

**National Organization of Blind Educators  
Annual Seminar and Business Meeting  
Orlando, Florida – July 2, 2016**

**“Appreciating the Joys and Embracing the Challenges”**

Welcome to the 2016 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

12:30-1:00 Registration

1:00-1:20 Welcome and Introductions

1:20-2:05 Small Group Networking: Teachers working or training to instruct at various grade levels and in diverse specialties collaborate.

2:05-2:15 Small Group Wrap-Up

2:15-2:45 Student Teaching: A Challenging Opportunity to Excel

- Kayleigh Joiner, Bachelors in Elementary Education from Stephen F. Austin University, TX, 2015
- Valeria Paradiso, Masters in Education with an emphasis on TVI and Science Education, Hunter College, NY, 2016

2:45-3:30 Keeping Them in Line: Classroom Management from Kindergarten to College

- Managing Students in the K-12 Classroom: Cayte Mendez, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, NYC Public Schools, New York, NY; President, National Organization of Blind Educators and Secretary, National Federation of the Blind of New York
- Managing Adults in the K-12 Classroom: Harriet Go, Special Education Teacher, School District of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Secretary, National Organization of Blind Educators and Secretary, National Federation of the Blind of Pennsylvania
- Management in a Post-Secondary Setting: Arielle Silverman, Research Scientist, University of Washington, formerly taught psychology at University of Colorado at Boulder

3:30-3:45 Keeping in Touch: Setting up Communication for the Division Throughout the Year

3:45-3:55 Business Session and Elections

3:55-4:00 Closing and Adjourn

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