John D. Kemp

When Full Inclusion Confronts Choices and Control Over Our Lives With Disabilities

Wednesday, April 18, 2018
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Reynolds Alumni Center
Ballroom

President and CEO, Viscardi Center
Distinguished Advocate in the Disabilities Community, Co-founder of the ADA, Attorney, and Outstanding Speaker

John is a distinguished advocate in the disabilities community, co-founder of the ADA, attorney, and outstanding speaker. He was born without limbs and began wearing artificial limbs when 3 years old. At age 10, Kemp was chosen to serve as the national poster child for Easter Seals. More than 50 years later, John D Kemp oversees a combined $25 million annual budget and 355 employees at The Viscardi Center. The Center provides a lifespan of services that educate, employ and empower people with disabilities. Its programs and services include Kindergarten through High School education, school-to-work transition services, vocational training, career counseling and placement and workforce diversification assistance to children, adolescents, and adults with disabilities and businesses.

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