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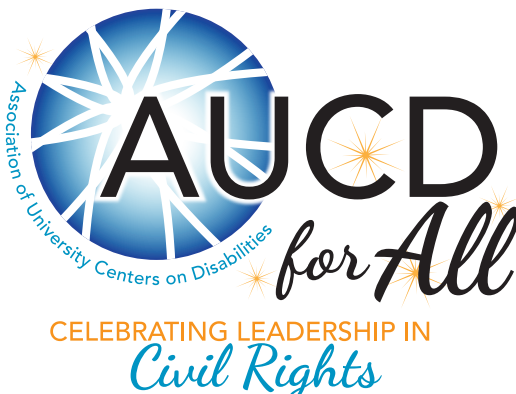
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## 4TH ANNUAL AUCD FOR ALL GALA

## *Celebrating Leadership in Civil Rights*

*March 19, 2019*  
6:00 – 10:00pm

RONALD REAGAN BUILDING AND  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER – PAVILION  
WASHINGTON, DC



## Honorees

**Tom Ridge** has committed his life to public service. The former Governor of Pennsylvania who served as the first U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security has chaired the National Organization on Disability's (NOD) Board of Directors since 2006, bringing NOD to adopt a strategic focus on employment of people with disabilities, and the Department of Homeland Security to implement an aggressive program to hire people with disabilities.

**Congressman Robert "Bobby" Scott** is the new Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor. Representative Scott works to ensure that millions of Americans have the opportunity to get a quality education and go to work every day knowing that they will be treated fairly, paid a decent and living wage, given a safe environment in which do their jobs and provided access to affordable health care.

## Speakers

**Catherine Lhamon** is currently the Chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and was previously the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education. Across her career she has provided key leadership in achieving equity for all, including those with disabilities, and is a particular champion for children with disabilities.

**Claudia Gordon** is director of Government and Compliance with Sprint Accessibility. Ms. Gordon is a former member of the Obama Administration, serving as special assistant to the director of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) and then as OFCCP's Chief of Staff.

**Jack Brandt** is a Disability Policy Specialist for the Partnership for People with Disabilities at Virginia Commonwealth University. He is a strong leader, advocating that the voices of people with disabilities and those with lived experience be heard, both in the state of Virginia and nationwide.

To learn more about AUCD activities in the area of civil rights and social justice, and to see a list of our Gala Committee Members, go to [aucd4all.org](http://aucd4all.org).

The core civil rights vision of the ADA and other disability rights laws informs the approach we take to improving the lives of children and adults with disabilities and their families. This vision begins with the idea that disability is a natural part of the human experience, that self-determination and community integration are fundamental human rights, and that everyone should be able to participate fully in their communities and be treated with dignity and respect.

On this night we honor those who stand up for civil rights and lead the way toward inclusion, opportunity, and social justice for all. Welcome, and enjoy!

PROGRAM

6:00–8:00 pm

Buffet Reception and Program

Honorees

**The Honorable Tom Ridge**

*Presented by Claudia Gordon, Sprint Accessibility*

**The Honorable Bobby Scott**

*Presented by Jack Brandt, Partnership for People with Disabilities at Virginia Commonwealth University*

*Accepted by Kimberly Knackstedt, Office of Representative Bobby Scott*

Special Guest

**Catherine Lhamon**

*Chair, US Commission on Civil Rights*

8:00–10:00 pm

Dessert and Dancing

Entertainment from DJ Afuw

Musical Sign Language Interpretation by Aarron Loggins

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