

# North Boone

## Community Unit School District 200

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### North Boone High School Disability Awareness



Zack King speaking at NBHS

On March 4, 2015 North Boone High School PIT Crew partnered with RAMP to provide a disability awareness assembly. NBHS's PIT Crew which stands for Peer Intervention Team, is a student group that was started to focus on advancing the social interaction and acceptance of all peers within the high school setting. The quote "Know me for my abilities, not my disability." by Robert M. Hensel was the focus of this year's activities.

North Boone was honored to have Zachary King as the speaker for this event. Zach is a student from DeKalb, Illinois and spoke about how his abilities make him the person that he is today. He is the oldest sibling in a family of three brothers, all of whom have been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism, as well as ADHD. Zach struggled with the school environment as well as bullying from classmates. However, in spite of all this adversity, Zach persevered and wouldn't let the bullies keep him down. Today Zach is a straight A student, has a popular fan page on Facebook that he uses to offer advice to his peers, and is seen as a leader by both his peers and classmates. Zach provided honest insight into the life of a student with a disability and provided advice and inspiration for all. Follow Zachary on Twitter @ZaspieKing.



NBHS PIT Crew

This assembly also kicked off fundraising for the RAMP Wheel-A-Thon which takes April 25, 2015. A representative from RAMP spoke to the students about the services they provide to assist individuals with a disability. More information can be found at <http://rampcil.org/wheel-a-thons/>

North Boone Community Unit School District 200 serves approximately 1,750 students in preschool through high school in the Villages of Caledonia, Capron, and Poplar Grove as well as the northern tier of unincorporated Boone County, Illinois. For more information visit the NBCUSD website at [www.nbcusd.org](http://www.nbcusd.org) or contact the district office at 815-765-3322.