

Agenda

October 6, 2020

Pre-conference Workshop: Astronomy for All

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm EST

Description: This pre-conference workshop will provide several practical, tactile activities to introduce astronomy to BVI students.

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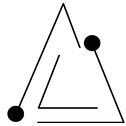


Pre-conference Workshop: Orientation for All

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm EST

Description: Participants will learn about a method to expand people's perception of space, orientation, and connectivity using touch and sensory devices.

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Virtual Happy Hour and Awards Celebration

Time: 7:30 pm - 8:45 pm EST

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October 7, 2020

12:00 - 12:20 Opening session

After briefly outlining logistics for the day, we will discuss a new opportunity available to COSB members through an NSF grant we received in partnership with San Jose State University.

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12:20 - 1:15 Developing your virtual leadership toolkit

W. [Robert Hair](#), Superintendent and CEO of Maryland School for the Blind, will lead a discussion on the nuts and bolts of virtual operations, including virtual performance evaluations, adaptations to residential services, and policy revisions. Participants are invited to share their experiences and expertise as well.

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Track 1 - Leadership in a Virtual Era

1:15 - 2:15 Distance learning best practices for BVI students

This interactive session will cover best practices for virtual instruction from three different vantage points: Amanda Rodda, Math and Computer Science Teacher at [WSSB](#), will give a TVI's perspective and tips for working directly with students. Angel Martyn, Principal of Education at [CSB](#), will examine how principals can support their teachers and students. Sergio Oliva, Associate VP of Programs and Services at [Braille Institute](#), will impart how agencies can work to support BVI students virtually. Participants of this session will also have time to ask questions and add their individual expertise to this rich and lively discussion.

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2:15 - 3:00 Silver linings of the pandemic: what worked, what didn't, and serendipitous strategies that we'll continue

During this session, [Emily Coleman](#), Superintendent at [TSBVI](#), will lead an interactive, living case study. She'll discuss methods she has employed at Texas to navigate the present challenges as well as surprise benefits that have resulted from adapting to the pandemic.

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Participants of this session will also have time to discuss their own silver linings so that we can collectively identify strategies that we'll continue well beyond COVID.

Track 2 - Leadership in Every Era

1:15 - 2:15 Competency based education

[Sean McCormick and Jon Harding and Brain Darcy](#)

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2:15 - 3:00 Unlikely education partnerships co-lab with facilitated brainstorming
Want actionable items and contact info to complete these actions

David Martin

Partnership building/ Relationships with governing boards/ Working with
local school districts/ partnering with agencies

3:00 - 3:15 Break

3:15 - 4:30 Business meeting