



February 2022

Hello Families,

Congrats to the GT Champions! Our gifted and talented leaders across Jeffco were recognized in January for their outstanding contributions. Here are the 2021 winners:

- Roger Dowd, GT Director
- Jenn Archibald, Kyffin Elementary
- Penelope Heinigk, posthumous award

Upcoming events:

- Registration for SPARKS summer enrichment opens March 1.
- Jeffco Early Access for 4-5-year-olds is now open. Apply by March 18.
- JAGC is hosting a webinar Feb. 23, "New to GT? What Families Need to Know."
- Virtual parent learning March 9 features Emily Kircher-Morris, host of the Neurodiversity Podcast.

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GT Champion Winners Announced

Gifted and talented leaders in Jeffco including staff, teachers and students have been working hard to provide the best learning practices for our gifted communities. JAGC recognizes those who are making exemplary efforts for our GT students with the GT Champion award. Thank you for the nominations! See all the nominees on the [GT Champion website](#).

Congratulations to the 2021 winners of the GT Champion award and all the nominees!

- Administrator: Roger Dowd, GT Director
- Teacher/Staff: Jenn Archibald, Kyffin Elementary
- Honorary: Penelope Heinigk



"New to GT? What Families Need to Know" Webinar Feb. 23

New to the world of gifted and talented? Please join us for JAGC's webinar "New to GT? What Families Need to Know" on Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Register on the [website](#) to attend.

We will have a panel of JAGC board directors discussing a variety of topics that are of interest to parents of gifted children:

- What does a GT child look like? Characteristics and intensities identified
- What is an ALP and what do I do? Collaboration, goal setting and advocacy explored
- Center program vs. neighborhood school—what's the difference? Comparisons shared
- Special issues facing GT children: perfectionism, executive functioning, LGBTQ+, motivation—Where can I learn more? Resources provided



"Planning for High School and Beyond" Webinar Resources

Thought you knew all the options/pathways for your kids? You may be surprised by all you didn't know about Jeffco and college planning. See the [website](#) for the event recording and resource materials including Jeffco school and course options, college planning and other valuable information. Thanks to our presenters and all who attended!



2022 JAGC Election Nominations Open Feb. 21

We are starting the formal 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. 21 through March 25. 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](#).

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Can You Help JAGC With Facebook?

If you can spare some time to help our all-volunteer organization, JAGC needs help with Facebook posting. Please email info@jeffcogifted.org if you can lend a hand.



Helping Gifted Kids Manage "All the Feels" With Emily Kircher-Morris

Virtual Parent Learning March 9
Processing and managing emotions is hard for even the most level-headed of us. For gifted and twice-exceptional kids and teens, dealing with "all the feels" can be exhausting. The skills needed to develop emotional regulation can be developed over time with guidance and compassion from parents and educators.

Emily Kircher-Morris, host of The Neurodiversity Podcast, will break down the four-step process of emotional regulation so we can help our kids who are "a little bit extra" find healthy ways to manage their emotions. Register [here](#).



Check Out Info from Parent/Family Learning Night Jan. 26

If you missed the Parent/Family Learning Night Jan. 26, you can access the information and resources on the [GT Dept. website](#).



Registration for SPARKS GT Summer Enrichment Opens March 1

The [SPARKS GT Enrichment Program](#) is planned at Wheat Ridge High School from June 6-10 for Jeffco identified GT students entering grades 1-8. Classes provide an engaging learning environment in a variety of topics. The GT Dept. will send a registration link and course options home to families of all students on Advanced Learning Plans or in GT Centers on March 1.



Early Access for Kindergarten Applications Due March 18

The Early Access application is now open. Portfolios are due March 19. Early Access applies to children in the 97th percentile or above on standardized tests and functioning levels typically two years or more above peers. See the [Jeffco GT website](#) for more information.

- GT Dept. Links
[Parent/Family Resources page](#)
[List of Jeffco GT staff](#)

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



Planning for Middle School? Jeffco Virtual Academy Offers Online Gifted & Talented Classes

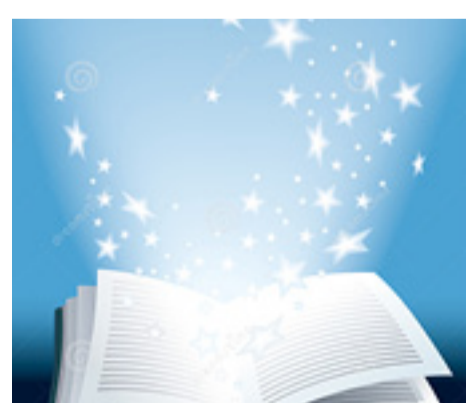
In collaboration with Jeffco Gifted & Talented, Jeffco Virtual Academy offers full-year core courses for 7th and 8th grade that are developed and taught by certified GT teachers. Visit the [JVA website](#) for more information. Course information is [here](#).



Warren Tech 2022-2023 Application

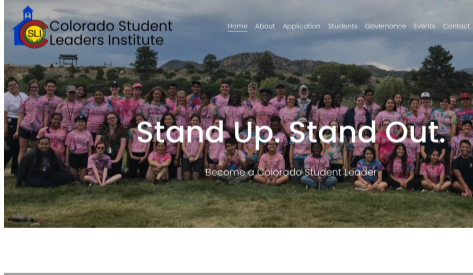
The Warren Tech application is open through Enroll Jeffco. The priority application deadline is Feb. 11. Check the [Warren Tech website](#) for details. Program dates:

- Round 1 Enrollment Window closes Feb. 11.
- Round 1 Lottery offers for Warren Tech are sent to families on April 5. Families must accept or decline the offer by April 8
- Round 2 Enrollment Window for Warren Tech opens Feb. 12 and stays open until August 31. Offers are sent to families if space becomes available.
- Every student who has applied by the Round 1 deadline is considered. After the Round 1 window has closed, students may apply in Round 2 and are considered if space is available. If space is not available, they are placed on the waitlist.



Jeffco Writing Challenge - Submit Entries by Feb. 15

The Jeffco Writing Challenge is open to all Jefferson County School students in K-12. Poetry, short stories, nonfiction and dramas are all welcome. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 25. See the [website](#) for details.



Students! Apply for the Summer Colorado Student Leaders Institute

The Colorado Student Leaders Institute has opportunities for resident assistants and teacher fellows. See the [website](#) for details and application deadlines.



Conversations with CAGT - Tuesdays at 5 PM

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

- [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](#)
[Bellini-Blank Center Gifted Education online classes and conferences](#)
[Hoagies Gifted list of conferences](#)



See our [website](#) for these helpful resources:
 For Parents New to GT - Jeffco GT Dept. Info and GT 101 - Parent Info & Resources - Student Programs & Enrichment - Homework Help - Learning Supports - Scholarships - College Resources - 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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