



2025 Make Your Mark! Conference Agenda

Game On: It's Time to Advocate

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 – 9:30 AM | Registration and Breakfast

9:30 – 10:30 AM | KEYNOTE: Mastering "Matthew's Tool Box" To Stay the Course and Advocate for Issues You Believe In

- Presenter: Matthew Shapiro

10:30 - 11:00 AM | Exhibitor Break

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | GENERAL SESSION: Legislative Panel

- Moderated by Dave Price

12:00 - 1:30 PM | Lunch and Legislator Chat

1:30 - 2:00 PM | Exhibitor Break

2:00 - 3:00 PM | Breakout Sessions

- Workplace Accommodation Strategies - Catherine Johnson, Gloria Soto, Carly Ott
- Game On with AmeriCorps: Serve, Lead, and Advocate for Change - Dr. Jesse Bolinger
- Pregame Poetry - Sharon Ruth Hensley
- From Blueprint to Action: Empowering Change through the Iowa Blueprint for Change - Ashley Hazen

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM | Exhibitor Break

3:15 - 4:15 PM | Breakout Sessions

- Understanding ABLE Accounts: A Path to Financial Independence - Victoria Newton
- Introduction to Non-Profit Leadership Roles - Carly Ott
- Advocating for Your Disability Can Get Your Game On - Vickie Setterberg
- Level Up: The Infinite Spectrum - Ethan Velasquez, Andrea Velasquez

4:15 - 4:30 PM | Exhibitor Break

4:30 - 5:00 PM | Free Time

5:00 - 7:00 PM | Dinner and Evening Entertainment

Social, Dinner, Comedy Hour and Talent Show – Hosted by Zach Mecham

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 - 9:00 AM | Registration and Breakfast

9:00 - 10:00 AM | KEYNOTE: Welcome to the Big Leagues

- Presenter: Zach Mecham

10:15 - 10:30 AM | Exhibitor Break

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | Breakout Sessions

- Benefits Bingo: Make Your Mark Towards Financial Independence - Mistie Johnson, Tammy Crouch, Jenny Lynes
- Community Inclusion - Todd Noack
- Game On: Advocating for Assistive Technology to Unlock Your Goals - Kevin Dalin, Ben Weigel
- Living with Disabilities and Leadership - Sebastien Janelle, Simon Janelle, Monica Janelle

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM | Lunch and Awards Ceremony