In 1945, in an effort to assist disabled veterans, Congress designated the first week of October as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. In the 1970’s, a historic shift in disability public policy occurred. For the first time, the exclusion of people with disabilities was viewed as discrimination. The efforts of disability activists led to significant changes in laws, such as the passage of the American with Disabilities Act in 1990 and the designation of a full month to recognize the potential of America's million of working-age people with disabilities.

This is Gallaudet University

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed a charter creating Gallaudet University, the world's only college where all programs and services are designed for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Today, with over 16,000 alumni worldwide, the college is thriving. Forty percent of the faculty is deaf or hard of hearing, and the school also embraces around 18% hearing students. Approximately 90% of its graduates get jobs in fields related to their majors.