

DICAPTA'S NEWSLETTER

Monthly accessibility news-April 2022



CURRENT EVENTS, COLLABORATIONS, AND MORE BELOW



CELEBRATING ACCESSIBILITY

Here at Dicapta we were delighted to have met the members of our new [EnhAcceSS advisory group](#). They are a diverse and talented group of people, with a wide knowledge base that covers everything from disabilities to public policy. We are looking forward to fulfilling the objectives of the EnhAcceSS project with such a skilled group.



FEATURED PROJECT

WIPR, the leading Puerto Rican Educational and Cultural Channel, joins EnhAcceSS

We are glad to welcome our new fantastic Television Partner: [WIPR](#). This channel joins us in our initiative Enhanced Access to Video for Students with Sensory Disabilities through Emerging Technology (EnhAcceSS), funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Who is WIPR? To put it simply, it is the Puerto Rico equivalent of PBS. WIPR is a TV station owned and run by the Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation. It has been producing educational and cultural TV programming since 1958. In addition to the quality of its content, **WIPR incorporated American Sign Language (ASL) into much of its programming**. We are very pleased to partner with an organization that has demonstrated such devotion to accessibility.

Under the tele-education initiative [En Casa Aprendo](#), WIPR has provided high-quality educational content to students at home, overcoming the barriers imposed by COVID 19. This educational project works as a Tele-education component of the Puerto Rico Department of Education. It has been created with the collaboration of teachers, sign language interpreters, and technical and production talent.

Thanks to its partnership with Dicapta, En Casa Aprendo's programming such as the [LabSix](#), [La Fórmula STEAM](#), and [Salud y Prevención](#) will now be available. Captions, audio descriptions, and ASL for all programming under this agreement will be available online, via YouTube, on-air, and through the All4Access app. **Additionally, some content will also be available through DCMP**, helping Spanish speakers with and without sensory disabilities across the country.

We warmly welcome WIPR to our group of fabulous Television partners!

CURRENT EVENTS

April 1

Dicapta Advisory Committee Meeting-Project EnhAcceSS.

Cine Con Sentido presents: "[Cortos Animados](#)." Spanish CC and AD, and ASL are available using All4Access. At 5:30 p.m. PT, [Los Angeles Mexican Consulate](#).

April 15

[Teach Access Faculty Grants Program](#) deadline for submissions.

April 29

Watch Party Para TI presents: "CODA." In Spanish with open AD. 7 p.m. EST. Visit [Latinos4Access](#) for more information. We thank Apple for authorizing this screening.



BE OUR PARTNER



Would you like to partner with us? As a content creator or provider, **there are several benefits from partnering with Dicapta**. [In this video](#), you can learn the requirements and the benefits of partnering with us.



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COLLABORATIONS

Teach Access Faculty Grants Program now open

[Teach Access Faculty Grants Program](#) is now open with a proposal submissions deadline of Friday, April 15th at 8:00 pm ET. **It will award \$2,500-\$5,000 to faculties that develop materials that introduce concepts and skills of accessible design and development** into their existing courses.

The Teach Access Faculty Grants Program also gives the students exposed to these materials the opportunity to join an online community with Teach Access industry members for future job opportunities. **Teach Access industry members include Adobe, Apple, EY, Meta, Google, Intuit, Microsoft, Oracle, Salesforce, Verizon, Walmart, and Yahoo.**

Teach Access is a non-profit that collaborates with academic institutions, industry, and disability advocacy organizations to **make the fundamentals of digital accessibility a part of undergraduate education.**

Dicapta is honored to be a member of Teach Access and shares the vision that an effective way to make our world accessible to everyone is to teach fundamentals of accessibility since college, so future graduates create technology that is "born accessible."

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RECOGNIZING OUR COLLABORATORS

A member of our Advisory Group received an important recognition

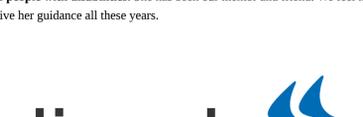
When at Dicapta are proud to recognize the achievements of our devoted collaborators whenever they happen. This is why we are glad to announce that the Parents of Children With Impediments Association (known by its Spanish acronym APNI) **dedicated their Annual Conference to Dr. Juanita Rodriguez, a member of our Advisory Group.**

[APNI is a non-profit, private organization founded in Puerto Rico in 1977](#). Its primary purpose is to train and support families so that they acquire the necessary knowledge and skills so that they can actively participate in their children's education.

Dr. Rodriguez has worked with our team for more than 15 years, and she has an extensive educational background that makes her worthy of this recognition. She has degrees in Psychology and Rehabilitation Counseling, a Master's degree in Deaf Students Education and Rehabilitation from New York University, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Deaf Education Teaching from Pennsylvania State University. She was also Dean of the Education Department at the UPR-Rio Piedras from 2010 to 2014. Additionally, she has more than 40 years of experience in special education. Currently, she is co-coordinator of technical assistance services to parents, teachers, and other service providers for deaf-blind students in Puerto Rico, under the direction of the NCDB. **Needless to say, she has dedicated her life to helping students and children with disabilities.**

"I feel very honored to receive this recognition. What I do in favor of the population with disabilities, I do it as my life's mission, to honor my brother who had multiple disabilities, but at that time, had no one to defend his right to an adequate and timely education," said Dr. Rodriguez regarding this achievement.

We join APNI in recognizing Dr. Juanita Rodriguez's dedication to improving the lives of people with disabilities. She has been our mentor and friend. We feel honored to receive her guidance all these years.



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