AI for BVI:
Access to Learn, Tools to Thrive

October 25 - 27, 2026 | Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs

Sunday

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Preconference: New York DeafBlind Collaborative		Show
2:00 p.m.	Vendor setup opens		Daily Double
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Conference Registration		Starting Gate
5:00 p.m.	Dinner: Mexican Fiesta		Daily Double
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	1. No Sight Required: What Independence Actually Costs Evaluation for Session 1	Tony Gebhard	Daily Double
7:30 – 9:00 p.m. 2. Table Talks (Interest Groups)	TVI Interest Group - Review AER position paper on interveners Evaluation for Session 2 - TVI	Darcy Meyer Erin Altieri	Win
	O&M Interest Group - O&M for Diverse Populations … in a Diverse Environment Evaluation for Session 2 - O&M	Jodie Grandelli Lindsay Orcutt	Place
	VRT Interest Group - Apps and Assessment Evaluation for Session 2 - VRT	Brendan Tedrick Surprise Guest	Show

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Monday

7:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Vendors		Daily Double
7:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Conference Registration		Starting Gate
7:15 – 8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast: **Best Breakfast Buffet** • Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea, Cocoa and Chilled Juices • Fresh Sliced Fruits & Berries • Buttery Croissants and Selection of Pastries • Individual Yogurts and Granola • Hot Cakes with Butter & Syrup • Buttery Scrambled Eggs • Crisp Applewood Bacon • Country Sausage Links • Seasoned Home Fried Potatoes		Daily Double
8:15 – 8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Announcements - Including a video welcome from Congressman Mannion	Lindsay Orcutt	Daily Double
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	3. Keynote Evaluation for Session 3: Keynote	Thomas Panek	Daily Double
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	4. Meet our Vendors Evaluation for Session 4	Vendors & Sponsors	Daily Double

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10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break & Vendor Time	Coffee, tea, mini cinnamon rolls	Daily Double
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.	5. Home Smart Home Evaluation for Session 5	Ashi Diamon	Daily Double

11:00 – 12:30 p.m. Concurrent Session I	6. Desmos with Screen Readers Evaluation for Session 6	Cody Laplante	Win
	7. The Things You Find in Your Student's Brailler: Part 1 Evaluation for Session 7	Erin Weaver	Place
	8. Optimizing Your Workflow with Notebook LM Evaluation for Session 8	Lis Geoghegan Nancy Smith	Show
12:30 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch: BBQ Buffet	Lunch co-sponsored by Hunter College, Vis-Ability Inc., & Alpha Sensory	Daily Double
1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Session II	9. What Actually Works: AI Tools for Blind Students and Adults, Tested Evaluation for Session 9	Tony Gebhard	Win

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	10. The Things You Find in Your Student's Brailler: Part 2 Evaluation for Session 10	Erin Weaver	Place
	11. Black Mirror, Light Mirror**:** Scripting Where AI for BLV Users Goes Wrong and How to Get It Right. Evaluation for Session 11	Sid Sharma	Show

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3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Session III	12. The AI Braille Transcriber Evaluation for Session 12	Cody Laplante	Win
	13. BVI AI For Teachers and Related Service Providers Evaluation for Session 13	Erin Weaver	Place
	14. The Transition Years: AI, Independence, and the Students About to Leave You Evaluation for Session 14	Tony Gebhard	Show
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	**Awards Banquet** (ticket required) **6:30pm** Cash Bar **7:00pm** Dinner Service Salad, rolls & butter *Entrée Choices:* 1. Prosciutto, spinach and fontanella stuffed Chicken Breast, roasted garlic bechamel (GF) 2. Slow-roasted cabernet braised Beef Short Rib 3. Mushroom Ravioli with vegetables in pesto cream sauce Chef's accompaniments Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea Service Awards followed by fundraiser		Canfield Casino

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Conference Registration Vendors		Hallway Daily Double
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet: **Sunrise Continental** • Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaf, Tazo Tea Collection, Hot Cocoa, Chilled Juices • Fresh Sliced Fruit, Bananas & Berries • Choice of: Hot Breakfast Sandwiches (with and without bacon or sausage) OR Egg Frittata (Gluten Free) • Greek and Fruit Yogurts and Assorted Cereal Bars --- 15. Plenary Session Evaluation for Session 15: Plenary Meeting		Daily Double
8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Break		
8:45 – 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Session IV	16. Thinking Beyond the Answer: Artificial Intelligence, Critical Thinking, and the Future of Blind Learners **(cancelled)** Evaluation for Session 16	Gus Chalkias	Win
	17. AI 101 Evaluation for Session 17	Joseph DiNero	Place
	18. AI & Other Cool Tech For O&M Evaluation for Session 18	Lauren Sirkin	Show

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10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break		
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Session V	19. Unlocking Independence: SMART Technology Solutions for Wheelchair Users with Visual Impairments Evaluation for Session 19	Lindsey L. Sharpe, PT, DPT, ATP	Win
	20. New Doors, New Locks: AI Use in Work and School for Adults who are Blind or Have Low Vision Evaluation for Session 20	Angie Whistler	Place
	21. Meta Glasses and Beyond: Meeting Everyday Tasks of Daily Living with AI Assistance Evaluation for Session 21	Lis Geoghegan Nancy Smith	Show
12:00 p.m.	Thanks for attending!	To receive CE, you must complete all evaluation forms.	Safe travel!

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