

EVENTS:

- **October 17th**
3:00PM. Jot Travis Student Union, Room 242. Snacks will be provided. Topics will include: Universal Design, integrating accessibility into the design and procurement process, IT responsibilities to students and the community, functional accessibility and the meaning of true access.
- **October 19th**
12:00PM. Jot Travis Student Union, Alumni Room. Lunch will be provided. All students, faculty, staff and people with disabilities are invited to attend this noon time lecture.

Technology Expert and Winner of the 2006 Women in Technology Award to Speak at UNR

Debra Ruh, an internationally recognized leader in the electronic and information technology (E&IT) accessibility arena, and a major advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities will be giving a special workshop for UNR information technology faculty and staff on October 17th at 3:00PM. Debra has gained world wide recognition, speaking before the European Union, Executive Offices of the President, USDA Conference on Disabilities, IDEAS, CSUN, GSA Usability Universes, Fed Web Conference, USPTO Panel on Accessible E-Learning, and the Leadership Institution on Design of Accessible Online Education at Georgia Tech Global Learning Center. Her steadfast dedication to making Section 508 and other accessibility legislation truly helpful to persons with disabilities is inspired by her daughter, Sara, who was born with Down syndrome. When Sara reached middle school, Debra realized her daughter's employment options were going to be extremely limited, and decided to become an employer that values the talents and skills of persons with disabilities.

Inspired by her mission to create employment opportunities for people with disabilities and draw-

ing upon more than 25 years of international experience developing and implementing solutions for government agencies and organizations, Debra started TecAccess in 2001. Her award-winning company works tirelessly to create a fully accessible world of technology.



In May 2006 Debra was awarded the 7th Annual Women in Technology Award. Women in Technology (WIT) is the premier organization contributing to the success of professional women in the technology arena. This annual award recognizes women who exemplify the WIT mission to "Connect. Lead. Succeed." Winners are chosen based on their ability to balance their roles as mentors, role models and leaders.

"A few years ago, I had a dream. My goal was to create a technology company that primarily hires persons with disabilities," said Debra Ruh. "Today, my dream has become a reality, as there are now over 60 associates at TecAccess with disabilities that are leading the world in technology, Section 508 and compliance solutions."

Ruh explained, "WIT's mission to provide meaningful growth for women in technology - along with an emphasis on leadership—echoes the very values in which my company was founded."

Debra Ruh received the WIT award at a ceremony attended by more than 250 leaders in technology at the Hilton McLean in McLean, Va.

"It's a tremendous honor to receive this award among so many gifted and talented women leaders in today's technology field," said Ms. Ruh.

Please join us at 3:00PM on October 17 in the Jot Travis Student Union, Room 242 for an informative, pertinent discussion on information and classroom technologies being used everyday on our campus. See you there!

This event is sponsored by the Disability Resource Center

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