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**FACULTY PRESENTATION AT IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF:
"IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – TRANSITION SUCCESS"**

Action Requested: Receive the presentation.

Executive Summary: Students and staff from the 4-PLUS Program at ISD will present information about the successful transition of the school's young adult 4-PLUS students into independent life. Students will share personal success stories.

Ms. Kristi Wills has an MA in Deaf Education K-12, an MS in Secondary School Counseling and holds a Master Level Endorsement as a Work Experience Coordinator. She has been involved in the ISD 4-PLUS program since it began in 2006. Ms. Wills has been an ISD employee at ISD since 1997 and worked as a LIFE (Living Independently Fundamental Education) secondary teacher. She also worked in a grant funded Vocational Rehabilitation/ISD Program called Transition Alliance Program (TAP) from 2001-2006.

Mr. Jacob Bradley has been a student in the 4-PLUS program for two years. He is currently enrolled at Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) in Para-education. He is employed at three businesses - Fed Ex (two months), Pizza Ranch (four years) and as a Lifeguard (one and a half years). He can often be seen around campus working with students in the high school self-contained multi-categorical classroom.

Mr. Vince Fox has been a student in the 4-PLUS program for two years. He has been employed at Hy-Vee during his two years in the program. He is scheduled to take OSHA Safety and fork-lift training at IWCC in April 2015. He has a thorough transition plan for moving back to his home town. He has recently had two interviews with a company in his home town.

Mr. Demarcus Thomas has been a student in the 4-PLUS program for two years and is currently enrolled at IWCC. He has completed his developmental course work and is now taking (and passing) his college level coursework. He has been employed at Hy-Vee for one year and is currently going through the application process at a local company. His long-term goal is to transfer to a four-year university in Iowa.