

National Federation of the Blind

Youth Slam

A STEM Leadership Academy

July 17-23, 2011

Towson University, Towson, MD

(Located approximately eight miles north of Baltimore)

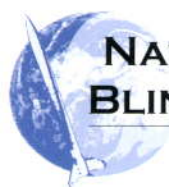
Observe... your surroundings, your life, your world.

Discover... your talent, your knowledge, your dreams.

Evolve... into the person you dream of becoming.

The key to **evolution**, to teaching **science**, and to teaching the **blind** about science is **opportunity**.

—Geerat J. Vermeij, blind biologist

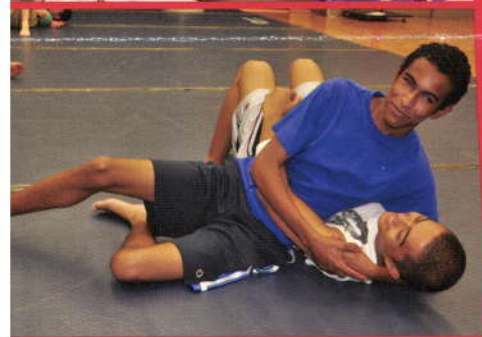


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We are pleased to announce the third biennial NFB Youth Slam. Whether or not science or technology is “your thing,” there’s sure to be something for everyone. Learn the science behind building apps for your iPod, use cutting-edge equipment and technology to determine chemical reactions in labs, build robots, or learn how to use nonvisual techniques to perform a real dissection.

We guarantee this summer program will be like no other you’ve ever been to before!

One hundred and fifty blind and low-vision students from all across the country will be selected to attend this five-day adventure, to be held at Towson University, that will engage, inspire, and encourage the next generation of blind youth to consider careers falsely believed to be impossible for the blind.

While staying on a college campus, students will be mentored by blind role models during fun and challenging activities designed to build confidence and increase science literacy. Participants will also have the opportunity to attend workshops on topics such as leadership, career preparation, and blindness. In addition, students and mentors will take part in a variety of social events throughout the week. Come to the NFB Youth Slam and meet other blind and low-vision students from all over the United States!

Students who will be age fourteen at the time of the program and are starting high school (ninth grade) in the fall of 2011 or are currently in high school (including those graduating in the spring of 2011) are eligible. Students need not have a strong interest in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) in order to participate, enjoy, and benefit from this extraordinary experience.

If you are interested in attending the NFB Youth Slam, either as a student participant or as an adult volunteer, visit www.blindscience.org to complete an online application.

Applications are due by March 1, 2011.

If you have any questions about the NFB Youth Slam, please visit the Web site or contact Mary Jo Hartle, Director of Education, NFB Jernigan Institute, (410) 659-9314, extension 2407, or e-mail YouthSlam@nfb.org.

Join us as we continue to make history at what promises to be the best NFB Youth Slam yet!

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