



# DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

MARCH 28, 2025

 **Time: 9:00AM-2:00PM**

 **Location: Kroc Center**  
2500 Division Ave. S

 Lunch Provided

 ASL Interpreters Provided

DAD is a space for connection, empowerment, and action. Whether you're an advocate, an organization, or someone navigating life with a disability, this event offers resources, strategies, and community support to help you thrive. Join us to learn, network, and drive change together!



## = Key Note Speaker:

### Dr. Melba Vélez Ortiz

Professor of Communication

Frederik Meijer Honors College at Grand Valley State University.

Her keynote, **More Than Matter, We Are Energy!**, will focus on the power of communication as a tool for advocacy and self-expression, especially for individuals with visible and invisible disabilities.

## = Legislative Panel

## = Breakout Session Topics

 **How to communicate and advocate for one's disability:**  
Strategies, skills, and techniques

 **Advocating for Oneself**

 **Assistive Technology and Accessibility**

 **"What's Up with Federal Funding?"**

**CEUs & Scholarships  
Available**



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