**Building Bridges and Breaking down Barriers**

**National Association of Blind Students**

**A Division of the National Federation of the Blind**

**Annual Seminar and Business Meeting**

**July 6, 2015**

7:00 Welcome and Call to Order – Sean Whalen, President, National Association of Blind Students

7:05 A Message from Our President – Mark Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind

7:20 Meet the Class of 2015 Part I - Patti Gregory-Chang, Chair, NFB Scholarship Committee

7:35 Blind abroad: The three most useful characteristics that helped me in Latin America – Justin Harford, Mobility International USA

7:45 An Introduction to Accessible Math and Graphics – John Gardner, President, ViewPlus

8:00 Visual Interpreter using Google Glass - Suman Kanuganti, CEO, Aira Tech Corp and Michael Hingson, President, Michael Hingson Group

8:05 Why I’m in NABS and Why Stepping up Matters – Karen Anderson, 1st Vice President, National Association of Blind Students

8:15 Meet the Class of 2015 Part II - Patti Gregory-Chang, Chair, NFB Scholarship Committee

8:25 Mentoring Matters – Mary Alexander, National Director, Initiatives for the Blind, Learning Ally

8:35 What Can I Do?: NABS Update – Sean Whalen, President, National Association of Blind Students

8:50 The Long Arm of the Law: NFB’s Work to Ensure an Equal Education for Blind Students – Mehgan Sidhu, General Counsel and Valerie Yingling, Paralegal, National Federation of the Blind

9:00 TEACH to SMART: Our Journey toward Achieving Accessibility in Higher Education – Gabe Cazares, Government Affairs Specialist, National Federation of the Blind; 2nd Vice President, National Association of Blind Students

9:10 How Diversifying Technology Proficiencies Can Ease Problem Solving and Collaborating – Cindy Bennett, 1st Year Ph.D. Student in Human Centered Design and Engineering, University of Washington

9:20 Have You Considered Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Randolph-Sheppard?: Maybe You Should – Jesse Hartle, Rehabilitation Services Administration, United States Department of Education

9:25 The PAC Attack is Back – Scott LaBarre, Chair, PAC Committee; President, National Federation of the Blind of Colorado

9:30 Revitalizing the Massachusetts Student Division – Derek Manners, 1st Vice President, Massachusetts Association of Blind Students; Board Member, National Association of Blind Students

9:40 Announcements

9:55 Elections

10:30 Adjourn