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# Walgreens Bayside Business Forum to focus on disabilities in the workplace

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Learn the best practices for integrating persons with disabilities in the workplace during the next Walgreens Bayside Business Forum on Friday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 a.m. sponsored by the USF St. Petersburg [College of Business](#). It is free and open to the public.

Titled “The Long Road: Employment for Persons with Disabilities,” the event will feature

JR Harding, Ed.D., of the [Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities](#). He is a two-time presidential appointee, seven-time Florida gubernatorial appointee, author of the book *Now What*, and a recognized international disability expert.

Dr. Harding has testified numerous times before the U.S. Congress and the Florida Legislature, resulting in an increase in independence and self-sufficiency for persons with disabilities. During the Business Forum, he will explain his personal journey to emphasize the challenges of self-sufficiency and the tools he used that could be helpful to others.

“Sustainability of our communities requires that we have better success in the field of disability integration,” said Maling Ebrahimpour, Ph.D., Dean of the USFSP College of Business. “This is an important topic and we are fortunate to have Dr. Harding explain the challenges and rewards of hiring persons with disabilities.”

The forum will be at [Franklin Templeton](#), 100 Fountain Parkway N, St. Petersburg. Continental breakfast and coffee will be served. Seating is limited, so reservations are requested. To RSVP, please call (727) 873-4700 or email [cob-events@usfsp.edu](mailto:cob-events@usfsp.edu).

The Walgreens Bayside Business Forum is presented by the [Dean's Advisory Council of the USFSP College of Business](#) and focuses on interdisciplinary collaborations shaping Florida's business future. It is sponsored by [Walgreens](#) and Franklin Templeton Investments.

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