



Acclamations from colleagues and friends for **JACK BRANDT**, recipient of the 2006 **JACKIE CREWS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP**:

"...[It] is not so much his many achievements and accomplishments that set Jack apart from the crowd. Rather it is his vast expertise in disability policy issues, his passionate desire to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities, his keen insight, his powerful work ethic, and his incisive wit that make Jack one of the most remarkable people I have ever known—and surely one of the rising stars on the national disability scene..."

"Jack Brandt is already a leader in his community and his state, and I predict that he will also become a national leader very soon..."

Julie A. Stanley, Director
Office of Community Integration
Commonwealth of Virginia

"Jack has been a tireless advocate...and is always eager to participate in community action that leads to positive change for people with disabilities...His natural leadership abilities and keen interest in disability rights make him uniquely qualified to receive this award..."

Marcia C. DuBois, Executive Director
Valley Associates for Independent Living, Inc.

"I personally learned a great deal about disability policy through Jack and monitoring his Honors Thesis process...I think Jack is an exceptional student whose extra personal challenges have highlighted rather than diminished his academic contributions. He seemed undeterred by the extra challenges he faced in completing his degree...I sincerely believe that he will contribute significantly to this field and...will be a stellar role model in the public policy area."

David E. Cockley, Dr.PH, Associate Professor
Department of Health Sciences
James Madison University

"Mr. Brandt has a worthy amount of accomplishment and success in his young life because he began preparing himself at such a young age...collaborating not just with those you would expect to rub shoulders with as an involved student, but actively seeking...to meet with those who shape legislative policy, promote social understanding, and provide...creative strategies for self-determination, advocacy, independence, and better understanding of identity and disability issues."

"...He lives the life he advocates for! He serves as a role model, both in the larger community sense and also one-on-one where someone not yet self-determined can see what it really means to become the person you are meant to be..."

Linda Maxwell, Staff Support
Blue Ridge Disability Services Board

Virginia Board for People with Disabilities