

# College of Adaptive Arts: A Unique Educational Model in Silicon Valley

College of Adaptive Arts (CAA) provides a lifelong collegiate experience to adults with special needs who historically have not had access to college education.

## What Makes CAA Distinct:

- It's the first model of its kind in the country.
- It's grown operationally by 750% since inception in 2009.
- It's filling a societal need for expanded collegiate educational opportunities to underserved and underutilized populations.
- It's a more impactful, efficient, and beneficial use of human resources for both recipients (students) as well as the teachers – both of whom represent marginalized populations.
- This educational model leads to continued developmental growth, long after the traditional system has determined they are no longer capable of growth and learning. This includes emotional growth as well as intellectual growth, which often transfers to areas outside of the educational setting.
- The vision is to take this model nationwide to make it as robust and accessible in education opportunity that Special Olympics represents for athletic opportunities.

## Unique Position:

College of Adaptive Arts is a model that is currently one-fourth of the way to becoming financially sustainable and replicable. CAA fits few **EXISTING FUNDING CATEGORIES** because it is a . . .

