

**National Organization of Blind Educators
Orlando, Florida July 3, 2014**

Appreciating the Joys and Embracing the Challenges

Welcome to the 2014 annual seminar of the National Organization of Blind Educators (NOBE). We hope that our seminar today gives you an opportunity to learn some useful strategies, network with blind colleagues, and enjoy the many possibilities in this rich profession. We are glad you've joined us. As you await the beginning of our meeting, we hope you enjoy the following quotations about teaching:

“I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well.”
-- Alexander the Great

“The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery.”
-- Mark Van Doren

“The thing I love the most—and still love—about teaching is you can connect with an individual or a group and see that individual or group exceed their limits.”
-- Mike Krzyzewski

“Every child deserves a champion—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the value of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.”
-- Rita Pierson

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”
-- William A. Ward

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”
-- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Agenda

1:00-1:30 Registration

1:30-1:45 Welcome and Introductions

1:45-2:10 What's on the Website?: Developing Content for blindeducators.org

Arthur Jacobs, Private Tutor, Kaplan Test Prep, New York, NY; Treasurer,
National Organization of Blind Educators

2:10-2:35 Potential and Performance: the Basis of Professional Success

Harriet Go, Special Education Teacher, School District of Philadelphia,
Philadelphia, PA; Secretary, National Organization of Blind Educators and
National Federation of the Blind of Pennsylvania

Rosy Ramirez Carranza, Doctoral Candidate, Ruston, LA

2:35-2:40 Questions and answers

2:40-3:15 Tech for Teachers

Cayte Mendez, 1st Grade Teacher, PS 69-Journey Prep Academy, Bronx NY;
President, National Organization of Blind Educators

Chancey Fleet, Assistive Technology Coordinator, Andrew Heiskell Braille and
Talking Book Library, New York, NY

Tony Olivero, Web Accessibility Lead, Humana

3:15-3:25 Bookshare and the Educator

3:25-3:30 Questions and Answers

3:30-4:05 Small Group Networking

4:05-4:15 Small Group Wrap-up

4:05-4:15 Business Session and Elections

4:15-4:20 Closing and Adjourn

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