



Education and Advocacy Summit Agenda

The Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD), the Clerc Center, Gallaudet University Office of Undergraduate Admissions, the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), and the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) are holding a series of events on February 27 and 28, 2018. These events are geared to professionals in the education of deaf, blind, and deafblind students, and their high school students who are deaf, blind, or deafblind. They include training workshops for professionals, leadership training for students, a legislative advocacy day, and a tour of Gallaudet University. This agenda is subject to change.

Events are as follows:

- February 27, 2018 10:30: Tour of Gallaudet University for professionals and high school students.
- February 27, afternoon 1:00-5:00, Gallaudet campus:
 - Workshops for education professionals in the areas of policy, best practices, and innovation.
 - 1:00 Welcome - Bobbi Cordano (President, Gallaudet University) Nicole Sutcliffe, Marianne Belsky (Clerc Center),
 - 1:15 Federal legislative updates - Barbara Raimondo (CEASD), Mark Richert (AFB), Hunter McGowan (DeafBlind Citizens in Action, DBCA),
 - 2:00 Break
 - 2:15 State initiatives - Sean Tikkun (North Carolina Central University)
 - 3:00 Break
 - 3:15 Research in communication in deafblind community - Clifton Langdon (Gallaudet)
 - 3:45 Resources in blindness education - Mary C. Zatta (Perkins School for the Blind)
 - 4:15 Clerc Center resources - Bridgetta Bourne-Firl (Clerc Center)
 - 4:45 Wrap up and closing
 - Workshops for high school students in advocacy and leadership.
 - 1:00 Introduction and ice-breaker activity
 - 1:30 Jeopardy quiz on Legislative process - Sean Tikkun (North Carolina Central University)
 - 2:00 Break
 - 2:15 Workshop One: Legislative Process - David Penna, Bren Stern (Gallaudet)
 - 3:00 Break
 - 3:15 Workshop Two: Review of Cogswell-Macy Bill and hands-on practice - Tawny Holmes (Gallaudet, National Association of the Deaf)
 - 4:15 Panel of experienced students
 - 4:45 Wrap-up and conclusion
- February 27, evening, on your own
- February 28, morning, House office building on Capitol Hill: Legislative briefing on advocacy issues. This event is open to pre-registered community members as well. This is an activity of CEASD, the National Foundation for the Blind, National Association of the Deaf, and other advocacy partners.
- February 28, 2018, late morning, all day, Capitol Hill: Pre-arranged meetings with members of Congress and/or their staff.
- February 28, 2018: late afternoon, early evening, Capitol Hill: Wrap up meeting. Location TBD.

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