# Texas Association of Blind Students

# AndTexas Parents of Blind Children

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# Proud Divisions of the National Federation of the Blind of Texas April 4-6, 2014

**Gettin’ It Done!**

# HOST SITE

Double Tree By Hilton Houston Downtown

400 Dallas Street

Houston, TX 77002
713-759-0202

## REGISTRATION

Conference preregistration will be available through March 28 at: http:nfbtx.org

The conference registration fee is $50 and can be payable online when preregistering, alternatively, the registration fee can be paid by check, cash, or credit card upon arrival on Friday April 4. In order to receive the group rates for the hotel, you must register with the conference. Conference registration will be open at the following times:

 • Friday, April 4th, 1:00 to 7:00 PM

• Saturday, April 5th, 7:45 to 8:45 AM

Participants who preregistered can pick up conference materials at the registration table. We will strictly adhere to the schedule in order for registration volunteers to attend all meetings on time. Registering with the conference:

* Adds you to the TABS and/or TPOBC network that is changing what it means to be blind
* Automatically includes you in the door prize drawing that will occur periodically throughout our sessions and banquet. You must be present in the room when your name is called in order to win.
* Includes all conference meals including the NFBT Youth Conference formal banquet.
* Gives you access to our exhibit hall where you will have hands-on experience with the latest assistive technology, and other related products of interest.

## TWEET ABOUT THE CONFERENCE!

Include the hashtag #NFBTYC14 and your tweet just might be read to the conference during sessions.

Don’t forget to follow [TABS](http://www.twitter.com/txtabsters) and the [NFB of Texas](http://www.twitter.com/nfbtx) for real-time updates from the conference floor.

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##  HOSPITALITY

On Friday April 4th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM TABS and TPOBC welcome you with southern hospitality in Granger A & B. Complementary appetizers are available for all conference attendees.

# Conference Agenda

**Gettin’ It Done!**

## Friday, April 4

1:00-7:00 PM Gettin’ Down To Business! Exhibits, Registration, and Room Check in

Granger A & B

7:30 PM TABS Gets It Done: 2014 TABS Open Board Meeting

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Gabriel Cazares; President, TABS

7:30 PM Building Relationships to Help Our Kids Get It Done: TPOBC Meet and Greet

Granger A & B

Sandra Oliver; President, TPOBC

## Saturday, April 5

7:45-8:45 AM Breakfast

Hospitality Suite

Fuel up for the day, come Get Some Grub! (Due to limited space, please pick up your breakfast from the hospitality suite and eat it in your room.)

7:45-8:45 AM Registration
Granger A & B

### MORNING SESSION

Dezavala

9:00 AM We Get Things Done!

Gabriel Cazares; President, TABS

Emily Gibbs; First Vice President, TPOBC

Kimberly Flores; President, NFB of Texas

9:20 AM Meeting 21st Century Problems with 21st Century Solutions: what I wish I knew before I started college.

Daniel Martinez; First Vice President, TABS, The University of Texas at Brownsville

Kayleigh Joiner; Second Vice President, TABS, Stephen F. Austin State University

9:35 AM Teaching Congress a Lesson on Accessibility: Revolutionizing the World of Instructional Materials through H.R. 3505

Kimberly Flores; President, NFBT

9:45 AM Inaccessible Technology is Real, and It Affects Me

Monica Villarreal; Treasurer, TABS, The University of Texas at Austin

Bre Brown; Secretary, TABS, Texas State University

10:00 AM Hands on Instruction: Taking My Concerns to the People in Charge

Jose Marquez; First Vice President & Legislative Director, NFBT

Sarai Hernandez; Sophomore, Stephen F. Austin State University

Jonathan Franks; Glen and Norma Crosby Washington Seminar Scholarship Recipient, the University of Texas at Austin

10:20 AM Helping You Get It Done: How DBS is Here to Support Blind Students and Parents of Blind Children

Kevin Markel; Transition Specialist, Division for Blind Services

10:35 AM The NFB Gets It Done! About our training programs, the National Reading Media Assessment and the National Certification in Literary Braille

Eric Guillory; Director of Youth Services, Louisiana Center for the Blind

10:45 AM TABSters Don’t Play Around, We Get Things Done!

Harley Fetterman; Board Member I, TABS

11:00 AM Gettin the Girl, Blind Dating Game! Learning to be Social

The NFBT Players!

11:35 TABSters live! A Word From Our Conference Sponsors

TABS Board of Directors

11:45 AM Adjournment

11:50 AM-1:00 PM Lunch

Hospitality Suite

Lunch will be provided and is included in the conference fee, please be sure to present the appropriate ticket in order to receive a meal. (Due to limited space, please pick up your lunch from the hospitality suite and eat it in your room.)

1:00-5:00 PM AFTERNOON TABS and TPOBC BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Note: All students will follow the TABS breakout session schedule. Parents and related blindness-professionals will follow the TPOBC breakout session schedule. The appropriate sessions are marked as TABS or TPOBC respectively.

TPOBC: Acquiring the Necessary Tools to Help Our Kids Get it Done in Life

1:15PM to 5:00 PM Travis I

TABS: Hands-On Experience with NFB-Newsline Featuring Job Listings

Travis II

TABS: Coffee and Conversation, Helping You Get the Tools You Need to Succeed

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TABS: Hands-on Exploration, demonstrations, and Information

The 2014 NFBT Youth Conference Exhibit Hall

Granger A & B

TABS Session 1: 1:15 PM to 2:15 PM

TABS Session 2: 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

TABS Session 3: 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM

5:00-7:00 PM NFBT Youth Conference Pre-Banquet Mixer

Granger A & B

7:30-8:45 PM Gettin’ It Done! NFBT Youth Conference Formal Banquet.

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Master of Ceremonies: Gabriel Cazares, President, Texas Association of Blind Students

• Distinguished Sponsor Recognition

• Final Team Challenge

• Keynote Address: Pamela Allen; Treasurer, National Federation of the Blind & President, NFB of Louisiana

9:00 PM-Midnight NFBT Youth Conference Karaoke Night!

Come sing your favorite tune, hang out with old friends, and make new ones!

## Sunday, April 6

### Distinguished Sponsors Recognition Breakfast

9:00-11:00 AM Granger A & B

Join us for a complimentary breakfast as we thank special sponsors for their generous support, and mix and mingle with venders and other conference attendees alike.

11:00 AM Adjournment

### The 2014 NFBT Youth Conference Planning Committee

Thank you for your time, hard work, and dedication. This conference would not be possible without your contributions and talents.

Sandra Oliver

Emily Gibbs

Kimberly & Richie Flores

Gabe Cazares

Together with love, hope, and determination, we transform dreams into reality-National Federation of the Blind