discussing their experiences navigating academics, part-time jobs, internships, and full-time work after graduation.

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Parent/Guardian  
Session #1

Editors and authors of the book *Sincerely, Your Autistic Child* guide a conversation of understanding, insight, and support from youth to adulthood.

3:30pm - 5:30pm

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Career Fair

Students and recent graduates connect with employers through one-on-one virtual meetings to inquire about paid internships and full-time work experiences in an array of industries and fields.