



You're Invited to the 2025 COMMUNICATION ACCESSIBILITY SUMMIT

September 20 | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Join members of the Deaf community as well as advocates, professionals, and allies to celebrate Deaf Awareness Month and discover how we can work together to create powerful changes in our communities.



Where:

*Maryland School for the Deaf
Columbia Campus
8169 Old Montgomery Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21043*

No registration required!
Just show up ready to connect,
learn, and grow.

What:

A can't-miss opportunity to:

- Explore vital topics in communication access
- Highlight innovative strategies and research
- Share personal experiences
- Foster meaningful discussions

HOSTED BY:



Who is Speaking:

- **JB Begue**, MA, Clinical Assistant Professor, Towson University
- **Kelby Brick, Esq.**, CDI, Civil Rights Attorney, Executive from the Private, Nonprofit, and Public Sectors
- **Dr. Marla Hatrak**, President, National Center on Deaf Advocacy (NCDA)
- **Jacob Leffler**, Chair, State Board for Sign Language Interpreters (SBSLI)
- **Dr. Rebecca Minor**, Chair of the Communication Arts Department and Full Professor, Community College of Baltimore County
- **Dr. Ellen Schaefer-Salins**, Associate Professor/Social Work, Salisbury University
- **Darrin Smith**, Supervisor, Family Investment Administration, Maryland Department of Human Services
- **Alfred Sonnenstrahl**, Maryland Deaf Senior Citizens (MDSC) Board Member for Senior Engagement, Retired Executive Director, Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc. (TDI)
- **Kevin Steffy**, Manager, Maryland Accessible Telecommunications (MAT) Program
- With welcoming and closing remarks from **Usherla Deberry**, Director, Maryland Governor's Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GODHH), and **Carol Beatty**, Secretary, Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD)