#### ****AGENDA****

# National Federation of the Blind of Colorado

**70th Annual State Convention**

**October 24 – October 27, 2024**

**Burning Bright**

**Ardiendo Brillante**

**Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows**

[**10345 Park Meadows Drive**](http://www.bing.com/maps/default.aspx?cp=39.5417~-104.8707&where1=Denver%20Marriott%20South%20at%20Park%20Meadows&ss=ypid.YN137x402488185&FORM=SNAPST)

**Lone Tree, CO 80124**

**Park Ridge Ballroom Salons C & D**

**Jessica Beecham, President**

**2233 W. Shepperd Avenue**

**Littleton, CO 80120**

**303-778-1130**



#### NFB PLEDGE

**I pledge to participate actively in the effort of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the Federation and to abide by its constitution.**

**NFB MESSAGE**

**The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and their dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.**

**NFB Code of Conduct**

All NFB members, employees, contractors, event attendees, volunteers, and program participants are subject to the NFB Code of Conduct. Everyone is strongly encouraged to review the Code which can be found at: [www.nfb.org/codeofconduct](http://www.nfb.org/codeofconduct).

**TRIBUTE TO OUR SPONSORS**

**Thank you to our Title Sponsor, Colorado Center for the Blind.**

Since 1988, the Colorado Center for the Blind has been helping the blind reach new heights of independence and live the lives they want. The Center has provided world class blindness training to students from all over the world. Contact Julie Deden, Executive Director, [jdeden@cocenter.org](mailto:jdeden@cocenter.org), 303-778-1130. Also visit [www.cocenter.org](http://www.cocenter.org) for more information.

**We thank our Title, Titanium, Gold and Silver Sponsors:**

Colorado Center for the Blind, Title Sponsor

En-Vision America, Titanium Sponsor

Regional Transportation District (RTD), Titanium Sponsor

Non-24/Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Gold Sponsor

Spectrum, Gold Sponsor

Aftersight, Silver Sponsor

CVS Health, Silver Sponsor

NanoPac / Magnisight of the Rockies, Silver Sponsor

**GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

National Representative: This year we are delighted to have Ron Brown from Indiana serving as our National Representative.



Ron Brown was born in Gary, Indiana in 1956, the first of eight children. When he was a senior in high school, he became blind after he was shot on his way home from a basketball game. At the time he knew nothing about blindness and was overwhelmed by the feeling that his entire life had been radically changed in an instant. One of the first painful lessons he learned was that many of his friends could not deal with his blindness and stayed away from him. Luckily, he began to make new friends, members of the National Federation of the Blind. They became inspiring role models for Ron, teaching him that it was respectable to be blind and that he could continue to strive for the goals he had set himself.

Armed with this newfound freedom, Ron graduated from Ball State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in health science. He then went to work at Tradewinds Rehabilitation Center in Indiana, where he met his wife, Jean, who was on the staff. Eventually he was offered a job in the Business Enterprise Program. He has now been in business for himself for twenty years.

Recently Ron returned to school and earned a Master's degree in educational psychology with a certification in orientation and mobility from Louisiana Tech University. He now owns a second business, teaching cane travel to blind people in the state of Indiana.

As Ron Brown has developed and matured in his personal life, his commitment to and service in the National Federation of the Blind have deepened as well. In the early years he was a chapter president and was then elected to the [NFB of Indiana](https://nfb.org/about-us/state-affiliates/indiana)'s board of directors. He served as president of the Indiana affiliate for many years, and also served on the NFB board of directors.

**REGISTRATION:**

**Park Ridge Ballroom Foyer**

Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Pick up your pre-registration packet and get registered for door prizes!

For those who have not pre-registered, the following prices will be in effect. Please note that the purchase of meal tickets may be limited based on the ability of the hotel to meet the demand.

Registration Fee: $30.00

Friday Luncheon: $35.00

Saturday Lunch: $35.00

## Saturday Banquet: $70.00

**CONVENTION ZOOM PLATFORM**

We will be providing Zoom access for the state convention for Friday's Resolutions Committee meeting and General Session, Saturday's General Session and Banquet, and the Sunday morning Business Session. Following you will find the Zoom link and one tap mobile information.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nfb-org.zoom.us/j/97335339326?pwd=EDS3eFvgES96BSzArt5RUOJZV0xlWe.1>

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**ZOOM HELP DESK**

If you are having trouble connecting to the Zoom platform, please contact Curtis Chong at our Help Desk at [Chong.Curtis@gmail.com](mailto:Chong.Curtis@gmail.com) or by phone at 515-306-1654.

**CLOSED CAPTIONING**

We will be providing live closed captioning for Resolutions, all generalsessions, and the banquet. You can access the captions by using the Zoom caption feature or by opening the link below in a separate browser window.

[www.streamtext.net/player?event=NFB\_COLORADO](http://www.streamtext.net/player?event=NFB_COLORADO)

**CHILDCARE INFORMATION**:

Please contact childcare coordinator, Ena Batron,

720-384-3263 to make arrangements. Parents should be sure to register their children. We will provide snacks throughout the weekend and pizza for the banquet.

Childcare will be held in Hospitality Suite #428.

**Friday:** Childcare will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Parents must provide meals for their children.

**Saturday:** Childcare will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Parents must provide lunch for their children.

Childcare will re-open at 6:30 p.m. and close at 10:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** Childcare will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**DOG RELIEF AREA INFORMATION:**

There are two dog relief areas. The first is located off the restaurant patio, up a few steps and left a short distance to the grassy area. There will be a trash can next to the railing. The second location is out and to the right of the exit door between the Littleton and Englewood/Parker breakout rooms.

Please deposit all waste in the trash cans provided.

Contact Dog Guide Coordinator, ReNae Anderson, and pay attention to general announcements.

**DOOR PRIZES:**

ReNae Anderson, Brittany Savage, Showe Trela, and Pipi Adams willserve as our Door Prize Chairwomen. Door prizes will be drawn in general convention sessions, and you must be present to win. Please bring your prizes to ReNae prior to the beginning of general sessions.

**AUCTION:**

Throughout the weekend, we will conduct our Annual Auction under the stellar leadership of our Auction Chair, Kevan Worley of Colorado Springs. For those who purchase an auction item, please be advised that once an auction item has been purchased, it is the sole responsibility of the purchaser from that moment on. The NFB of Colorado is not responsible for shipping and/or insurance expenses related to purchased auction items, nor is NFB of Colorado liable for damage to any shipped items.

**RECYCLING LANYARDS AND NAME BADGE HOLDERS**

If you do not care to keep your convention lanyard and name badge holder, please drop them off on the registration table at the ballroom entry as convention winds down. We will be able to use them for future conventions.

**EXHIBITS:**

Exhibits will be open in Park Ridge Salons A & B throughout the convention at the discretion of the individual exhibitor and primarily when there are no competing convention activities. The times listed below are definitely scheduled, and it is likely that exhibits will also be open during breakout sessions, especially on Friday.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Please stop to visit the following exhibitors and sponsors:

**Aftersight, Silver Sponsor**

A.T. Guys, Exhibitor

Blind Girl Designs, Exhibitor

**CVS Health, Silver Sponsor**

**En-Vision America, Titanium Sponsor**

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Exhibitor

HapChic, Exhibitor

HumanWare, Exhibitor

Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder, Exhibitor

**NanoPac / Magnisight of the Rockies, Silver Sponsor**

**Non-24/Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Gold Sponsor**

Penny Forward, Inc. Exhibitor

**Regional Transportation District, Silver Sponsor**

Safety Positive Foundation, Exhibitor

Tasty Crumbs, Exhibitor

The following chapters and divisions will also have tables in the exhibit hall and would love for you to stop by and visit them.

Colorado Springs

Denver – Beauty by Brittany

Greeley

Pueblo - Colorado Association of Blind Students

Wild West

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024**

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

KINDLE CONFIDENCE - KINDLE CONFIANZA

THROUGH SPORTS AND HIGH ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

From Paralympians to weekend warriors, come hear about the lived experiences of blind people who use sports and high adventure activities to build confidence, crush goals, and live the lives they want. Then, give some of the activities a try. Participants will have the opportunity to try rowing, rock climbing, axe throwing, running/walking, cycling, beep baseball, and more.

**DINING AROUND PARK MEADOWS**

Let’s hit the town and check out the Park Meadows restaurants. On Thursday evening, October 24th, choose from one of the listed locations below and enjoy a new restaurant while having dinner with your fellow Federationists. Here’s how it works!!

Choose the spot where you would like to go and RSVP to the Federation leader with that group, giving your name and phone number. Group leaders need all RSVPs by Monday, October 21st, no later than 1 pm. Reservations will be made for the group, and everyone will meet at their chosen restaurant. Every person is responsible for their own check and tip. Make note of the dinner time that your group will be meeting because meeting times differ slightly from one group to another. We hope everyone will have a great night with old friends, make new friends, and enjoy lively conversations on your night out. Please note that none of the restaurants is within walking distance and will need to be accessed by an Uber or Lyft. The group leader may coordinate a plan for sharing rides, so ask if there is a plan for this. (The exception is the Blind Parents Pizza Party which is being held in the hotel.)

**Earls Kitchen + Bar**

Restaurant leaders are the Colorado Association of Blind Students.

Reservation time 6:30 p.m.

Text Ellie White at phone (720) 624-9979 to RSVP

Earls Park Meadows

<https://www.earls.ca/locations/park-meadows/menu/>

8335 Park Meadows Center Drive

Lone Tree, CO 80124

**Cranelli's Italian Restaurant**

Restaurant leaders are the Sports and Recreation Division.

Reservation time is 6:30 p.m.

Text Gary Van Dorn at mobile (303) 863-1150 to RSVP

Cranelli’s Italian Restaurant

10047 Park Meadows Dr Unit F | Menu ([cranellis.com](http://cranellis.com)) (<https://cranellis.com/menu/cranellis>)

10047 Park Meadows Dr., Unit F

Lone Tree, CO 80124

**Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant**

Restaurant leaders are the Boulder Valley Chapter.

Reservation time is 7:00 p.m.

Text Jordyn Castor at phone +1 (616) 970-6002 to RSVP

Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant

Park Meadows

<https://riograndemexican.com/menus/dine-in-menu-lone-tree/>

9535 Park Meadows Drive

Lone Tree, CO 80124

**Clock Tower Grill**

Restaurant leaders are Paul Sandoval and Cody Bair.

Reservation time is 6:45 p.m.

Text Cody Bair at +1 (970) 673-6998

Clocktower Grill

Home - Clock Tower Grill <https://clocktowergrill.net/>

9360 Station Street, Suite 100

Lone Tree, CO 80124

**Blind Parents Pizza Party**

The Blind Parents Division of the NFB of Colorado is hosting a pizza party at 6:00 p.m. in the Presidential Suite. The cost is $9.00 for two slices of pizza, a cookie and soda. Due to limited space in the Presidential Suite, we must limit the number of guests, so RSVP as soon as possible to reserve a place. Text Maureen Nietfeld at 215-353-7218. Maureen will respond with a confirmation and the location of the Presidential Suite.

Immediately following the pizza dinner, the Blind Parents Division will host a pool party at the hotel pool. All are welcome.

**FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 25, 2024**

7:30 a.m.

CONVENTION CAFÉ

Salons C & D Foyer

Please join us for our second annual Convention Café. The affiliate will provide complimentary coffee, tea, and pastries.

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION

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EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS SHOWCASE

Park Ridge Salon A & B

Peruse this year’s selection of convention sponsors and exhibitors and find out what is new in technology, products, and services. In particular, we once again want to salute our Titanium Sponsor, Colorado Center for the Blind. Our heartfelt thanks go out to En-Vision America, Regional Transportation District, (RTD) Non-24/Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Spectrum, Aftersight, and NanoPac / Magnisight of the Rockies.

8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Littleton A

Dan Burke and Curtis Chong, Co-chairmen

Come and help set the policy of the National Federation of the Blind of Colorado!

Join Resolutions Committee Zoom Meeting

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NFB OF COLORADO KID CORRAL

Hospitality Suite #428

Ena Batron, Corral Leader

This is our NFB of Colorado Childcare and it’s not just babysitting. Ena has planned a number of activities to keep the kiddos busy. Although there is no charge for the Corral, we ask that you register your children for the convention. Donations to the NFB of Colorado are welcome to help defray the expenses. Kids in childcare will be eligible to receive door prizes through their parents if their names are called. Also, parents are responsible for providing the children with meals, except for the banquet when pizza will be provided to the kiddos. Snacks will be available throughout.

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

DROP IN ART ROOM

Centennial Dining Room

Ann Cunningham, Golden, Colorado

Ted Tahquechi and Maureen Handwerker will exhibit their artwork. We will have tactile puzzles as well as drawing and sculpting activities. We are also going to be creating flipbook or Flip pics (FLIPPICTS) which are a fun quick way to make a very complex image.

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE WE WERE, WHERE WE ARE, AND WHERE WE CAN GO

Littleton A

Peggy Chong, The Blind History Lady, Aurora, Colorado

WE HAVE A HISTORY: The lives and experiences of our predecessors and the evolution of the National Federation of the Blind of Colorado come to life through the old records and documents we have uncovered. These documents have all been transcribed and are now in a digital format accessible to all. We’ll tell you where and how to find them!

AND WE HAVE A FUTURE: Our history is being made every day. We will talk about how you can help to preserve a record of our current events to keep our history alive for future generations.

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

MEET THE TALENTS WHO ARE COLORADO’S TALKING BOOK LIBRARY NARRATORS

Littleton B

Mare Trevathan, Moderator

With Kristin Alison, Gabriella Cavallero, Doug Tisdale Jr., Adrean Rivers, and Martha Harmon Pardee. Hopefully, David Hartley Margolin and Erik Sandvold will be present as well.

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

MEDICAID FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Englewood

Julie Reiskin, Co-Executive Director

The Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC)

Your questions about Medicaid eligibility for the working disabled will be answered in this interactive session. For instance, did you know that there is no asset test involved? We will discuss eligibility, how the program differs from other Medicaid disability programs, premiums and how to apply. CCDC is here to share information, answer questions and provide assistance, if needed. Join us to learn more!

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SETTING UP AND USING BRAILLE SCREEN INPUT (BSI) ON YOUR IPHONE

Lone Tree

Curtis Chong, Aurora, Colorado

Did you know that you can write Braille on your iPhone screen using six fingers to input the Braille? Braille Screen Input is an accessibility feature on iOS that allows users to type braille directly on their iPhone screen. Bring your iPhone to this session and Curtis Chong will offer a step-by-step, hands-on practice that will help you get Braille Screen Input working on your iPhone.

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

DEBUNKING DEEPFAKES, CHEAPFAKES AND OTHER MISINFORMATION   
Meridian

Nate Trela, Misinformation Reporter, USA Today

Centennial, Colorado

There's more information than ever circulating online, and you have the ability to determine what is real and what isn't. Walk through the free public tools and processes a blind journalist uses to identify and debunk misinformation, ranging from AI-generated content to claims misrepresenting what photos or videos show.

**BURNING BRIGHT**

**ARDIENDO BRILLANTE**

**SESSION I**

**AND OPENING BRUNCH**

**PARK RIDGE BALLROOM SALONS C & D**

**11:45 A.M. TO 5:45 P.M.**

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WELCOME BRUNCH!

Today’s brunch will be a classic crustless frittata with bacon, served with diced breakfast potatoes, family-style assorted pastries, seasonal sliced fruit, and seasonal berries.

11:45 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOMING REMARKS

Jessica Beecham

President, NFB of Colorado

Denver, Colorado

11:50 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

FIRE IT UP - ENCIÉNDELO: An Interactive Rhythm Experience

12:30 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

12:40 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ILLUMINATING THE FUTURE - ILUMINANDO EL FUTURE: Presenting the 2024 NFB of Colorado Scholarship Class

Cody Bair

Co-Chair, NFB of Colorado Scholarship Committee

Littleton, Colorado

Maureen Nietfeld

Co-Chair, NFB of Colorado Scholarship Committee

Centennial Colorado

Elizabeth Sprecher

Master’s in Piano Performance

University of Colorado, Boulder

Dishon (Shon) Spears

Business Administration/Nonprofit

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU)

Andrew Vega

Theatre Arts and Music

Metropolitan State University of Denver

1:00 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.

FIVE ALARM AUCTION

1:10 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.

CARRYING THE TORCH OF TRANSFORMATION:

A National Report

Ron Brown

National Federation of the Blind of Indiana

Indianapolis, Indiana

1:55 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

SHINING BRIGHT - BRILLANDO BRILLANTEMENTE: Living the Life She Wants and Making It Look Good!

Jean Brown

President, Indianapolis Chapter; NFB of Indiana

Indianapolis, Indiana

2:15 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.

BEACON OF KNOWLEDGE: Educating Blind Children in Colorado

Tanni Anthony

Access, Learning and Literacy Team Director

Exceptional Student Services Unit

Colorado Department of Education

Denver, Colorado

2:35 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

FIVE ALARM AUCTION

2:45 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.

EMBERS OF INNOVATION - BRASAS DE INNOVACIÓN: Welcome to the New Superintendent of the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind, Tara Spangler.

CSDB UPDATE:

Tara Spangler, Superintendent

Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Jamie Lugo, Principal

Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind

Colorado Springs, Colorado

3:05 p.m. to 3:45

CATCHING FIRE - EN LLAMAS: Accessible Prescription Labels in Colorado - Soon to Be a Reality in Your Local Pharmacy

Curtis Chong, Moderator

Nonvisual Access Technology Consultant

Aurora, Colorado

ReNae Anderson, Community Solutions Specialist

Rocky Mountain Health Plans

La Junta, Colorado

Amanda Tolson, Vice President of Sales

En-Vision America

Palmetto, Florida

3:45 p.m. to 4:35 p.m.

BURNING DOWN STEREOTYPES - QUEMANDO ESTEREOTIPOS: Where the Blind Work

Nate Trela, USA Today

Denver, Colorado

Erin Daley, Philadelphia Insurance

Englewood, Colorado

Gary Van Dorn, Internal Revenue Service

Denver, Colorado

Adam Carter and Zach Tidwell, Dark Horse Game Studios

Parker, Colorado

4:35 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

FIVE ALARM AUCTION

4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SPARKS OF LITERACY - CHISPAS DE ALFABETIZACIÓN: Empowering Blind Readers through Braille and Audio Books

Nicolle Steffen, Director

Colorado Talking Book Library

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

TURNING UP THE HEAT - SUBIENDO EL CALOR: From the Paralympics to Your Local Makeup Aisle

Anastasia Pagonis, American [Paralympic swimmer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paralympic_swimming) who represented the United States at the [2020 Summer Paralympics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_Summer_Paralympics) and is a [world record](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_IPC_world_records_in_swimming_%E2%80%93_Women%27s_long_course) and [American record](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_States_records_in_swimming) holder within the sport.

5:30 p.m. TO 5:40 p.m.

FIVE ALARM AUCTION

5:40 p.m.

ADJOURN BURNING BRIGHT - ARDIENDO BRILLANTE SESSION I

**FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 25, 2024**

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*UNSEEN* MOVIE SCREENING AND Q&A

Littleton A & B

Set Hernandez, Director/Producer *Unseen*

Co-Founder, [Undocumented Filmmakers Collective](http://www.undocufilmmakers.org)

Pedro Navarro, whose journey to become a social worker while being blind and an undocumented migrant is the story behind *Unseen*

8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SALSA DANCING AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Park Salons C & D

**SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 26, 2024**

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Park Ridge Ballroom Foyer

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS Spotlight Showcase

Park Ridge Salons A & B

8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Littleton A

Cody Bair, Chairperson

(Note: This is the only closed meeting of the convention. Only appointed representatives from chapters and divisions are permitted to be in attendance.)

**BURNING BRIGHT - ARDIENDO BRILLANTE**

**SESSION II**

**AND LUNCHEON**

**PARK RIDGE BALLROOM SALONS C & D**

**9:45 A.M. TO 2:40 P.M.**

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LET’S GET STARTED

Jessica Beecham, President

NFB of Colorado

Denver, Colorado

FIVE ALARM AUCTION

9:50 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF COLORADO BURNING BRIGHT: A Presidential Report

Jessica Beecham, President

NFB of Colorado

Denver, Colorado

10:20 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

BLAZING THE WAY WITH INDEPENDENCE AND CONFIDENCE - ABRIENDO EL CAMINO: A Report from our Colorado Center for the Blind

Julie Deden, Executive Director

Colorado Center for the Blind

Littleton, Colorado

10:50 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

DANCING FLAMES - LLAMAS DANZANTES: Zumba and Cardio Dance for All

Maureen Nietfeld, Certified Zumba Instructor

Littleton, Colorado

11:20 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

FIVE ALARM AUCTION

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

FORGED IN FIRE - FORJADO EN FUEGO: Shaping Diversity Through Film

Set Hernandez, Director/Producer of *Unseen* and

Co-Founder, [Undocumented Filmmakers Collective](http://www.undocufilmmakers.org)

Pedro Navarro, whose journey to become a social worker while being blind and an undocumented migrant is the story behind *Unseen*.

12:00 p.m. to 12:05 p.m.

FIVE ALARM AUCTION

12:05 p.m.

LUNCHEON

Today’s luncheon will be broccoli cheddar soup, a grilled chicken salad with vegetables and caramel vanilla cake for dessert.

12:05 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MY BLINDNESS MYSELF

1:00 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.

FIVE ALARM AUCTION

1:10 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

BURN IT DOWN – QUEMARLO; Our Struggle for Equal Access in Rideshare - A Panel Discussion

Charis Glatther, Lakewood, Colorado

Maryann Migliorelli, Boulder, Colorado

Jessica Beecham, Denver, Colorado

1:50 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

HEATING IT UP AT THE CAPITOL - CALENTÁNDOLA EN EL CAPITOLIO: Why Our Advocacy Matters and How to Get Involved

Kevan Worley

President, NFB Colorado Association of Guide Dog Users

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dan Burke, Public Relations Specialist

Colorado Center for the Blind

Littleton, Colorado

2:30 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

FIVE ALARM AUCTION

2:40 p.m.

ADJOURN BURNING BRIGHT - ARDIENDO BRILLANTE SESSION II

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 26, 2024**

3:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DROP IN ART ROOM

Centennial Dining Room

Ann Cunningham, Golden, Colorado

Ted Tahquechi and Maureen Handwerker will exhibit their artwork. We will have tactile puzzles as well as drawing and sculpting activities. We are also going to be creating flipbook or Flip pics (FLIPPICTS) which are a fun quick way to make a very complex image.

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

BLIND PARENTING - HANDS ON LESSONS AND REAL TALK

Littleton A

Showe Trela, Blind Parent

Centennial, Colorado

Brittany Savage, Blind Parent

President, Blind Parents Division

Littleton, Colorado

Inviting blind parents and others who are interested to learn about the tools, accessible devices and alternative techniques blind parents use raising kids…from the cradle to college.

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

COLORADO DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION - BLIND AND LOW VISION SERVICES

(DVR/BLVS) INFORMATION AND Q&A

Littleton B

Join DVR/ BLVS staff to learn about services, hear updates and have your questions answered.

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ARE ABLE ACCOUNTS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Englewood

Chris Peterson, AFC® Founder and CEO, Penny Forward

Cody Bair, CPA

In this interactive session, you’ll discover how ABLE accounts can protect your means-tested benefits, help fund major purchases, and even save you money on taxes—all while staying completely within legal bounds. We’ll also cover the potential downsides of ABLE accounts and strategies to navigate them. Chris and Cody will also talk about blind work expenses, impairment related work expenses, and tax advantages that blind workers have access too.

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SENIOR DIVISION READING DEVICES SEMINAR

Lone Tree

Dale Holden

President, NFB of Colorado Seniors Division

Brian Smith of MagnaSight of the Rockies will display and demonstrate various reading device options for blind and low vision seniors. Hands-on experience may be offered.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

INCREASE YOUR EFFICIENCY WITH GMAIL  
Lone Tree

Showe Trela, Assistive Technology Specialist

Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Blind and Low Vision Services

Are you struggling with using Gmail? Would you like to become more proficient with handling your emails? We'll discuss everything from basic commands through tips for organizing and managing your messages.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THEATRE WORKSHOP

Littleton B

Andrew Vega

Founder and Director, Mile High Community Chorale

Musical Theatre Student, MSU Denver

This informative seminar is to prepare and educate people who are blind to pursue opportunities in local theatre and inform others on how to promote open accessibility and inclusion in the performing arts.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE JOB SEARCH: Legal rights and protections under the ADA when looking for employment

Trent Taylor, Esq.

Englewood, Colorado

This seminar will cover the basic protections of the ADA and other relevant employment statutes, for those with blindness and other disabilities as they seek employment. What would be considered “reasonable” accommodations? What precautionary steps might be taken in the job application and interview process? What would constitute unreasonable discrimination? These questions and questions from the audience, will be addressed in this seminar.

**SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 26, 2024**

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PRE-BANQUET RECEPTION

Park Ridge Ballroom Salons C & D

Let’s get tuned up for our Annual Banquet with a cash bar and socializing.

7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The banquet meal will start with a Caesar salad composed of romaine lettuce, croutons, shaved parmesan, and Caesar dressing. The salad will be followed by chicken piccata with creamy caper sauce, served with Parmesan risotto and garlic-seared spinach. Dessert will be New York style cheesecake with fresh berries and Chantilly cream.

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Master of Ceremonies, Maryann Migliorelli

President, NFB of Colorado Boulder Chapter

Boulder, Colorado

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**SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 27, 2024**

**BURNING BRIGHT - ARDIENDO BRILLANTE**

**SESSION III**

**PARK RIDGE BALLROOM SALONS C & D**

**9:00 A.M. TO 11:58 A.M.**

9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Maureen Nietfeld, Second Vice President

NFB of Colorado, Centennial, Colorado

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9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

LATINO AND BLIND: LIVED EXPERIENCES

Panel Moderator: Paul Sandoval

9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

LET’S GO BUILD THE FEDERATION: Chapter Membership Drive Ideas

10:30 a.m. to 11:57 a.m.

ALL ABOUT THE BUSINESS

NFB of Colorado Roadshow Update, Elections and Resolutions

11:58 a.m.

END SESSION III, AND ADJOURN THE CONVENTION