

## HOW LIVING WITH A DISABILITY FUELS AN INNOVATIVE SPIRIT

## **Video Transcript**

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Many people think that the deaf cannot drive.

Deaf can drive better than hearing people, imagine that, because the deaf are more visual. They always pay attention to their surroundings.

My name is Joaquin Ortiz.

I speak three languages: English, Spanish, and sign language.

I have a degree in computer engineering and a master's in manufacturing engineering from Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico.

When I was a little kid, I always loved to fiddle with any technology.

Accenture is a very inclusive company, and they supported me from day one. They provided a sign language interpreter during my interview. I communicate with my team by VRS—Video Relay System.

I work for website accessibility.

The project is very important because it will help millions and millions of disabled people to have access to information that they really need.

I am determined to help other deaf people to find a job, and opportunity, and equal treatment.

Being deaf has taught me to overcome all kinds of barriers.