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## Welcome Spring and Welcome... Even More Snow!

### SSD Webpage:

Before we trade our mittens for flip-flops, SSD would like to remind faculty about visiting our webpage on the Hofstra Website. Just type in "SSD" in the search box and "Services for Students with Disabilities" should appear as the featured link.

Many of our most commonly used forms can be found on our webpage as well as our staff contact information. We are working to update our page as we speak and look forward to all of your feedback. Please feel free to email us at [ssd@hofstra.edu](mailto:ssd@hofstra.edu).

### New Member on Our Team:

SSD would like to welcome the newest member of our team, Learning Specialist, Adam Halpern. Adam has just graduated last semester with his Master's degree in Special Education from Hofstra and we could not be more proud of his grand

accomplishment! Adam also happens to be one of our newest inductees into Hofstra's Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society Chapter for Students with Disabilities which, as you may recall, has just kicked off its first induction ceremony last November.

### Survey Says...

SSD is also proud to announce that the results of our survey (went live online last semester) of SSD registered students was very successful. SSD has been hard at work analyzing the data from this survey so that SSD may become more aware of what our students need and what SSD can do to improve our services.

### Fitness Center Renovations:

SSD is excited about the highly anticipated improvements to the "Rec Center" which has FULLY ACCESSIBLE equipment

that can easily be used by individuals with disabilities! Fantastic News for our Student Affairs Division and the campus at large!

### Faculty Computing Services:

We would also like to remind faculty that if you have any questions about making any of your course materials electronically accessible, please feel free to contact Faculty Computing Services.

### A few tips that may be of assistance:

If a student with a disability does not approach you with an Accommodation letter indicating the accommodations that he or she is entitled to receive, please do not worry. It is the student's responsibility to hand these over to you at the beginning of every semester. If you have a concern, please feel free to give SSD a call!

Visit us at [hofstra.edu/ssd](http://hofstra.edu/ssd),  
in Memorial Hall Room 212  
or call 463-7075



## Pervasive Developmental Disorders: Fast Facts

We at SSD have decided that it's time to refresh the minds of our avid Hofstra readers with information about the students that we serve. We thought it would be a great idea to highlight the understanding of a particular disability in this section of each new issue. We will inaugurate our new activity with disabilities on the Autism Spectrum.

Students with Aspergers's or Autism may have difficulty approaching you for help because it is often difficult for these individuals to communicate with those around them

- **They may feel uncomfortable in situations that are new for them.**
- **These students may be easily distracted or made uncomfortable by loud, abrupt noises or bright lights.**

- **Calling on students with Asperger's or Autism in class may not be the best way to engage them. Often, these individuals listen and absorb information quietly.**
- **With patience and by giving these students some time to adjust, it may be easier for them to approach you. Remember, if you have a concern, we are just a call away!**