

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

In 1945, Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

2011 Theme: Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities

DR. LAWRENCE SCADDEN

Scientist, Policymaker, Advocate for People with Disabilities



- Spent 40 years working to improve the lives of people with disabilities through the use of appropriate technology and access to science and mathematics education.
- Served as Director of Technology Application Programs for the Electronic Industries Foundation. There he developed guidelines for consumer electronic products that make them usable by people with disabilities and functional limitations.
- Served as Deputy Director of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research and as Senior Program Director at the National Science Foundation where he established and managed the program for Persons with Disabilities.
- Author of "Surpassing Expectations: My Life without Sight."
- The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) created the Lawrence A. Scadden Outstanding Teacher Award of the Year for Students with Disabilities in his honor.
- Published over 100 professional and scientific articles and received numerous honors including the Migel Medal from the American Foundation for the Blind.

Careers in Science Resources

High School/High Tech

<http://www.dol.gov/odep/programs/high.htm>

ENTRY POINT!

AAAS Project on Science, Technology and Disability

<http://ehrweb.aaas.org/entrypoint>

RASEM

Regional Alliance of Science, Engineering and Mathematics <http://rasem.nmsu.edu>

Program ACCESS <http://w3.arizona.edu/~access>

DO-IT (University of Washington)

<http://www.washington.edu/doit>

Equal Access to Software and Information

<http://people.rit.edu/easi/easisem.htm>

National Science Foundation's Program for Persons with Disabilities <http://www.ehr.nsf.gov/ehr/hrd>

