# NABS Notes – May 2022

**“Every individual has within their abilities the capability of accomplishing extraordinary things. They just have to learn how to do it.” -Brian Tracy**

Welcome to the May edition of our NABS Notes! As we say goodbye to another academic year, celebrating both high school/college graduations and the approach of National Convention, we invite you to take a moment for yourself. Reflect on all that you have accomplished over the last school year and brace yourself for the wonders waiting ahead. In order to best prepare for what comes next, we also encourage you to 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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## Summertime with Blind Students

As May quickly draws to a close, NABS magic is in the air. More information will be announced soon regarding our full event schedule for the summer, but for now, our NABS Board wants to assure you that we will be loud and proud at the 2022 National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, between July 5-10. Plan to join us for a week of energizing, productive fun, and save the date for our annual NABS Business Meeting, happening on Wednesday, July 6!

Please also note that in order to participate in official business at our meeting, you must either apply to become a new, active member of NABS or renew your active membership by the end of the day on Thursday, June 30, 2022. This process has changed as of January 1, 2022. The full details of the procedure can be found on the [Become a Member](https://nabslink.org/become-member) page of our website. All other attendees will be asked to apply for membership at the door to gain entrance to the NABS Business Meeting; however, their votes will not be tallied for organizational matters that require a precise count.

If you are unsure of your membership status or have more generalized questions about the updated membership application process, please email Board Member Gene Kim at [gene.sh.kim@gmail.com](mailto:gene.sh.kim@gmail.com). If you have questions about payment options or want to confirm your $5 dues were received, please email Treasurer Elizabeth Rouse at [elizabethrouse.nfb@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethrouse.nfb@gmail.com).

## May Blog Post | Feel Over Fashion

Venture into the seemingly formidable world of fashion with Shawn Abraham in this month’s [blog post](https://nabslink.org/blogs/feel-over-fashion). In addition to learning some of Shawn’s personal tips and tricks, you might just walk away thinking that being fashionable is not only achievable, but also more fun than frightening!

## May Episode of the NABS Now Podcast | Innumerable Possibilities - Why Bother with Internships Anyway?

Internships are an important part of the college experience. In this episode, hear from two students about their internship adventures, how to land a good internship, and why they have found internships to be important.

Thank you to special guests Anna Price and Emily Kiehl.

Created and produced by Kinshuk Tella, Nina Marranca, and Seyoon Choi.

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

### Join the NABS Outreach Committee this June

Please join us for our next Outreach committee call, taking place on Sunday, June 12 at 8 PM EDT, and [reach out to committee chair Nina Marranca](mailto:ninam0814@gmail.com) with questions on how to get further involved.

### Jumping into June with a Walk-A-Thon in July

The NABS Fundraising Committee has a lot in store for National Convention, and we need your help to make these efforts a smashing success. Join us on Thursday, July 7th for our 6th annual NABS Walk-A-Thon. [Register to walk](https://go.rallyup.com/e6e09d/Campaign/Details) today, and start raising pledges. Registrants who raise at least $25 will automatically be entered into a raffle for a $50 Amazon gift card! If you go above and beyond, raising the most money overall, you will receive our top prize: cold hard cash! Wanna walk and raise money with friends? This year, teams of up to four participants can compete to raise more money than any other team, earning themselves a pizza party sponsored by NABS. To create a team, email Logan Stenzel with your team name and member makeup once all individuals have registered.

Oh, and don’t forget to check out the sweet NABS swag we will be selling at our exhibit hall table in NOLA!

Please join us for our next committee call, taking place on Sunday, June 12 at 9 PM EDT, and [reach out to committee chair Logan Stenzel](mailto:stenzellogan@gmail.com) with questions on how to get further involved.

### Accessing Internships

Adding to the conversation started on this month’s NABS Now Podcast episode all about internships, the NABS Legislative and Self-Advocacy Committee hosted a panel of participants this month who generously shared their experiences with us regarding the procurement of summer internships. From describing the application process to illustrating their daily duties, we sincerely appreciate each of these student leaders for opening themselves up so that others can learn from their stories. While we understand that no two journeys are exactly alike, we hope this conversation encouraged you to ask questions, think deeper, and dream bigger for yourself as well as your fellow blind students.

Please join us for our next committee call, taking place on Sunday, June 26 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.

### Highlighting Heritage Together

The NABS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee thanks its members and guests for their attendance during our May committee call, which highlighted Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The information shared from experiences and our guest speakers identified even more connections and similarities our membership shares. We also thank all students who supported the call for feedback on the Safe Spaces project. The information provided by members will be compiled into a report for the NABS Board for review.

Please join us for our next DEI committee call, taking place on Sunday, June 26 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 both the LSAC and DEI calls have been postponed for one week in observance of Father’s Day. Because of this schedule modification, there will be no NABS Sound Board during the month of June.

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