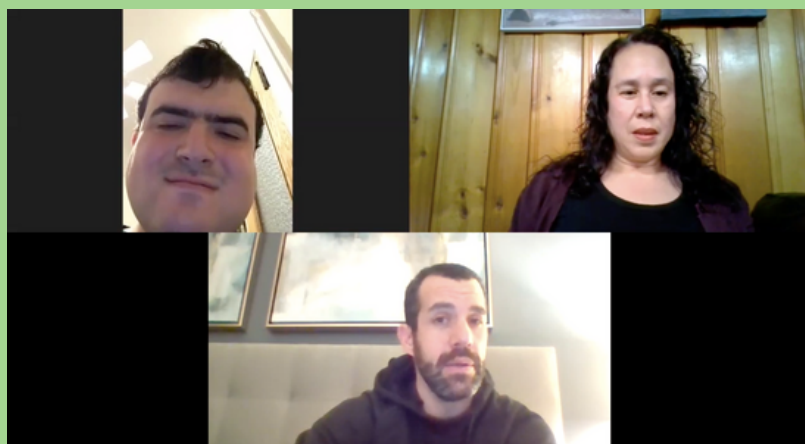


DECISION-MAKER MOVES INTO MEDIA PRODUCTION

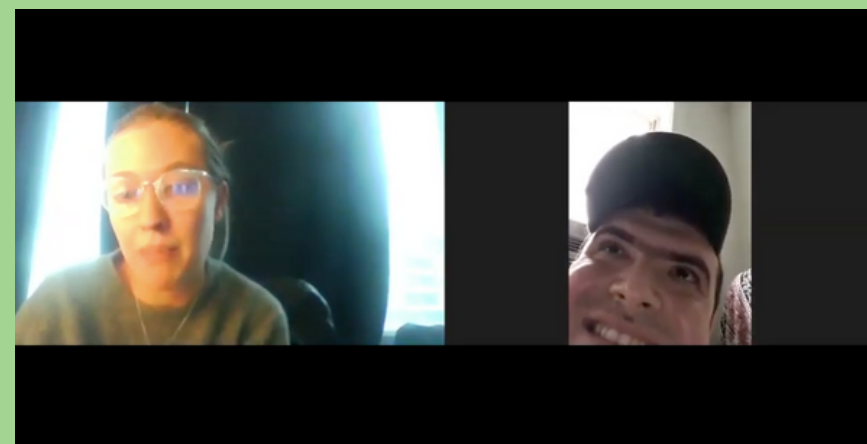
We've often noted the variety of talents that SDMNY Decision-Makers possess, and Oscar is another extraordinary example. He's the star of the video, *No Bones About Oscar* made by Invictus, the wonderful dog treat business that employs people on the spectrum (you may remember that we profiled the co-founder of Invictus, Alison Berkley in Good News last June).



But Oscar isn't content only to act, he's now moved into video production with his own "*The Oscar Show*", in which he interviews important people in his life, focusing on the disability world and disability organizations (although there's also a terrific segment featuring his piano teachers!) You can click [here](#) to visit Oscar's YouTube channel and see his interviews with Josh Noble, the Supervising Transition Coordinator at the Rebecca School who Oscar met when he was asked to do panels on self direction and advocacy at the school, Dr. Lauren Tobing-Puente, a psychologist who works with people with disabilities, and Sophie Dubuisson, the State Director of Best Buddies New York, who Oscar met during a fundraiser walk for the organization.



Oscar with Josh Noble and Lauren Tobing-Puente



Oscar with Sophie Dubuisson

Oscar comes by his interest in film and video naturally—his parents are both filmmakers, and his mom Vivian first suggested the show, with help in starting from his transition counselor Andrew. His favorite part of doing the show, he says, is learning about people's work, what they do, and something about their personal lives. He's looking forward to interviewing people with autism, especially now, since with most Covid restrictions limited, he'll be able to travel and do the interviews "in person."



Oscar has truly amazing energy. When he's not writing scripts or producing the show, he has two jobs—at Shake Shack and Invictus. He's been politically active around disability issues, and is looking forward to going to Albany for the next legislative session to persuade legislators about the importance of SDM and the work of SDMNY. Fun fact: Oscar loves the color green, which he says makes him feel great, and excited. At his SDMA signing ceremony in 2018 he asked everyone to wear green, and because no one can say no to Oscar, they all did!

WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU, OSCAR. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!