# Dots and Dashes: January 10, 2022

## There Is Still Time Left To Apply for an ACB Scholarship!

ACB and the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) have partnered together to offer educational scholarships ranging from $2,000 to $7,500. This program awards students with scholarships to help with post-secondary education financial needs such as tuition, fees, room and board, or assistive technology. To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants need to be legally blind, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and be involved in their school/local community. Scholarships are available for both full-time and part-time students, as well as those who are working and attending school. Applications will be accepted through February 14th, 2022. For more information on how to apply, visit: [https://acb.org/scholarships](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Facb.org%2Fscholarships%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR3ixTv6p01k1LBFb6qTRPmH1E_X6S8ru2Oz8LUYa19lOoektLmQck4vRB8&h=AT1b705Yw34At7vN89xNJoG0_5d3HdNSC9eOuBbTMGnB-c6Xh6yzLfHTYkiZYUc_j0RWKvVTBftnk__IZujqWCyQHDzEG9ZRRS8_Mt747qt580CqqGgsL7vZXlWyOwsEmeOZRQ&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT2GQ2UTCV4YQcMKDtQN8cVdwnEFzYHGzjTO5WuAxej9UrHJE2duGY6-9xgxvcBgheRtwhn9rnNsVJV5LZz4sDtWI6H1iMHe0SDgdLgF5dmZOofNTKmJFBedW3X8de7hd9QoieLYNObRTZ6UNWtdFhyRcw).

## Black History Month on ACB Voices

February is Black History month and begins with the celebration of the Lunar New Year. We invite ACB members to submit a blog post about your experience, commemoration or celebration of the Lunar New year and/or Black History
month to the ACB Voices blog by sending an email to voices@acb.org.

## ACB in 2021

On the ACB Advocacy Update, ACB's advocacy team along with ACB President Dan Spoone and ACB Executive Director Eric Bridges, took a look back on our organization's accomplishments in 2021. They discussed ACB’s advocacy work, conventions and conferences, and community milestones. Listen by visiting: [https://tinyurl.com/bdh8x8bb](https://tinyurl.com/bdh8x8bb?fbclid=IwAR3Mf4nra6I832eAwkIRGTBVsN5KBLaxYCm2U011xoxse4Sa8rjCGb90_oE). To support our ongoing advocacy efforts and the achievements and milestones yet to come, please make a donation by visiting: [https://acb.org/donate](https://acb.org/donate?fbclid=IwAR0TPmndbaiATF6vtQl77GUGksYfTkS-Fl5rYFO2iVxD_fGOW2J42ogX2tk).

## World Braille Day

Last week we celebrated World Braille Day on January 4th. In honor of this day, the ACB Voices blog featured two posts about braille written by ACB members. Judy Dixon wrote about the history of braille in "Have We Had It Wrong All These Years?". Read Judy’s post by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9d644j>. "How Braille Changed My Life" by Jan Lavine, originally published in ACB's Braille Forum, discusses her personal experience with braille. Read Jan’s post by visiting: [https://tinyurl.com/b88ndzea](https://tinyurl.com/b88ndzea?fbclid=IwAR0KuEcbZL9Q1iyb2Qi7QLMdsncI41CvtGPXhDGWwwgF4jGxWh4PH-NAa8w).

## The Tech Industry's Accessibility Report Card for 2021

ACB’s Director of Advocacy & Governmental Affairs, Clark Rachfal, is quoted throughout this article by Engadget about how accessibility fared in the tech industry in 2021: <https://tinyurl.com/yckuwfsf>.

## New Year, New Goals for Health & Wellness

Last week on the ACB Advocacy Update, ACB's Advocacy & Outreach Specialist Swatha Nandhakumar kicked off 2022 with Tom Tobin and Sheila Styron from ACB’s Get Up and Get Moving Campaign to discuss plans and goals the committee has for the year ahead. Listen by visiting: [http://ow.ly/28Bh50HoOWO](http://ow.ly/28Bh50HoOWO?fbclid=IwAR03TPNFseB63O-vk4WYAqrfMX-P9UNVGFGUM2Sw0m0aYUs5SbiHNowjmoI).

## Job Openings at ACB

ACB is hiring! We are searching for applicants for an ACB Media & IT Manager position as well as an ACB Media Coordinator position. To view the full position descriptions and find instructions on how to apple, visit: <https://acb.org/jobs>.

## NYT COVID Test Accessibility Article

ACB Immediate Past President Kim Charlson shares why accessibility for COVID Testing needs attention now in this article by the New York Times: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9y8hn5>.

## Breast Cancer Webinar for Women Who Are Blind

Join [Accessible Pharmacy Services for the Blind](https://www.accessiblepharmacy.com/) on Friday, February 25 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM EST as they discuss accessible breast cancer information, detection and prevention for blind women and their families. If you are unable to attend, still be sure to register to receive access to the webinar audio and video after the event, as well as an audio description of a breast self-exam for women who are blind or have low vision. This webinar will have captioning and a live ASL interpreter, and eligible attendees can receive CE credit through The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC). Register for free: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3zse3e>.

## Entrepreneurial Initiative and e-Commerce Business Opportunity for the Blind

Join the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB) and National Industries for the Blind (NIB) on January 12, 2022 at 4 p.m. ET to learn about the Entrepreneurial Initiative and e-Commerce Business Opportunity for the Blind. The program will feature insights from MCB Commissioner [David D’Arcangelo](https://www.mass.gov/person/david-darcangelo-commissioner), and Kevin Lynch, CEO of NIB. For more information, visit: [ow.ly/OaQB50HpM2k](https://t.co/HsL4SWAXHK).

## USDOT AV Inclusive Design Challenge Update Workshops

On Monday, January 24 and Wednesday, January 26, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will host two [virtual workshops](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMDcuNTE0MTEzMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy50cmFuc3BvcnRhdGlvbi5nb3YvaW5jbHVzaXZlLWRlc2lnbi1jaGFsbGVuZ2UvaG93LWdldC1pbnZvbHZlZCJ9.Cw6pBK87gsD5HEZ5gZQ4Av_dTDXj5moJaxN1ps1wcHA%2Fs%2F1418902716%2Fbr%2F124322109472-l&data=04%7C01%7Ckelly.buckland%40dot.gov%7C9d863c89b8bb4059ef0908d9d1ec5168%7Cc4cd245b44f04395a1aa3848d258f78b%7C0%7C0%7C637771635182544635%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=enWUKEQm0%2BLED41rlfraR3d9xHh0BzxzxLwu%2FP5wygw%3D&reserved=0) highlighting the [ten Semifinalists](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMDcuNTE0MTEzMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vd3d3LnRyYW5zcG9ydGF0aW9uLmdvdi9pbmNsdXNpdmUtZGVzaWduLWNoYWxsZW5nZS9pbmNsdXNpdmUtZGVzaWduLWNoYWxsZW5nZS1zZW1pZmluYWxpc3RzIn0.PAPMMt0TXjiDxo9DvrSzkov32vKOjPrQ8LZMM2vIgCA%2Fs%2F1418902716%2Fbr%2F124322109472-l&data=04%7C01%7Ckelly.buckland%40dot.gov%7C9d863c89b8bb4059ef0908d9d1ec5168%7Cc4cd245b44f04395a1aa3848d258f78b%7C0%7C0%7C637771635182544635%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=DaGqkIkNpJScQb98jSMRRkBiaV77M5eTfmQp3smmBCY%3D&reserved=0) for DOT’s [Inclusive Design Challenge](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMDcuNTE0MTEzMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy50cmFuc3BvcnRhdGlvbi5nb3YvYWNjZXNzaWJpbGl0eS9pbmNsdXNpdmVkZXNpZ24ifQ.sToig6OemV1zb-z1BP2QI9DAjXeTFdxkX1PYOGQNgwE%2Fs%2F1418902716%2Fbr%2F124322109472-l&data=04%7C01%7Ckelly.buckland%40dot.gov%7C9d863c89b8bb4059ef0908d9d1ec5168%7Cc4cd245b44f04395a1aa3848d258f78b%7C0%7C0%7C637771635182544635%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=h%2BbQYU%2FfULWOj6W9ZNWEhgPZSvt5klJDQloUZQC7b9E%3D&reserved=0). The Challenge aims to generate solutions to enable people with physical, sensory, and cognitive disabilities to use automated vehicles to access jobs, healthcare, and other critical destinations. Please join the DOT to learn about the designs and progress and offer real-time feedback. Five teams will present in each session; advanced registration is required. Session 1 takes place on Monday, January 24 from 11:30AM to 1PM Eastern, [register here.](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMDcuNTE0MTEzMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3VzZG90Lnpvb21nb3YuY29tL3dlYmluYXIvcmVnaXN0ZXIvV05fSWlxSm5zdzlTMEdIYkc1UkJRWkhLQSJ9.1sCfEfojA7W9GlNpNxh35iwNKt0Cpx6nQ-WPBh4KfuE%2Fs%2F1418902716%2Fbr%2F124322109472-l&data=04%7C01%7Ckelly.buckland%40dot.gov%7C9d863c89b8bb4059ef0908d9d1ec5168%7Cc4cd245b44f04395a1aa3848d258f78b%7C0%7C0%7C637771635182544635%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=k5SXUU5LO2tBnWAZlD2LGuN3dEdt5AhwHWu6VFObQjs%3D&reserved=0) Session 2 takes place on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 1:30PM to 3PM Eastern**,** [register here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMDcuNTE0MTEzMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3VzZG90Lnpvb21nb3YuY29tL3dlYmluYXIvcmVnaXN0ZXIvV05fOXBmakFrQnlSZENfTlpxbG5TSlo0USJ9.--hqxOtEhoyPgVLEfiJJMhdIByOWhehnkBPZrZdcnW8%2Fs%2F1418902716%2Fbr%2F124322109472-l&data=04%7C01%7Ckelly.buckland%40dot.gov%7C9d863c89b8bb4059ef0908d9d1ec5168%7Cc4cd245b44f04395a1aa3848d258f78b%7C0%7C0%7C637771635182544635%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=vpRzeBD1VRts6uvGSg9jJmtO2tis0DlVDlZZ3bBCyKE%3D&reserved=0).