WASHINGTON SEMINAR 2023

AGENDA

January 30 – February 2, 2023

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30**

7:30 AM – 1:00 PM National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute

Tours

Lobby

The bus will arrive at 7:30 AM and will depart at 7:45 AM sharp.

Tours of the Jernigan Institute will begin upon arrival and the bus will leave to return to the Holiday Inn Washington-Capitol at 12:00 PM.

There will be one bus and seating will be on a first come, first served basis.

8:45 – 9:30 AM Registration: National Association of Blind Students

Winter Student Seminar

No registration fee, optional $5 membership dues

Congressional I Ballroom Foyer

9:00 – 11:00 AM State Presidents and Legislative Directors Briefing

Capitol Ballroom

All state presidents and legislative directors attending the 2023 National Federation of the Blind Washington Seminar are asked to attend this legislative briefing. The briefing will cover our 2023 legislative priorities, tips for effective Hill meetings, follow up strategies, and Washington Seminar logistics that affiliate leaders should be aware of for the week.

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM National Association of Blind Students

Winter Seminar

Congressional I Ballroom

Students, educators, young professionals, and curious minds: kick off this year’s Washington Seminar by Joining the National Association of Blind Students (NABS) for our annual winter seminar! Whether you are participating in-person or tuning in on our Facebook livestream, you won’t want to miss this opportunity to connect with blind students from across the country, learn from successful blind professionals, hear about scholarships and internships, and prepare for your upcoming Congressional meetings. If attending in-person, also be sure to register for chance to win a door prize!

Direct questions to Trisha Kulkarni, President, at [nabs.president@gmail.com](mailto:nabs.president@gmail.com) or 937-361-2363.

(Room #275 is open 1:00 – 4:30 PM and for one hour following the Great Gathering-In)

1:00 – 3:00 PM The National Federation of the Blind Employment Committee Seventh Annual Career Fair at Washington Seminar

Congressional II Ballroom

Join us for the chance to meet employers, including federal agencies, who will be here to speak with you about job opportunities.

This fair is coordinated with the support of the National Federation of the Blind of the District of Columbia and the National Federation of the Blind Employment Committee. For more information, please contact Shawn Callaway at [callaway.shawn@gmail.com](mailto:callaway.shawn@gmail.com).

2:00 – 4:00 PM Legislative Seminar

  Capitol Ballroom

Whether you are a Washington Seminar veteran or an enthusiastic rookie, we urge you to attend this interactive seminar. The government affairs group will provide essential information about or legislative priorities for 2023, and you will have an opportunity to ask questions and put your knowledge into practice.

The fact sheets can be found at nfb.org/Washington-seminar. We encourage you to review these documents thoroughly beforehand and come prepared with insightful questions so that we are all well-equipped with the information we need to make sure members of Congress and their staff understand our priorities.

5:00 – 7:00 PM Great Gathering-In

Capitol Ballroom

Please join us for the official kickoff meeting of the Washington Seminar, hosted by the President of the National Federation of the Blind, Mark Riccobono. All are welcome.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/94281893953>

Webinar ID: 942 8189 3953

Or One tap mobile:

    US: +13017158592,,94281893953#  or +13126266799,,94281893953#

8:30 – 10:30 PM                  A 50th Year Celebration

Congressional Ballroom

What are you doing after the Great Gathering-In? We invite you to join the National Association of Blind Students as we celebrate the Federation's 50th year of advocacy, opportunity, security, and triumph at Washington Seminar! Come on out to have light appetizers and drinks, see old friends, enjoy live music, and support your national student division! Tickets are $5 with a chance to win a cash prize. We also invite you to check out our [virtual auction](https://www.32auctions.com/2023blindstudents), which will close on Wednesday, February 1 at 11:59 PM.

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 31**

(Room #275 is open 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM)

5:30 – 7:00 PM National Federation of the Blind Congressional Reception

The Kennedy Caucus Room (SR-325) of the Russell Senate Office Building

The members of the National Federation of the Blind invite members of Congress and Congressional staff to come learn more about our organization. Legislators can interact with Federationists while enjoying light refreshments and discussing our 2023 legislative priorities for the First Session of the 118th Congress.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

(Room #275 is open 7:00 AM – 5:45 PM)

6:00 – 7:00 PM Reviewing Our Day on the Hill

Capitol Ballroom I

A meeting with John Paré, Jeff Kaloc, and Justin Young to go over feedback you may be getting from members of Congress or staffers.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

(Room #275 is open 7:00 – 11:00 AM)

**Note that the water station usually located inside Capitol Ballroom will be located in the Ballroom foyer between the two sets of doors.**