



JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

JAGC NEWS

Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children

SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR ADVANCED LEARNERS

April 2023

Hello Families,

JAGC is holding our annual election in May. For voting members, you will receive a ballot by email. Please vote and return your ballot by May 7.

Planning your summer? Check out the [summer programs list](#) on the JAGC website.

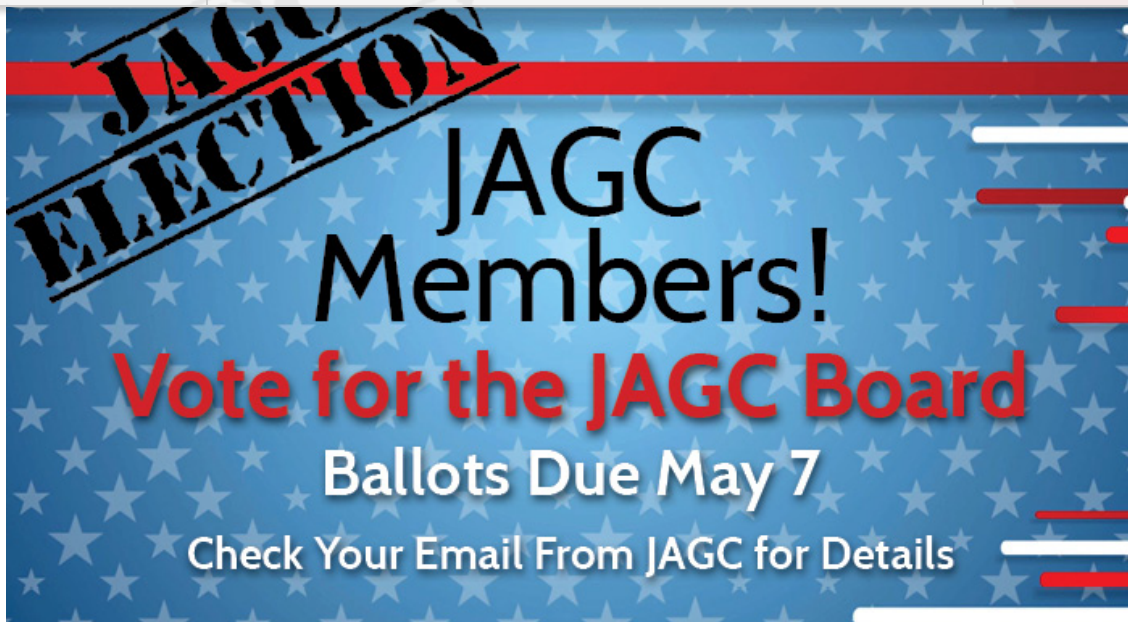
Upcoming events:

- JAGC hosts our last [monthly gifted & talented chat](#) for the school year on April 19.
- The application for Jeffco Virtual Academy [summer credit advancement](#) courses opens on April 27. Classes fill quickly, so plan accordingly.

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JAGC Info



2023 JAGC Election - Members, Vote by May 7

Official voting for the election will take place electronically with ballots sent to emails of record of JAGC members. Votes will be accepted through May 7. For more information, contact election chair Heather Groff at gtteachergroff@gmail.com.

All elected board members will need to formally be or become a JAGC member. Membership in JAGC includes joint membership in CAGT (Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented). Combined dues are \$40 annually and membership in JAGC and CAGT runs concurrent to the school year. Both are valid from September until August of the following year.

See the [JAGC website](#) for information on board membership and on board [roles and committees](#).

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MONTHLY PARENT GIFTED & TALENTED CHAT

Free event from Jeffco Association for Gifted Children

Third Wednesdays of the month
7-8 PM
ON ZOOM



Join JAGC for Gifted & Talented Chat April 19

Join us on April 19 at 7 PM via Zoom to discuss gifted education at JAGC's monthly gifted & talented chat. This is the last chat of the school year. We will discuss early access, young gifted children and general topics. Register [here](#). If you have questions to address, email info@jeffcogifted.org.



Become a JAGC Member to Vote in the Spring Election

JAGC will hold the annual election for board positions in April. Become a member now to be involved! Membership in JAGC and CAGT runs from September until August of the following year. When you register, select Jeffco as your affiliate. [Join us!](#)



Planning for Summer? Check JAGC Summer Programs List

Camps and programs will be updated as information is available. If you have a summer opportunity to list, please email info@jeffcogifted.org.



Helpful Gifted Resources

Check out the JAGC website for information on a variety of topics including these:

[Is My Child Gifted?](#) - Information about giftedness and how to help your gifted kids

[CAGT Advocacy Toolkit](#) - Effective advocacy is more than just being

collaboration and positive results.

[Handouts and GT articles](#)

Visit Jeffcogifted.org for more info

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Jeffco GT Dept. Info

Gifted & Talented Resources

See the Jeffco Gifted & Talented Dept. [website](#) for the latest news on Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs), opportunities for GT students, resources for parents and more.

Have Questions About Gifted & Talented Services? Here Are Staff Who Can Help!

[List of Jeffco GT Resource Teachers, Social-Emotional Learning counselors and Building Leaders](#)



Jeffco News



Apply for Outdoor Lab Scholarships by April 14

The [Outdoor Lab Foundation](#) offers students who have served as high school leaders or interns at Outdoor Lab the opportunity to apply for scholarships to further their education. This year, three applicants will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. [Apply here.](#)

Students must meet all of the following criteria to apply:

1. Student has served as a high school leader or an Intern for the Jeffco Outdoor Lab Program, at Windy Peak or Mount Evans, within the past three years, and

training program, college, or university and plans to begin within 12 months from the deadline.



Summer Credit Advancement for Grades 10-11 - Application Opens April 27

[Credit Advancement](#) is for Jeffco students in rising grades 10-11 who are independent learners and want to get ahead in credits. Courses are taught online by licensed Jeffco teachers and are accredited. Students can complete a semester course in just four weeks. The cost is \$165 per class. See [program details](#) on the JVA website.



Calendar & Events

Summer programs

[JAGC summer programs list](#)

[Gifted & talented youth-friendly summer camps & opportunities](#)

Events

[JAGC calendar - activities, events & conferences](#)

[CU Wizards science exploration](#) monthly programs: [Artificial Intelligence](#), [Asteroids and Michelle Chen: Software Systems Engineer at Johns Hopkins University](#)

[Denver Writes Workshops](#) virtual and in-person

[PEN Parent Engagement Network events](#)

[Belin-Blank Center Gifted Education online classes and conferences](#)

[Hoagies Gifted list of conferences](#)

["It's Going to be Okay...I Promise: Parenting and the Myths of Certainty and Control"](#)

Jenny Hecht, sponsored by PEN: Parent Engagement Network

April 15 at 9:30 AM, Superior Community Center

["What do Parents Need to Know About Academic Acceleration?"](#)

Ann Lupkowski-Shoplik

April 20, at 6 PM, webinar hosted by Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education and Talent Development

["Strategies and Resources for Families to Promote Racial Pride and Achievement Among Their Children of Color"](#)

Donna Ford

April 22 at 9 AM, webinar hosted by Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education and Talent Development

[STEAM Literacy Festival](#)

April 23 at 9 AM, University of Colorado - Colorado Springs, Dwire and Centennial Halls, 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Colorado Springs



Conversations with CAGT



FIRST & THIRD
TUESDAYS
ON FACEBOOK LIVE



Resources

Recent Articles and Podcasts

[“Homeschooling Your Neurodiverse Kid”](#) (Raising Lifelong Learners)

[“Parenting Decisions...Good for You or Good For Your Child”](#) (Gifted Challenges)

[“Zach Morris on How to Deal with Academic Stress or Trauma”](#) (Bright & Quirky)

[“Five Reasons Why Identifying Gifted Kids Can Be Tricky”](#) (Royal Fireworks Press)

[“Parenting a Gifted Child When You are Gifted, Too”](#) (Your Rainforest Mind: Support for the Excessively Curious, Creative, Smart & Sensitive)

[“Gifted Students are Special Needs Students: What Teachers Need to Know”](#) (The Will To Teach)

New Books

[A Parent’s Guide to Gifted Children](#) by Edward R. Amend, Emily Kircher-Morris and Janet L.Gore

[A Teacher’s Guide to Supporting Gifted Middle School Students: Reaching Adolescents in the Pivotal Years](#) by DJ Graham

[Young, Gifted and Black Too: Meet 52 More Black Icons From Past and Present and See Yourself In Their Stories](#) by Jamia Wilson and Andrea Pippins

[Nurturing Gifted Minds: A Comprehensive Guide to Unlocking Your Child’s Full Ability](#) by Carol White



Newsletter Links

See our [website](#) for these helpful resources:

For Parents New to GT - Jeffco GT Dept. Info and GT 101 - Parent Info &

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