



Dr. Temple Grandin

Named One of the Top College Professors
in the Country



Mute until the age of three-and-a-half, Dr. Grandin was diagnosed with autism as a young child and was eventually able to speak thanks to the help of a speech therapist.

Finding her voice, she went on to publish *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, a ground-breaking book which is widely regarded as the first real insight into the life and thoughts of someone with autism.

A prolific writer and speaker not only on the subject of autism but also on animal behavior, Dr. Grandin is a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado University, where she has been called “the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world.”



Anthony Ianni

National Championship winning basketball
player



When Anthony Ianni was first diagnosed with PDD-NOS, doctors told his parents that the condition ultimately meant he would never achieve much in his life.

Fortunately, the basketball fan simply didn't accept this prediction, instead using it as motivation to push himself onto greater things.

Eventually, he went on to become the first person with Autism to ever play First Division basketball, winning the NCAA National Championship with the Michigan Spartans.

Today, Ianni is a popular motivational speaker who encourages young people with autism to let nothing hold them back when it comes to achieving their dreams.





Sir Anthony Hopkins

Most Successful Actor of his generation



The Oscar-winning star of *The Silence of the Lambs* and many other classic movies, Sir Anthony Hopkins has spoken openly about being diagnosed with high-functioning Asperger's.

In one interview, he said that being on the spectrum means that, despite genuinely liking people, he doesn't have many friends or go to parties.

Regardless, Sir Anthony has become an actor beloved by millions, and one of the most successful actors of his generation.



Emily Dickinson

Writer and Poet



Reclusive writer Emily Dickinson is often regarded as one of the great all-time poets.

While much has been made of her epilepsy, a lesser-known fact is that she was likely to be on the spectrum.

In *Writers on the spectrum: how autism and Asperger syndrome have influenced literary writing*, writer Julie Brown accredits many of Dickinson's famously 'quirky' behaviors and characteristics to autism.





Dani Bowman

Writer, artist, and motivational speaker



Unlike others who waited until adulthood to inspire others, Dani Bowman has been motivating fellow young people on the autism spectrum from a young age.

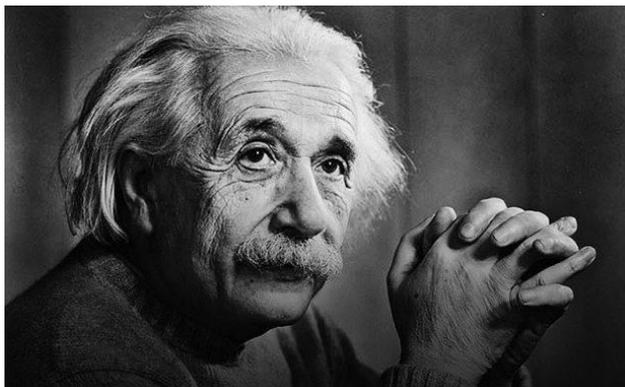
A talented illustrator and animator, Bowman launched her own company, DaniMation Entertainment, at just 11 years-old and began working professionally in the animation industry three years later.

A passionate autism advocate and public speaker, she is very active in inspiring those with ASD and with disabilities to use their full potential, follow their dreams and achieve their goals.



Albert Einstein

Theoretical Physicist



Yet not everyone knows that Einstein also met many of the criteria for autism.

Like Temple Grandin, he didn't speak until he was three years old. Then, unlike other children who develop their speech gradually, he immediately began speaking in complete sentences.

Elsewhere, his inflexible insistence on set routines and 'sameness' not to mention his difficulty around other people also lead many behavioral analysts today to believe that Einstein would have been diagnosed as having ASD had he been tested in his lifetime.

