

Activist

# Ari Ne'eman

Ari Ne'eman, 29, co-founded the Autistic Self Advocacy Network when he was **18** years old. Come hear about **LEADERSHIP, SOCIAL JUSTICE, and NEURODIVERSITY.**



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**Sunday February 5, 2017**

**4 pm**

**Tucker 127A (Tucker Auditorium)**

With introductory remarks by Warrrenetta Mann

Ari Ne'eman is the co-founder of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN) and served as its President from 2006 to 2016. ASAN provides community organizing, self-advocacy support, and public policy advocacy & education for autistic youth and adults, as well as working to improve the general public's understanding of autism and related conditions. ASAN's mission statement says that autistic people are equal to everyone else, and important and necessary members of society.

A nationally recognized leader, in 2009, President Obama nominated Ari to the National Council on Disability; he chaired the Council's Committee on Entitlements Policy. From 2010 to 2012, he served as a public member to the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee. Ari also served as an adviser to the DSM-5 Neurodevelopmental Disorders Workgroup convened by the American Psychiatric Association. He is also a member of the National Quality Forum's Workgroup on Measuring Home and Community Based Services Quality. Ari was recently appointed by Secretary of Labor Tom Perez to serve as a member of the Department of Labor's Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment of People with Disabilities. He currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of MySupport.com, an online platform designed to empower seniors and people with disabilities to self-direct their own services.

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