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*BEET Conference —
Blind Education
Employment and
Technology
Conference, Goshen
College, Goshen, IN
April 13, 2018*

Sponsors:

**National Federation of the
Blind's Michiana Chapter:**

**Breakfast , and main confer-
ence**

**Goshen College Computing
Science Program: Lunch at
the Dining Hall with Vegan
and Gluten free food options**



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Live the Life you Want!



The ever-expanding wave of technology coming at us sometimes poses more questions than answers.

Are you an educator or an employer wondering what to do the next time someone with a sensory disability wants to enroll or apply for a job?

Are you a parent or guidance counselor trying to advise a blind or print-disabled teen about how he or she can become integrated, productive, and fulfilled?

Rumbling with Blindness!

Schedule:

8:30 am College Church: Koinonia Room

Enjoy pastries and coffee, and sign in and meet and greet others

9:00 am Rapport Building

9:10 am Making the Grade: How to succeed when you are blind, in a world that doesn't naturally understand blindness

9:50 am Rumbling with Accessibility: High-Tech, Focused Problem Solving, and living outside the box.

10:30 am What do we have here? How Accessibility Technology is both useful for and affordable to Indiana Residents of All Income Levels

11:15 am Lunch

12:15 Training Up: How to Make the Most of the Right Beliefs, Skills and Opportunities When Your' Blind in 21st Century America.

1:00 pm: Breakout Sessions

#1 So I'm Blind; What's Next

#2 Help that Empowers: Turning Short-Term Hardship into Long Term Victory

Speakers

Rich Crawford, Making the Grade. Recently retired after a 46 year stockbroker career. Rich discusses how he branded himself and stayed valuable to others around him in an age prior to personal computers, smartphones and ride-sharing services

Jeanette Shown, Associate Professor of Computing Science, Goshen College, Rumbling with Accessibility.

Joined by her students, will discuss numerous projects in development in the area of accessible tech, and discuss the practical merit of teaching people who are blind how to write computer code.

Brian Norton, Senior Technologist of Easter Seals / Crossroads. **What do we have here?** Brian will demonstrate low-tech tools you might not have heard of and high-tech tools you thought you could never afford.

MORE SPEAKERS!

Richard "Dick" Davis, retired associate director of BLIND, Inc., and former director of Minnesota State Services for the Blind, discusses types of blindness training, how to have a constructive relationship with your vocational rehab counselor. How to succeed in landing a first job or the next one.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS!

Breakout Option #1: So, I'm Blind, what's next? Turning your dreams into reality with a living wage. This is a free for all discussion will give P2P networking as we share best practices to help build blind attendees complete that college degree, shine in those job interviews, and excel in the workplace.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout Option #2: Help that Empowers. When your child, spouse, pupil, friend, or employee is blind, you as a sighted companion make some critical choices. Your approaches and attitudes especial in the early going, will send a strong message to that blind man, woman, or child in your life. How you both adjust is very important to their success and yours. This is a free –form discussion, a safe place for release of frustration, as well as for sharing of stories and creative solutions.



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