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## **Century Hosts Temple Grandin October 20**

Century College will host a free public lecture by Dr. Temple Grandin titled “My Experiences with Autism – and Working Hard to Have a Successful Career” on **Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. on the East Campus Lincoln Mall.**

Grandin’s remarkable life was the subject of an HBO movie that recently won an Emmy award. She was born with all the signs of severe autism and had no speech at the age of two. Her mother defied the advice of doctors and kept her out of an institution. Intensive speech therapy and teaching enabled her to learn speech. Mentoring by her high school science teacher and her aunt on her Arizona ranch motivated Grandin to study and pursue a career as a scientist and livestock equipment designer.

Grandin was awarded her PhD in Animal Science from the University of Illinois in 1989 and is currently a professor at Colorado State University. She has done extensive work on the design of animal handling

facilities. She also has developed animal welfare guidelines for the meat industry and has consulted with companies such as McDonalds and Wendy's International on animal welfare.

Grandin's book *Animals in Translation* was a New York Times best seller, and her book *Livestock Handling and Transport* is currently in its third edition.

Grandin was honored in Time Magazine's 2010 "The 100 Most Influential People in the World."

Century will show the HBO movie about Grandin's life on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 2:30 p.m. in West 1006, and again at 4:30 p.m. in East Campus Bruening Room 1421. Admission is free.

Grandin's appearance is part of Century's ongoing Speaker Series, a community outreach activity that has brought to campus such authors as David Finkel, Robert Sapolsky, Marjane Satrapi, Steven Pinker, Anne Fadiman, Sarah Vowell, David Shipler and Stephanie Coontz.

Please call 651-779-5531 for more information.



Photo: Temple Grandin