24th Annual U.S. Conference on DISABILITY
October 8th, 2025

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**Presented by: The University of Scranton, Leahy College of Health Sciences
and
The Edward R. Leahy, Jr., Endowment**

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Opening Remarks *Rev. Joseph G. Marina*, S.J., President, the University of Scranton *Victoria Castellanos, Ph.D.,* Dean, The Leahy College of Health Sciences *Edward R. and Patricia Leahy, Honorary Conference Co-Chairs*
8:45 – 9:15 a.m.	"Disability Policy in 2025-2026: Major Challenges and Opportunities." **The Honorable Robert P. Casey**, former U.S. Senator for Pennsylvania
9:15 –10:15 a.m.	"Three Entities, One Mission" **Isaac Shapiro, Co-CEO of Cleanlogic**
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	Break & Networking
10:45 –11:45 a.m.	"Creating Transformative Technology for and with People with Disabilities" **Dr. Rory Cooper,** PITT School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
11:45 –12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 – 1:15 p.m.	Award Ceremony: **Dr. Ralph N. Pacinelli and Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Excellence Awards**
1:15 –1:45 p.m.	"The NET: Celebrating 20 Years of the Customer Driven Strategy" **Kathy West-Evans**, MPA, CRC, Director of Business Relations, National Employment Team (NET) at CSAVR **John P. Evans,** BPA, HRDC, Consultant
1:45 – 2:45 p.m.	"AI for All: Advancing Disability Inclusion Through Technology" **Laurie Allen, Sr**. Accessibility Technology Evangelist, MICROSOFT
2:45 –3:00 p.m.	Break & Networking (Transition to Theater)
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	"AI Empowerment for People with Disabilities" **Tiffany Yu,** author of The Anti-Ableist Manifesto
4:30 p.m.	*Closing Remarks*