***Are you ready for work?***

man with cane and backpack shakes hands with female professional
***ACE Academy***

**Where low vision, blind, DeafBlind students and families prepare**

**for success**

Fuel Your Launch into College and Work at ACE Academy

Employers seek capable, competent and confident people with strong collaboration, advocacy and resiliency skills.

Building these essential transition skills will help you “ACE it”!

Coming

#### April 24-26, 2019

##### To the

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###### Space is Limited

**Register with: Ellen Clapper**

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**ACE Academy sets low vision, blind, and DeafBlind students apart and**

**gives a competitive edge**

***☑* Strengthen *Self-Advocacy* skills**

*☑* ***Collaborate* with your voc rehab team**

*☑* ***Connect* with peers, professors and coworkers**

***☑ Discover* the secret *social skills* to succeed**

***☑* Discuss your disability in a positive way**

***☑* Navigate *assistive tech* for literacy while avoiding technology traps**

***☑ Explore career* through networking**

***☑* Strategize for *independent living & travel***

Meet your Coaches

*Your blind coaches build rapport with participants while delivering fully accessible, fun and engaging interactive trainings*

**More About ACE Academy**

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is a thought leader, author, and executive coach. A strategist and advocate, she trains executives and people with disabilities throughout the country. Her company, Blind Savvy USA™ develops nationally respected programs including: *Blind and Socially Savvy*, *Low Vision Logic Training* and *Life Can Be Sweet - Managing Diabetes and Vision Loss*. Legally blind since birth, she earned an MBA from the Wharton School of Business and a BA from Harvard College. Ms. Ley was honored as one of Maryland’s Top 100 Women in 2011, and her company was selected as one of Maryland’s Top 100 minority business enterprises in 2013.

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ACE Academy is a pre-employment transition service and solution crafted by disability experts at Skys the Limit Communications, LLC. David DeNotaris and his team are passionate about helping blind and low vision people excel. Each intensive ACE Academy training module is fully inclusive, highly energetic, interactive and fun. Students enjoy hands-on practice, role plays and games which promote participation and fully engage learners in a supportive team setting.

Students participate in discussions with blind and low vision peers, role models and interviewers. Participants also learn through case studies, team projects, and practice interview sessions. The Academy’s stackable modules include: Self-Advocacy Success through Story Telling, Career Exploration with Informational Interviews and Podcasts, Communication: Sharing Strengths and Abilities with Stories.