



## WASHINGTON SEMINAR 2018

Holiday Inn Capitol, Washington DC  
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January 28–February 1, 2018

### AGENDA

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

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9:00 AM–5:00 PM      Parent Leadership Program  
Senate Room

This seminar, sponsored by the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children (NOPBC), a division of the National Federation of the Blind, empowers parents with the critical leadership skills, advocacy tools, and Federation philosophy they need to build a strong state division of the NOPBC. If you wish to recommend a parent (or yourself) to participate, please contact Carol Castellano prior to the seminar at [carol\\_castellano@verizon.net](mailto:carol_castellano@verizon.net).

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 29**

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9:00 AM–12:00 PM                      State Presidents and Legislative Directors Briefing  
Capitol II Ballroom

All State Presidents and Legislative Directors attending the 2018 National Federation of the Blind (NFB) Washington Seminar are asked to attend this legislative briefing with the NFB Government Affairs team. The briefing will cover our 2018 legislative priorities, tips for effective Hill meetings, follow up strategies, and Washington Seminar logistics that affiliate leaders should be aware of for the week. New Legislative Directors are strongly urged to attend.

9:00–10:00 AM                          National Association of Blind Students  
Winter Student Seminar Registration (\$5)  
Capitol Ballroom Foyer

10:00 AM–12:30 PM                      National Association of Blind Students  
Winter Student Seminar  
Capitol I Ballroom

Attention students, teachers, young professionals, and curious minds: Join the National Association of Blind Students (NABS), a proud division of the National Federation of the Blind, for our annual Winter Seminar. Here, you

will learn about the current work of our movement; benefit from informative presentations on topics including internships, study abroad programs, recreational activities, and scholarships; and engage in discussions on issues ranging from self-advocacy in the classroom to transitioning into a working member of society. Registration is just \$5 at the door! Please take advantage of our online registration by visiting [nabslink.org](http://nabslink.org) prior to January 26, 2018 to preregister!

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact NABS president Kathryn Webster at (203) 273-8463 or via email at [nabs.president@gmail.com](mailto:nabs.president@gmail.com).

10:00 AM–2:00 PM                      The National Federation of the Blind Employment Committee Fifth Annual Career Fair at Washington Seminar  
Congressional II Ballroom

Join us for the chance to meet employers, including federal agencies, that will be here to speak with you about job opportunities.

This fair is coordinated with the support of the National Federation of the Blind of the District of Columbia. For more information, please contact Janice Forbes at [j.forbes@nfbofdc.org](mailto:j.forbes@nfbofdc.org).

1:00–5:00 PM                              NABS Photo Booth  
Capitol Ballroom Foyer

Do you want to prove to potential employers that you are marketable? Are you interested in rebranding your Facebook profile? The national student division is here to help! We will be holding a photo booth for students and non-students, while asking for your support. For just \$5, you can have a priceless picture sent right to your email inbox!

Contact NABS fundraising chair Shannon Cantan at [shannoncantan.nfb@gmail.com](mailto:shannoncantan.nfb@gmail.com) with questions.

1:00–4:00 PM                      National Association of Blind Merchants  
With Challenges, Come Opportunities;  
Making a Difference, Making it Happen  
Congressional I Ballroom

We will have a discussion about the challenges of 2018, new private sector opportunities and Blast 2018 in San Antonio, Texas.

(Room #275 is open 1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.)

2:00–4:00 PM                      Legislative Seminar  
Capitol Ballroom

Whether you are a Washington Seminar veteran or an enthusiastic rookie, we urge you to attend this interactive seminar. The NFB government affairs team will provide essential information about our legislative priorities for 2018. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions and put your knowledge into practice. The fact sheets and frequently asked questions can be found at <https://www.nfb.org/washington-seminar>. We encourage you to review these documents carefully beforehand and come prepared with questions so we are all well-equipped with the information we need to make our case to members of Congress and their staff.

5:00–7:00 PM                      Great Gathering-In  
Capitol Ballroom  
Congressional II Ballroom is the overflow room

7:30–9:30 PM                      NFB LGBTQ+ Group Meetup  
21st Amendment Bar & Grill

Get to know members of the NFB LGBTQ+ group at the 21st Amendment Bar following the Great Gathering-In. Come learn about how the group is building the Federation and assisting blind LGBTQ+ people to live the lives we want. This is an informal social, and you will be responsible for

purchasing your own food and drinks. For more information, please contact Jeremy Grandstaff at (614) 519-3026.

8:00 PM–12:00 AM            Annual NABS Café  
Congressional Ballroom

What are you doing after the Great Gathering-In? Come on out to have mouth-watering desserts, see old friends, and make some new ones, while supporting your NFB students' division! Enjoy great music from our DJ, taking full advantage of the song requests and dedications, while socializing and bidding on exciting items in our annual auction.

Think: new AirPods, an Amazon Echo, two-night stay at the Rosen Shingle Creek, one-of-a-kind wines, iPhones, and so much more! There will be a cash bar as well as delectable desserts such as cheesecakes, pastries, and chocolate mousse available throughout the evening. Come early to get a good seat and to check out all of the awesome auction items before they go up for bidding. Tickets are \$7 at the door. To preorder a wristband, please see any member of the NABS board prior to 7:30 p.m. on January 29.

Please contact NABS president Kathryn Webster at (203) 273-8463 or [nabs.president@gmail.com](mailto:nabs.president@gmail.com) or NABS fundraising chair Shannon Cantan at [shannoncantan.nfb@gmail.com](mailto:shannoncantan.nfb@gmail.com) with any questions or for further information.

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

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(Room #275 is open 7:00 a.m.–5:45 p.m.)

6:00–8:30 PM            Tactile Photography Exhibit & Reception  
Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

The National Federation of the Blind will be hosting a reception at the Newseum to celebrate our partnership with John Olson and his innovative 3D photo technology, to promote greater accessibility in museums, and to

