# 2014 Western Regional State Seminar

Friday, April 11 – Saturday, April 12, 2014

## Agenda

## Friday

8:00 am

Hotel shuttle leaves for the Center

### 8:30-9:15 am

### Welcome and introductions,

Antonio Rozier, Colorado Association of Blind Students, President

Scott LaBarre, NFBCO President

Dr. Marc Maurer, NFB President

### 9:15-10:15 am

### Group 1 Tour the Colorado Center for the Blind, and Breakout sessions

#### **Breakout 1; How to be well-rounded**

Tara Lynn Gray,Supervisor of the Employability Center Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind

Wayne Marshall, Student and Senior Services Specialist, Aurora Chapter President

#### **Breakout 2; Internships and working in college**

Petr Kucheryavyy, Employment Specialist

#### **Breakout 3; Ways to look for scholarships and how to apply**

Buna Dahal, owner of “Dynamic Buna”

10:15-11:15am

Group 2 tour, and breakout session

All sessions repeat

### 11:30 to 12:30 pm

### Student Rights and Responsibilities Panel

This discussion will include professionals from Colorado and Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation, Disability Law, and Disability Support Services. Moderator: Dan Burke

### 12:30 to 1:45 pm

### Lunch and Network

### 2:00 to 3:00 pm

### Importance of Good Blindness Skills.

Hear from students who have attended an NFB training center, and how it changed their lives. Julie Deden, Executive Director; Diane McGeorge, Founder of the Colorado Center for the Blind

### 3:00 to 3:30 pm

### How Tactile Art Can Help You in the Classroom; Ann Cunningham

### 3:30 to 4:30 pm

### Exhibit Hall - Please be sure to visit all stations.

#### **Tactile Graphics with Ann Cunningham**

#### **Questions and answers about today’s technology, including hands-on opportunities with selected devices, Antonio Rozier, CABS President**

#### **Getting to know your Leaders!**

Dr. Marc Maurer, President, National Federation of the Blind

Scott LaBarre, President, National Federation of the Blind of Colorado

Julie Deden, Executive Director, Colorado Center for the Blind

### 5:00 pm

### Trip to Rock Bottom Brewery - We’ll take the light rail to downtown Denver

### 9:00 pm

### Depart Rock Bottom Brewery - Note that everyone will be taking the light rail south and the Hampton Inn shuttle will be available for pick-up at Mineral Station, one stop past the Littleton Downtown Station, 303-794-1800.

## Saturday

8:00 am

Hotel Shuttle leaves for the Center,

### 9:00 to 12:30 pm

### Hands on with Science

There will be three sessions, so choose from the 4 following activities!

#### **Activity 1: learning about polymers**

April A. Hill, PhD Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Director of Forensic Science

Metropolitan State University of Denver

#### **Activity 2: Katherine Watson**

Journalism Intern at the University of Chicago’s Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, Wisconsin

#### **Activity 3: Tactile Science**

Ann Cunningham, Artist & Art Teacher at CCB

#### **Activity 4: Pursuing Your Dream**

Jamie Principato, Engineering Student at Arapahoe Community College

Cody Bair, Accounting Student University of Northern Colorado

### 12:30 to 2:00 pm

### Lunch and Keynote Speaker, Dr. Marc Maurer, NFB President

### 2:00 to 2:15 pm

### How NABS can help you and your student division. Cody Bair, CABS First Vice President, NABS board member

### 2:15 to 3:15 pm

### Building a thriving student division, panel discussion

Moderator Jessica Beecham, Chapter and Community development

### 3:15 to 4:15 pm

### Leadership Roles in Life, and the power of Leadership. Panel discussion

Moderator Brent Batron, Director of Youth Services; Kevan Worley, Owner of Worley Enterprises; Mrs. Patricia Maurer, NFB Director of Community Relations

Nick Thomas, Poudre Valley chapter President

### 4:15 to 4:45 pm

### Wrap-up! Please express your thoughts about this seminar. We would like to know what went well, what did not go so well, and how we can make the 2015 student seminar even better. Cody Bair, First Vice President Colorado Association of Blind Students

### 5:00 pm

### Fun Activity! Bowling at Crown Lanes

**Have a great time and a great trip home!**