



JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
FOR GIFTED CHILDREN



## February 2021

**Greetings! JAGC is hosting a virtual Town Hall, “A Conversation About GT,”** on Feb. 18 and we want to know your questions and concerns for your GT students. Send us your questions by [completing this form](#) by Feb. 12.

**JAGC will open nominations for elections** to our board on Feb. 18. [Nominations](#) are due by March 4. Here’s your opportunity to help advocate for Jeffco GT kids!

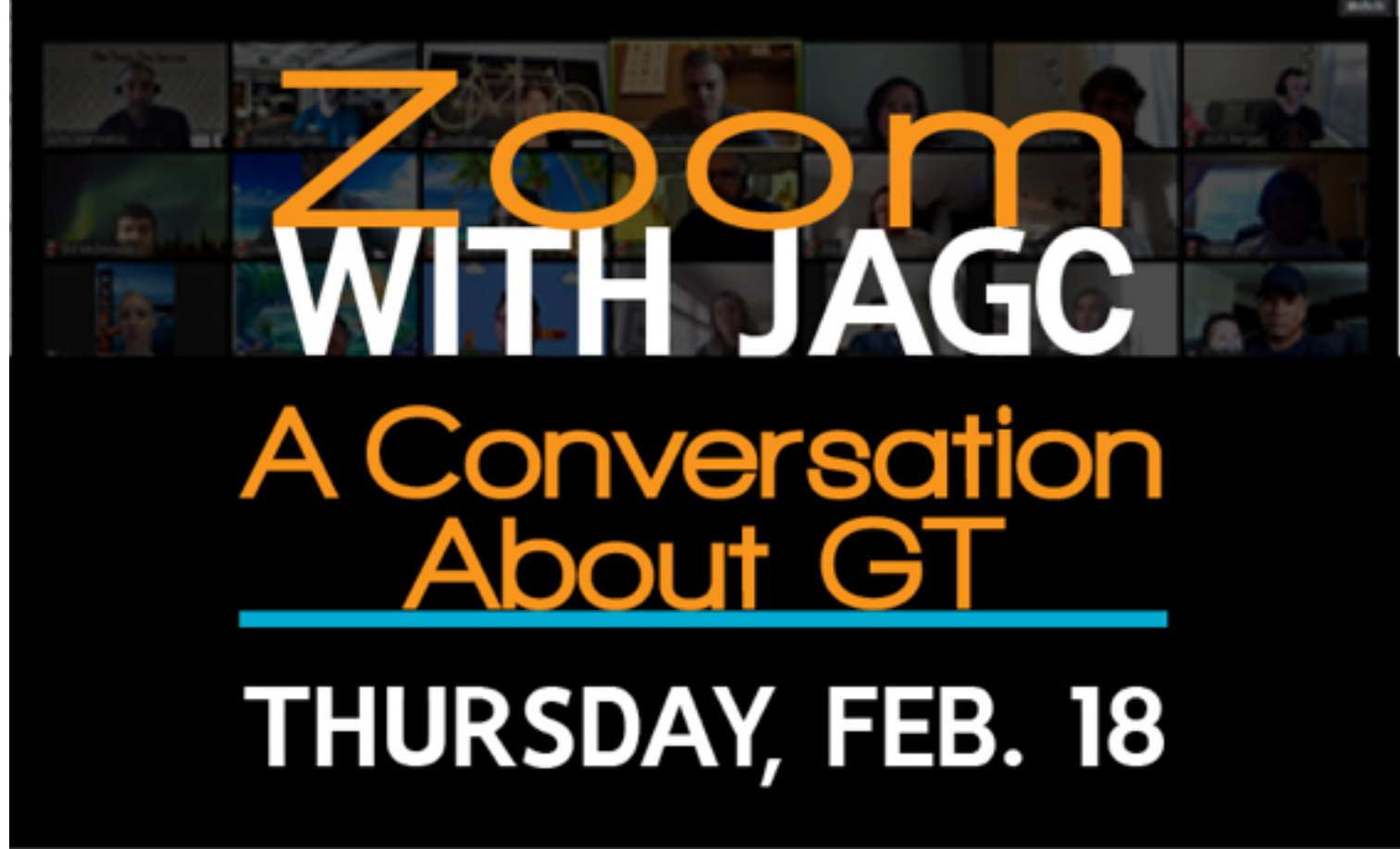
**Do you know a Jeffco GT Champion?** [Nominate](#) your GT hero by March 31.

**From the Jeffco GT Dept.:** SPARKS summer enrichment program registration opens March 1 and Early Access portfolios for ages 4-5 are due March 24.

**Jeffco writers,** remember to submit your work to the Jeffco Writing Challenge by Feb. 22 and the Sources of Strength poetry contest by Feb. 26.



JAGC Info



## [Zoom With JAGC Virtual Town Hall - Feb. 18](#)

Join us for "A Conversation About GT" on Thursday, Feb. 18 from 6:30-7:30 PM via Zoom. Topics will include:

- GT during hybrid/remote
- Advanced Learning Plans - how they're developed and used
- Social-emotional concerns
- [Complete this form](#) to submit questions for our panel by Friday, Feb. 12

**JAGC newsletter subscribers will receive an email Zoom invitation** the day prior to the event.

**If you are not a newsletter subscriber**, please [complete this form](#) to register and submit questions by Friday, Feb. 12.

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## [JAGC Board Election - Nominations Open Feb. 18-March 4](#)

We are starting the election process for next year's JAGC Board of Directors. Terms run for two years from July 1 to June 30. Nominations for open positions will be accepted from Feb. 18 through March 4.



Look for an email from the JAGC Nominating Committee with details on available positions, the nominating procedure and the election process. Information will also be available in our newsletter and on our [website](#).

You must be a CAGT member to vote in the spring JAGC election. [Become a member](#) today and help us advocate for Jeffco advanced learners! When you register, select Jeffco as your affiliate.

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## [Nominate Your 2021 GT Champion by](#)

## March 31

The GT Champion Award Is a JAGC award program designed to recognize those in the Jeffco gifted community who are making an exemplary effort for our GT students. If you would like to nominate a person who has shown outstanding performance, please [complete this form](#).



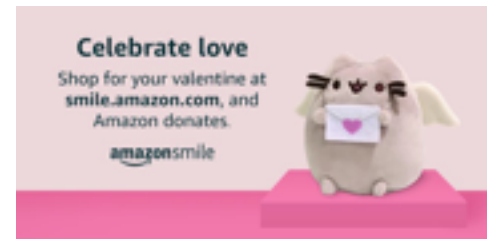
There will be one winner from each of the following categories:

- School Administrator
- Teacher/School Staff Member
- Parent/Community Member
- Student

For more information visit the JAGC website [GT Champion page](#).

## Support JAGC With Amazon Smile

Shop on Amazon through Amazon Smile and a portion of your purchase price will be donated to JAGC. When you shop at Amazon, first go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select "Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children" before making your purchase. Thank you for supporting GT kids!



## **Have Questions or Concerns? Contact JAGC**

Hybrid and remote school this year is new for everyone. If you have questions or concerns or need help, [email us](#) or post on our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages. We want to hear from you!

[Join JAGC](#)



**Jeffco GT Dept. Info**

# SPARKS



## [SPARKS GT Summer Program June 7-11 - Registration Opens March 1](#)

The SPARKS Enrichment Program for Jeffco Gifted & Talented learners will be at Wheat Ridge High School from June 7-11. Registration will be open March 1-14 and enrollment will be by lottery. The Jeffco GT Dept. will send a registration link and course options to families of all students with Advanced Learning Plans or in GT Centers by the end of February.

SPARKS is a summer experience for district GT students entering 1st through 8th grade. Classes provide an engaging learning environment in a variety of topics for Jeffco gifted students. Classes will be limited to 15 students to maximize social distancing and safety procedures will be followed. Limited scholarships are available. See the [Jeffco GT website](#) for more information.

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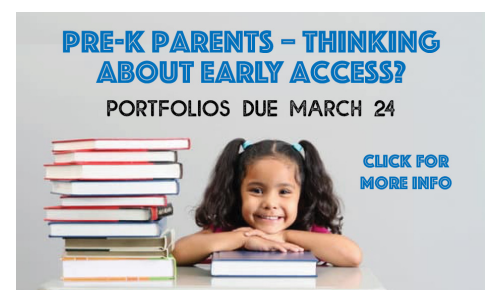
## [January Jeffco GT Gazette](#)

Find articles of interest about GT programming in Jeffco, helpful ideas for parents of gifted learners and information on upcoming GT-related events in the GT Department's [January GT Gazette](#). [[Spanish edition](#)]

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## **Early Access for Ages 4-5 - Portfolios Due March 24**

Early Access to kindergarten is for four-year-olds, as an exception to the normal age requirements per Jeffco Board Policy JEB. This is for children who are highly gifted (97th percentile or higher) and who would benefit from acceleration. Please [click here](#) for a link to the early access module. For more information about early access please visit the [Early Access website](#).



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## [January Parent/Family Learning Night Presentation Slides](#)

On January 20th the GT Department hosted a virtual Parent/Family Learning Night on a variety of topics related to gifted education. Due to some technical issues, they weren't able to upload the recordings, but the presentation slides for each of the events are now available to view on the [event website](#).

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## Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) Progress Monitoring

In an effort to keep students with ALPs moving forward on their academic and affective (social-emotional or self-management) goals:



- For elementary students, teachers will be updating that progress toward student ALP goals.
- Secondary students should have received an email to their Jeffco email account titled “ALP Progress Monitoring.” There is a link to this [survey](#) in that email.

You can find more information on the ALP process [here](#).



## Jeffco Mental Health and Wellness Hub - Executive Function Seminar Feb. 25

This website lists resources to help kids cope with the return to in-person learning and more. See the [website](#) under Monthly Training Events and Seminars and click “See What’s Coming” for upcoming events.

“[Smart But Scattered: Helping Children and Teens Strengthen Executive Skills](#)” will be presented on Feb. 25 from 5:30-7 PM. Peg Dawson, Ed.D., school psychologist and author will discuss executive skills which are critical to learning. Sign up on the [website](#) to register.

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## Warren Tech 2021-2022 Application

The Warren Tech application is open. The priority application deadline is February 18. Check the [program page](#) for details.



### **Additional program dates:**

--Feb. 18 - Priority [application](#) deadline for first consideration for program openings

--Feb. 18-Aug. 17 - Applications received after Feb. 18 will be placed on the waitlist and considered if space becomes available

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## Summer Credit Advancement for Grades 10-12 - Application Opens May 1

Jeffco Virtual Academy offers two 4-week sessions during the summer for students to take a class they haven't attempted before to get ahead in credits. Courses are entirely online. Students can complete a semester course in just four weeks. The cost is \$165 per class.





# Calendar & Events

## Conversations with CAGT - Tuesdays at 5 PM on Facebook Live

All of the sessions are on the [CAGT website](#) and on their [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).



## [2e@William & Mary Twice Exceptional Conference Feb.12 & 13](#)

## [CU Science Wizards - Feb. 20](#)

Professor Tanja Cuk presents "The Magic of Chemistry" on Saturday, Feb. 20 via Zoom.

## [JAGC Calendar - Activities, Events & Conferences](#)

### [Broomfield area events](#)

### [Denver area things to do](#)

### [Denver Area TedX Conferences](#)

### [Denver Mensa Speaker Series](#)

### [PEN Parent Engagement Network Events](#)

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

### [Hoagies Gifted List of Conferences](#)

Check in advance as activities may be postponed or cancelled.



## For Parents

## [An Evening With Temple Grandin - Feb. 11](#)

Join the Colorado Dept. of Education for a FREE virtual event from 4:45-7 PM with world renowned Dr. Temple Grandin. Temple will share a video of a recent presentation discussing her book, "Calling All Minds" among other thoughts on working with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Following the video, there will be a Q & A session with Dr. Grandin.



## [GT Advocacy Course - Feb. 10-April 7](#)

The Gifted Development Center is offering a virtual Advocacy Course from Feb. 10-April 7. The cost is \$200 and includes the award-winning book, "Gifted Minds Empowered:

Advocacy to Develop Gifted Children's Strengths.” It's critical that the parents and families of gifted children know their rights and hone their skills in advocating for the unique needs of their children.

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## [CDE PEP Jan.-Feb. Online Conferences - Register by March 5](#)

PEP (Parents Encouraging Parents) Conferences are free events designed to promote family and school partnerships that are essential in supporting students with disabilities and their families in schools and the community. PEP brings parents and professionals together by sharing ideas, discussing concerns, celebrating successes and obtaining information related to parenting, educating and partnering to support student learning.

### **2021 PEP dates:**

Friday evening, March 19, 2021 – 6:30 pm-9:30 pm (3 hours)

Saturday, March 20, 2021 – 8:15 am-12:15 pm (4 hours)

Saturday, March 27, 2021 – 9:15 am-11:45 am (2 hours)

Saturday, April 3, 2021 – 8:45 am-12:45 pm (4 hours)

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## [Ongoing SENG Parent Support Groups](#)

Parents, are you looking for support? Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) online support groups are designed to address the unique issues, needs and challenges faced by gifted families. The website lists upcoming groups.



## [Bright & Quirky IdeaLab Parent Support](#)

The Bright & Quirky IdeaLab is an online learning community to support parents of bright kids with learning, social, emotional and/or behavioral challenges. They provide direct access to leaders in the field of child development, education and psychology, giving you tools, strategies, and community support to help your child thrive.

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## [2e News Now Offered for Free](#)

2e News is now offering [free subscriptions](#) for the website 2enews.com. Each week, 2e News spotlights visionaries in the field, groundbreaking research, and therapies and teaching strategies that make a difference in the lives of our students.



**For Students**

## [Jeffco Writing Challenge - Deadline Feb. 22](#)

The Jeffco Writing Challenge is open to all Jefferson County School students in K-12. Poetry, short stories, nonfiction or dramas are all welcome. Winning entries receive cash and gift card prizes, and schools win awards based on student entries. For more information



on the prompts, and for submission guidelines and entry form, see the event [website](#).

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## [Jeffco Sources of Strength Poetry Contest - Deadline Feb. 26](#)

This contest is open to Jeffco students in K-12. The contest deadline is Feb. 26 and submissions will be accepted through May 2021 for other sharing opportunities. All contest participants will be invited to a virtual Jeffco - Strengths Slam Event in April.

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## [Free History Colorado 4th Grade Memberships](#)

History Colorado offers free membership to all fourth grade students in the state. Current fourth grade students for the 2020-2021 school year are eligible to register for their History Buff membership, which will expire May 31, 2020. Students entering fourth grade in the 2021-2022 school year are eligible to register for their History Buff membership beginning June 1, 2021.



## [Wings Over the Rockies Aviation Ground School - Feb. 20-March 20](#)

For students in grades 8–12 who have a passion for flight. Aviation Ground School is a five-part workshop created to offer high schoolers the basics of pilot training and to inspire a love of flight.



## [School of Mines SUMMET 2020 Application - Apply by March 1](#)

The Summer Multicultural Engineering Training (SUMMET) program is an engineering, science and technology program for rising juniors and seniors who are from underrepresented populations, including ethnic/racial minority, women and prospective first-generation college students. Only students from Colorado and Oklahoma are eligible to apply to the program available at no cost to participants, with the exception of a \$50 confirmation fee for students accepted into the program. Program dates are June 6-18, June 20-July 2 and July 11-23.



## [Code From Zero weekend course in coding for high school students](#)

Data analytics education company Code From Zero is offering a weekend course in coding and data analysis for upper-level high school students. Use this discount code for 30% off: DAVIDSON30.

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## [GT student opportunities from the Jeffco GT Department](#)



[Lockheed Martin STEM opportunities for students](#)

[Denver Pioneer drama playwriting contest & musical/play submissions](#)

[CU Science Discovery K-12 programs](#)

STEM at home kits, virtual STEM academies, mountain research experience, school year and summer camps

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## **National Programs**

[Free tutoring for high schoolers at Schoolhouse World \(Kahn Academy\)](#)

[Bright & Quirky virtual programs for kids](#)

[Spring writing courses at the Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education](#)

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## **Scholarships**

[Outdoor Lab Leader Scholarship - Apply by Feb. 20](#)

The Outdoor Lab Foundation awards scholarships to college-bound high school seniors who have been a high school leader at the Jefferson County Outdoor Lab schools at least twice. Applicants must have successfully completed a week at Mount Evans or Windy Peak Outdoor Lab. Eligible applicants must apply for admission to any private or public vocational training program, college or university. Two scholarships for \$2,000 will be awarded to two different students. Each scholarship is \$2,000.



[Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado Scholarship - Apply by March 31](#)

VOC annually offers four \$5,000 scholarships to eligible Colorado residents who have demonstrated a commitment to caring for our environment's natural resources and intend to pursue post-secondary education through an accredited environmental, natural resource, climate, or outdoor industry related education program in Colorado.



[Lockheed-Martin STEM Scholarship - Apply by April 1](#)

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Lockheed Martin has a scholarship program to provide opportunities to students. The company awards 200 scholarships of \$10,000 per student, renewable each year. Mentoring opportunities are a key component of the program, and recipients will also be eligible for Lockheed Martin internship opportunities following their freshman year in college.



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## National Scholarships

### [Davidson Institute Fellows Scholarships - Apply by March 10](#)



The Davidson Institute for Talent Development offers high-achieving young people across the country the opportunity to be named a 2021 Davidson Fellow, an honor accompanied by a \$50,000, \$25,000 or \$10,000 scholarship in recognition of a significant piece of work in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, music, literature, philosophy or outside the box.

Applicants must submit an original piece of work that is recognized as significant by experts in the field and that has the potential to make a positive contribution to society. The scholarship may be used at any accredited college or university.

### [Davidson Young Scholars Program – Applications Due First of Each Month](#)

The Davidson Young Scholars program provides free services designed to nurture and support profoundly gifted young people and their families, including talent development, educational advocacy, an online community and the Ambassadors program. Young Scholars can also access annual get-togethers, a summer camp for 8- to 12-year-olds and challenging online middle school courses.

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### [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program - Apply by March 22](#)

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program is a selective five-year, pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. It provides academic advising, along with financial support for school, summer programs, internships, and other learning enrichment opportunities.

Eligible applicants should:

- Be entering 8th grade in the fall of 2021.
- Have earned all As and Bs since the beginning of 6th grade.
- Reside in the U.S. and plan to attend high school in the U.S.
- Demonstrate financial need with a maximum adjusted gross income of \$95,000.



## College News

### College Resources

[Area college & job fairs](#)

[College Fairs of Greater Denver](#)

[College application deadlines](#)



## Resources

### Recent GT Articles & Podcasts

[Parenting Well Podcasts \(PEN Parenting Engagement Network\)](#)

[The Rabbit Hole of Social Media Just Got Deeper \(Screenagers\)](#)

[Creating a Learning Map: A Self-Discovery Tool \(Gifted Challenges\)](#)

[Giftedness and Special Needs \(Dr. Leslie Blevins\)](#)

[2e News Top Stories of 2020](#)

[Ten Ways You Can Use Psychologically Minded Language With Your Student \(Gifted Homeschool Forum\)](#)

[Clearing up Misunderstandings About IEPs, 504s and College Accommodations \(LD Advisory\)](#)

[Disproving Myths About Gifted Students \(Davidson Academy Blog\)](#)

### Summer Programs

[Camp Invention STEM program for K-6 \(Several locations in Denver\)](#)

[Davidson Institute summer programs](#)

[Summer Institute for the Gifted](#)

[Princeton summer journalism program](#)

[Epsilon Camp math camp for young PG children](#)



## Newsletter Links

For Parents New to GT - Jeffco GT Dept. Info and GT 101 - Parent Info - Student Programs & Enrichment - Homework Help - Scholarships - College Prep - National GT Resources

[Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children \(JAGC\)](#) is a nonprofit group providing leadership and support to families and educators of advanced learners in Jefferson County, Colorado.

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