# 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 ESP: 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 Biculturaly
  + 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 Bicera 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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