Program at a Glance

October 17, 2020 (Saturday)

8:30 - 9:30 AM
Opening Session and Introduction to the Stanford Neurodiversity Project
Lawrence Fung, MD, PhD, Stanford University

9:35 - 10:35 AM
How is it that People with Autism are Economically Supporting their Families Even in the Pandemic Time?
Keynote Speaker: Liliana Mayo, PhD, University of Kansas

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM
Autism at Work: What Enables Scaling?
Keynote Speaker: Hala Annabi, PhD, University of Washington

11:50 AM - 12:50 PM
Mr. Inevitable Goes to Work
Keynote Speaker: Valerie Paradiz, PhD, Autism Speaks

1 - 4 PM
Intersectionality, Race, and Neurodiversity
Speakers: René Brooks (Black Girl, Lost Keys), Maria Davis-Pierre (Autism in Black Inc), Temple Lovelace, PhD (Duquesne University), Jamell Mitchell (EY), Morenike Giwa Onaiwu (All the Weight of Our Dreams), Inger Shaye
Moderators: Christy Matta (Stanford), Isabelle Morris (Stanford)

4:30 - 5:30 PM
The Evolution of a Neurodiversity Movement: How Far We’ve Come. How Far Can We Go? A Personal Reflection
Keynote Speaker: Judy Singer

6 - 7:30 PM
Neurodiverse Reflections Panel - What Works and Wish List for K-12 Student Experience
Speakers: Amy Faigin (Bridges Academy), Lucy Wallace (Stanford), Zachary Fung (Palo Alto High), Ila Perinkulam (Palo Alto High), Serena Chen (St. Francis High), Allison Zone (Fusion Academy)
Moderators: Callie Turk and Yael Pasternak Valek (Resilience and Engagement for Every Learner)

October 18, 2020 (Sunday)

8:30 - 9:30 AM
The Future of Neuroinclusion - Beyond Tokenism and Towards a Neurodiverse Norm
Keynote Speaker: Nancy Doyle, PhD, Genius Within

9:45 - 11:15 AM
Employer Panel (Small to Medium-sized Businesses)
Speakers: Rajesh Anandan (Ultranauts), Rebecca Beam (auticon), Harish Bikmal (Zenaviv), Kathleen Foley-Hughes (Ada’s Café), Bill Morris (Blue Star Recyclers), Nish Parikh (Rangam)
Moderators: Lawrence Fung, MD, PhD (Stanford), Mark Gavartin (Stanford)

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Winner Presentations from Neurodiversity Design Thinking Workshop
Moderators: Lawrence Fung, MD, PhD (Stanford), Mark Gavartin (Stanford)

12 - 1 PM
Networking Sessions

1 - 4 PM
Mental Wellness in the Workplace and Beyond
Speakers: Michael Fieldhouse (DXC Technology), Caroline Grantz, PhD (UCLA), Christy Matta (Stanford), Janet Miller, PhD, JD (Stanford), Thuc-Quyen Nguyen, MD (Stanford)
Moderators: Lawrence Fung, MD, PhD (Stanford), Janie Hong, PhD (Stanford)

4:30 - 5:30 PM
Neurodiverse Employee Panel 1
Speakers: Marcelle Ciampi (Ultranauts), David Hall (Neuroguides), William Lyman (Kinesis), Tom Moloney (Blue Star Recyclers), Ron Sandison (Spectrum Inclusion)
Moderators: Janie Hong, PhD (Stanford), Janet Miller, PhD, JD (Stanford)

6 - 7 PM
Starting your job search
Speaker: Jan Johnston-Tyler (Evo Libri)
October 19, 2020 (Monday)

8:30 - 9:30 AM
Self-Determination, Strengths-based Supports, and the Dignity of Work for All
Keynote Speaker: Mike Wehmeyer, PhD, University of Kansas

9:45 - 10:45 AM
Small Businesses, Big Impact
Speakers: Brendon Anderson (California Workforce Association), Jerry Dattilo (Caminar), Steffany Dignum (Pomeroy), Lawrence Fung, MD, PhD (Stanford)
Moderator: Mark Gavartin (Stanford)

11 AM - 12 PM
Neurodiversity in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine) Education and Careers
Keynote Speaker: Sara Rankin, PhD, Imperial College

Networking Sessions

Employer Panel (Corporations)
Speakers: Neil Barnett (Microsoft), Michael Fieldhouse (DXC Technology), Anthony Paclio (JP Morgan Chase), Hiren Shukla (EY), Jose Velasco (SAP)
Moderators: Lawrence Fung, MD, PhD (Stanford), Mark Gavartin (Stanford)

4:30 - 6 PM
Leveraging Strengths and Opening Doors in K-12: How Working Together Makes a Difference
Speakers: Jay Dunlap (Renaissance Learner Academy), Louise Kindell, PsyD
Moderators: Marci Schwartz, LCSW, PhD (Thrive College Counseling), Yael Pasternak Valek (Resilience and Engagement for Every Learner)

October 20, 2020 (Tuesday)

8:30 - 9:30 AM
Maximizing Neurodiverse Potential
Keynote Speaker: Hackie Reitman, MD, Different Brains

9:45 AM - 12 PM
The College Spectrum: College Readiness, Undergrad and Beyond
Speakers: Scott Fitzwater (Mansfield Hall), Lisa Medoff, PhD (Stanford), Isabelle Morris (Stanford)
Moderators: Christy Matta (Stanford)

Networking Sessions

Putting PIP to Work: Internships for Regional Center Consumers
Speakers: Kristen Bates (GGRC), Mike Bernick (Duane Morris), Steffany Dignum (Pomeroy), Sean Galvin (GGRC), Chris Lindholm
Moderator: Lawrence Fung, MD, PhD (Stanford), Mark Gavartin (Stanford)

4:30 - 6:30 PM
Final Concluding Session
Lawrence Fung, MD, PhD, Stanford University

October 21, 2020 (Wednesday)

8:30 - 9:30 AM
Autism: Addressing Pre-Employment Challenges and Barriers
Keynote Speaker: Siena Castellon, Young Leader, United Nations

9:45 - 10:45 AM
Neurodiverse Employee Panel 2
Speakers: Patrick Felong (Salesforce), Andrew Komarow (Planning Across the Spectrum), Haley Moss, Sridhar Sarnobat (Oracle), Wes Strickland (E-Trade), Selena Sparks (EY)
Moderators: Lawrence Fung, MD, PhD (Stanford), Thuc-Quyen Nguyen, MD (Stanford)

11 AM - 12 PM
Pro Tips for Job Seekers and Employees on the Spectrum
Speaker: Marcelle Ciampi (Ultranauts)

12 - 1 PM
Networking Sessions

Entrepreneurship Opportunities. Speakers: Cathy Farmer (Autism Angels) and Maureen Dunne, PhD (Autism Angels)

1:10 - 4 PM
Entrepreneurship and Neurodiversity
Speakers: Johnny Doan (Profound Incubator), Michael A. Freeman, MD, Heidi Ham (Spectrum Fusion), Tamara Stenn PhD (Landmark College), Johan Wiklund, PhD (Syracuse U)
Moderators: Andrew Eddy (Untapped), Xialene Chang (Harvard)

6 - 8 PM
Mental Wellness in the Workplace and Beyond 2
Speakers: Lawrence Fung, MD, PhD (Stanford), Janie Hong, PhD (Stanford), Greg Yates (AASCEND)
Moderators: Janet Miller, PhD, JD (Stanford), Thuc-Quyen Nguyen, MD (Stanford)