# NABS Notes – March 2022

**“Flowers don’t worry about how they’re going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful.” -Jim Carrey**

Welcome to the March edition of our NABS Notes! As spring break disappears in the rear view mirror of the semester, we know the trek can seem longer than ever. So we invite you to give yourself a break, embracing the opportunity to keep calm and keep up with NABS. Take some time to read up on all things new and exciting in our student movement, and reach out to anyone in NABS leadership with questions. Read on to learn more about our upcoming events and updates from committees. In this edition you will find:

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## March Blog Post | Five Tips for Smooth Apartment Finding

Enjoy this month’s [blog post](https://nabslink.org/blogs/five-tips-smooth-apartment-finding), entirely dedicated to exploring five key factors in apartment hunting. Written by NABS Secretary Nina Marranca, who recently undertook the process herself, this posting will assist anyone thinking about or currently searching for a new place to call home.

## March Episode of the NABS Now Podcast | Advocacy in action – Testing Our Knowledge of Your Rights in Online Classes

Join us this month as we put a new spin on learning about advocacy. In this episode, we present a variety of quiz questions on many advocacy topics relating to online learning. Feel free to keep track of how many answers you got right and what you learned from those you got incorrect. Much of this information is also applicable to on campus course offerings.

The NABS Now team thanks our Legislative and Self-Advocacy Committee for assisting and collaborating on this episode.

Thank you to special guests Lina Howard and Elizabeth Rouse.

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Are you interested in assisting with the planning and production of the NABS Now Podcast? Email Nina at: [ninam0814@gmail.com](mailto:ninam0814@gmail.com) for more information.

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## Committee Updates

### Awesomeness in April with the NABS Outreach Committee

Please join us for our next committee call, taking place on Sunday, April 10 at 8 PM EDT, and [reach out to committee chair Nina Marranca](mailto:ninam0814@gmail.com) with questions on how to get further involved.

### Be a Factor in the Formidable Fundraising Force

With a wonderful winter of fundraising behind us, the NABS Fundraising Committee is looking forward to a spectacular spring and a superb summer of fundraising action. To turn this dream into reality, your ideas, energy, and enthusiasm are needed! If you want to be a factor in determining what the formidable fundraising force is up to during National Convention, please contact committee leadership to share your ideas and indicate your interest.

Speaking of fundraising leaders, after two years of stellar service, Hunter Kuester has stepped down as a committee co-chair. A huge thank you to all the hard work Hunter has put into the committee. We are now thrilled to announce that Manahil Jafri will be bringing excellent ideas and incredible energy into her new role as committee co-chair.

Please join us for our next committee call, taking place on Sunday, April 10 at 9 PM EDT, and [reach out to committee chair Logan Stenzel](mailto:stenzellogan@gmail.com) with questions on how to get further involved.

### March Trivia Madness

March was a month full of friendly competition among the NABS Legislative and Self-Advocacy Committee. Our call attendees learned and laughed alongside each other, showing off their knowledge in a variety of categories, including Women Leaders/Advocates from History, Legislation, and Congress, just to name a few. If you missed out on the fun, join us next time for another informative and enjoyable experience!

Please join us for our next committee call, taking place on Sunday, April 24 at 8 PM EDT, and [reach out to committee chair Elizabeth Rouse](mailto:elizabethrouse.nfb@gmail.com) with questions on how to get further involved.

### Cultural Comfort & Communication

The NABS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee invites students and guests to join the great discussions we generate at our monthly meetings. Each month, the committee explores and facilitates cohesiveness of our membership through the understanding of our identities. In March, Peggy Chong, the blind history lady, graced NABS with a historical timeline and discussion of the accomplishments of blind women to commemorate Women’s History Month.

Our popular NABS On Shuffle musical chill zone is still going strong, and we invite you to hop online with us to share your thoughts and interests.

Please join us for our next committee call, taking place on Sunday, April 24 at 9 PM EDT, and [reach out to committee chair Sara Luna](mailto:sol.sky.luna@gmail.com) with questions on how to get further involved.

Please note that there will be no NABS Sound Board during the month of April as our LSAC and DEI Committee calls have been postponed one week in observance of the Easter holiday.

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