

Maryland Association of Blind Students Annual Seminar

Empowerment Through Experience

Introductions (30 min):

- 4-4:10PM EST: Meet the board
- 4:10-4:15PM EST: NFB of Maryland President, Ronza Othman
- 4:15-4:20PM EST: National representative, Pam Allen (first Vice President for the National Federation of the Blind and Executive Director of the Louisiana Center for the Blind)
- 4:20-4:25PM EST: NABS representative, TBD
- 4:25-4:30PM EST: NFB President, Mark Riccobono

Icebreaker (30 min)

- 4:30-5:00PM EST: Icebreaker

Session 1 (60 min)

- 5:00-6:00PM EST: Rotating breakout sessions
 - Breakout Room 1: Socializing and Getting Involved in Your Community
 - Facilitators:
 - Shawn Abraham, MDABS Board Member 1
 - Juhi Narula, MDABS Secretary and Founder of Cherish Life Corp.
 - Ekta Daryani, Founder and Director of Biculturalaly
 - Breakout Room 2: Rights and Education: Accesability, Textbooks, Online Materials, and College Board
 - Facilitators:
 - Noah White, Board Member 2
 - James Garret Mooney, MDABS Treasurer
 - Eric Guillory, LCB Director of Youth Services
 - Ellana Crew, GREATER Baltimore Chapter President and Maryland Career Mentoring Program Coordinator
 - Breakout Room 3: What is MDABS and Why Should You Join
 - Facilitators:
 - Qualik Ford, MDABS President
 - Erin Daring, MDABS Vice President and National Student Representative

Session 2 (60 min)

- 6:00-7:00PM EST: Empowerment Through Experience Panel
 - Panelists

- Martin Bicara Miranda, Colorado Center for the Blind
- LaShawn Miles, Library for the Blind and Print Disabled
- Robert Hair, Maryland School for the Blind Superintendent
- Julie Gaynor, Teacher for the Vissually Impaired and Maryland Space Camp Coordinator
- Hindley Williams, Resources for Transition Youth

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