

Presentations Preview

Leadership and Sustainability: What You Can Do About It. *Dr. Jack Hawkins*

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about leadership from one of the most celebrated and beloved leaders in the state of Alabama. This presentation is designed to engage participants in issues and concerns surrounding the role of leadership and its impact on the sustainability of organizational membership.

Ethics in Education and Rehabilitation: Standing in the Gap *Dr. Laura B. Carpenter*

Participants will, no doubt, benefit from the perspective of a first-class professor and a widely published scholar on the impacts of disabilities and is certified in both VI and Assistive Technology. This presentation will engage participants in an exploration of the ethical principles of professional practice with persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Ride and Thrive: AIDB, A Partner on the Journey *Mr. Isaac Beavers*

The most effective rehabilitation plan is an effective education plan. This presentation supplies an overview of services offered through the AIDB system. Learn how AIDB can be a resource for students and consumers for life.

The State of Tech. *Mr. Jason Martin*

From the mouth of an absolute guru in the field of assistive technology, a layman's overview of emergent technologies will be delivered. Participants will learn about the latest advancements from some of the nation's largest tech providers focused on spectacular innovations specifically relevant in the field of Blind Services.

AER International: Current Trends and Future Plans *Mr. Lee Sonnenberg*

The Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, (AER) is the leading organization worldwide, dedicated to professionals serving said population. Mr. Lee Sonnenberg, International President of AER, will deliver his vision for the future of AER. He will present information regarding AER's status, and operations including a path for moving forward with innovative training and professional development, networking, and other relevant and diverse educational and practical opportunities for professionals in the field of Blind Services.

MacGyver-It: Make & Take Workshop *Mr. Michael Papp*

Practical access solutions based on design principles from an engineering perspective. This presentation will explore the tools, materials, and tips to making custom assistive technology on the fly. A quick fix beats no fix at all.

Expanded Core Curriculum: Stepping Back So Students Can Step Forward

Ms. Jessica Chapa ASB Mr. Brandon Rogers ASB

Living as independently as possible is the key to living life to its fullest. Learn how to track short term and long-term independent living skills growth. Learn about Alabama School for the Blind's new on-campus Independent Living Center, and AIDB's new and upcoming Short-Term Programs and how they will serve Alabama students. Additionally, this presentation will offer participants the opportunity to perform Expanded Core Curriculum tasks while wearing Vi simulation goggles.

Unbridled and Blind: A Recipe for Achievement *Mr. Dezman Jackson*

The necessary and common ingredients for desirable outcomes mixed with diverse combinations of individual differences will combine to produce unique and limitless possibilities. This presentation will provide a first-hand perspective on living with blindness and navigating obstacles to reach a prominent level of achievement and quality of life.