

Following the conclusion of the panel, You can encourage attendees to visit the tables in the back of the room who are showcasing various types of assistive technology.

Bios for Panelists:

Dominique Sessa

She has been a full-time wheelchair user since 17. At that age, she established "The Girl in the Pink Wheelchair" to connect to the disability community. She serves the state as a Commissioner on the Maryland Commission on Disabilities and the Chairwoman of the Maryland Assistive Technology Loan Program Board. Locally, she serves on the Board of Bay Area Independent Living Center, a Kindness Commissioner for Kind SBY, and multiple positions locally and statewide.

On February 11th, Dominique Sessa of Salisbury, was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Maryland 2024 in Brandywine, MD. Ms. Sessa will serve as the state titleholder for 1 year. Her platform is "Disability Shouldn't Have a Price Tag."

Tyler Huber

Tyler Huber is a 15 year old current 10th grader attending Maryland School for the Blind. This is his first year at MSB. He came from Queen Anne's county public schools. Tyler has been blind since birth. He is a good student with good grades who uses technology to access his educational materials and to play video games in his free time. He is very passionate about technology and making it more accessible for everyone to use. Tyler is a huge Disney fan.

Joan Green, M.A. CCC-SLP

Joan is a speech-language pathologist, assistive technology consultant, eldertech advocate and the founder of Innovative Speech Therapy, based in the Washington, DC area. She strives to help people of all ages overcome communication, literacy, cognitive and productivity challenges and maximize success and happiness.

Ms. Green worked in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and home care before founding Innovative Speech Therapy in 1992. Joan advises patients on cutting-edge technology and evidence-based treatment strategies to develop effective individualized action plans that incorporate devices, apps, features, and strategies to promote learning and well-being.

Ms. Green received her undergraduate and graduate education at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. She is ASHA certified and licensed in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC.