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JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
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The April 2024 Happenings

Your source for all gifted and talented events happening in Colorado and beyond!

The Happenings provides access to a variety of online and in-person events, the latest news, articles and books about gifted education, recorded videos and webinars, and other resources to help support children who are gifted.

What's Happening in April?

Notes

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Live Events

It's All in the Brain: Helping Kids Take Control of Life Through Good Decision Making and Problem Solving

Sponsored by PIN and Cherry Creek School District

Dr. Patricia Gorman Barry will discuss techniques for developing critical thinking skills.

Location: 14603 E Fremont Ave, Centennial, CO

Cost: Free

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

9:15-11:00am

[Click here for more information](#)

Join Our Board

JAGC Elections

Would you like to help gifted children in Jeffco? We are looking for parents, Jeffco Public School's staff, and community members to help JAGC support the needs of gifted children in Jeffco. Our organization works closely with Jeffco's GT Department. We bring awareness to our community regarding issues facing our gifted children through townhalls and our monthly newsletter. We have also helped to shape legislation regarding gifted education.

Please join us and be a voice for not only your gifted child, or gifted children you know, but for all gifted children in Jeffco. Find more information and an application on our [2024 Election](#) webpage. Nominations are being accepted April 1st-21st, 2024.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at info@jeffcogifted.org for more information.

Jeffco GT Dept: Gifted Students and Underachievement

This Presentation Will Not be Recorded
Do you have a child who performs lower than their capabilities in school? Please read these articles and come discuss strategies for addressing underachievement.

[Combating Underachievement in Gifted Students Through Social-Emotional Training and Development](#)

[Underachievement in Gifted Students Avoiding, Reversing & Handling Underachievement in Gifted Students](#)

Rescheduled date:

Thursday, April 4, 2024
6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Wednesday, April 3rd.

Playdate for K-8 Gifted Students

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVGT

Join families of gifted children in the Boulder, Louisville, Superior, Lafayette, Broomfield area for board games, Legos, and crafts! While the kids play, adults can mingle and share resources.

Location: Boulder Public Library - Meadows Branch
Cost: Free

Sunday, April 7, 2024
1:30-3:00pm

[Click here for more information](#)

Video Screening/Discussion of "The Gifted/2e Journey: The Parent's Perspective"

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVGT

Join for a FREE video screening of Dr. Karen Arnstein's "The Gifted/2e Journey - The Parent's Perspective," part of the [Conversations with CAGT](#) series. A discussion, facilitated by BVGT board member Deb Darnell, will follow.

Location: Superior Community Center
Cost: Free

Wednesday, April 10, 2024
5:00-6:00pm

[Click here for more information](#)

Caroline D. Bradley Scholarship

Merit-based, 4-year scholarship awarded to 7th grade students. Scholarship money can be used toward any high school or approved alternative high school educational program.

Deadline Wednesday, April 10, 2024
[Click here for more information](#)



We're thrilled to announce the return of CAGT's Family Institute! Based on your feedback, we're bringing live presentations to local communities across Colorado. On **May 6th from 5:00-6:30pm** at Legacy High School in Broomfield, Colorado, **Emily Kircher-Morris will present on "The Parenting Handbook."** Emily is a former CAGT Conference keynote speaker and produces the highly-successful *Neurodiversity Podcast*. She will provide parents and caregivers with strategies to nurture their gifted children to become independent, confident, successful young adults. This event is for parents, guardians, grandparents, and any adult caregiver who plays an integral role in raising their gifted child!

Cost is \$15 for CAGT/Affiliate members and \$20 for non-members. Financial assistance available by emailing cogifted@gmail.com to inquire about scholarship opportunities before registering for Family Institute.

[Click here](#) to register!

2024 CAGT Youth Impact Awards

CAGT is pleased to announce the 2024 CAGT Youth Impact Awards! These awards are designed to recognize children ages 7-18, who have made a positive, meaningful, and beneficial impact on others in their classroom, school, and/or community. CAGT will choose four children from the state of Colorado who will be named CAGT Youth Impact Award Students: one student for the Junior Division (ages 7-9), one student for the Senior Division (ages 10-12) and two students for the Masters Division (ages 13-18). All four students who are selected will receive a CAGT Certificate of Excellence and a cash award.

For more information and to submit a nomination, [click here](#).

Nominations due by **June 10, 2024**.

**Parenting with Awareness, Purpose and Intention:
Webinar with Dr. Dan Peters**

Supported by Summit Center

Learn about the importance of a parent's awareness about themselves as the key to raising healthy, engaged and happy children.

Cost: Free

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

12:00pm (Pacific Time)

[Click here for more information](#)

**Jeffco GT Dept: Parent/Family Night Presentation
with Julie Skolnick**

**Julie Skolnick presents Understanding and
Managing Transitions for Gifted Learners**

When faced with a transition, gifted and 2e learners often resist. The fear of the unknown, fear of failure, or absence of trust may drive their refusal and withdrawal. Parents and educators find themselves asking, begging, and pleading with their gifted or 2e kid to do something, go somewhere or try something new. It's hard to find empathy when you've just got to get out the door, or when your child or student is refusing to do something you know they'll love or enjoy. This session discusses how to set up a delicate balance of structure and flexibility to ease the strain of transition for our gifted and 2e learners.

Cost: Free

Thursday, April 18, 2024

6:15-8:00 pm

Virtual - Please check [Jeffco GT Dept's Information Page](#) for updated information and to RSVP.

Girls in STEM: Medical Explorers

Sponsored by Keystone Science School
Female students in 4th-8th grades will visit the SPRI institute to meet female researchers to learn about biomotion, surgery and robotics.

April 19-21 (residential camp)

Location: Keystone Science School, Keystone, CO
Cost: \$65-\$350 based on financial aid/scholarship need

[Click here for more information](#)

Adams 12 GT Leadership and Liaison Meeting

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: AD12 GTPG

Anyone interested in learning more about the Adams 12 GT Parent Group and the School Liaison role is invited!

Location: Educational Support Center, 1500 E 128th Ave, Thornton, CO

Cost: Free

Monday, April 22, 2024

6:30-8:30pm

[Click here for more information](#)



Conversations with CAGT

Conversations with CAGT provides timely, relevant topics by local, national, and international specialists in the field of gifted education! CWC programs premier on the **first and third Tuesdays of the month** at 5:00 pm MST on Facebook Live. [Check out past *Conversations with CAGT* programs on our website](#), where you may rewatch past videos anytime! All of our *Conversations with CAGT* offer incredible opportunities to get expert advice on topics regarding giftedness for FREE with time to ask your questions. Questions from CAGT members get priority!

Click the Facebook link below to access *Conversations with CAGT*.



Tuesday, April 2nd: Lin Lim and Gayle Bentley

"Guiding Young Families: Exploring Social and Emotional Topics Through Picture Books"

Tuesday, April 16th: Shalelia Dillard

"How Integrating Culturally Holistic Programming Increases Success for Gifted BIPOC Secondary Students"

2024 CAGT Leadership Awards

Nominations for the 2024 CAGT Leadership Awards are now open. Consider nominating deserving individuals in the following categories: George T. Betts Inspiration Award, Jacquelin Medina Visionary Leadership Award, Parent of the Year, Educator of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Special Advocate of the Year, and the Lifetime Achievement Award. We can't wait to honor the award recipients at CAGT's 46th Annual Conference, Purpose and Passion, this fall!

[Click here](#) to submit your nominations.

Nominations due by **August 23, 2024**.

CU Wizards: ZAP! Electricity & Magnetism

Sponsored by University of Colorado at Boulder

Professor Alysia Marino will speak to students in grades 5-12 (though all ages are welcome) to reveal the magic of electric charges and magnets.

Location: Duane Physics Room G1B30

CU Boulder

Cost: Free

Saturday, April 27, 2024

9:30-10:30am

[Click here for more information](#)



In the News & GT Articles

["Colorado 5-year-old accepted into high-IQ society, scoring in top 1 percent"](#) (11 News)

["Pros and Cons of Gifted Learning Programs in Schools"](#) (Education Corner)

["How I'm Making Learning More Engaging for my Gifted Students"](#) (eSchool News)

["12 Signs of a Gifted Child"](#) (Care)

["How Can Schools Make Sure Gifted Students Get the Help They Need?"](#) (The Conversation)

["Gifted Kid Burnout is Real – How to Spot the Signs and Overcome It"](#) (VeryWellMind)

["7 Strategies to Help Gifted Autistic Students Succeed in College"](#) (The Citizens)

["Triggered and Maintained Engagement with Learning Among Gifted Children in Primary Education"](#) (Frontiers in Education)



2024 CAGT Conference Call for Proposals

CAGT's Conference Planning Committee is excited to accept proposals for our 2024 annual conference, Purpose and Passion! Please consider sharing your knowledge and expertise about gifted children and their unique needs at our 2024 conference, October 20-22, 2024 in Loveland, Colorado! Our professional conference offers over 80 presentations from experts in the field of gifted education and has an annual attendance of over 800 educators, administrators, parents, and community members.

Please [click here](#) to get more information!
Conference proposals due by **June 24, 2024**.

Advocacy Toolkit

It is especially important to be an advocate for our gifted and advanced learners in Colorado! Effective advocacy is more than just being passionate about gifted education; it is knowing how to convey your message without alienating those who influence the decision-making process.

[Visit CAGT's Advocacy Toolkit resource page to learn more.](#)



Recorded Media & Resources

[“Cultivating a Growth Mindset in Your Classroom: The Power of “Yet”! \(Be GLAD!\)](#)

[The Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Students](#) (UT GEAR UP PD)

[“10 Educational Resources to Satisfy Your Gifted Student’s Curiosity with STEM”](#) (Connections Academy)

[“5 Signs Your Child is Verbally Advanced and Ways to Support Them”](#) (Scholastic Parents)

[“Gifted 101: Is My Child Gifted?”](#) (Midwest Academy for Gifted Education)

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Gifted & Talented Youth-Friendly Summer Camps & Opportunities

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[Gifted-Friendly Summer Camp & Opportunities Planning Resource List](#)

Links

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If you would like for your gifted and talented event information to be included in The Happenings, then email your event information by the 20th of each month to Molly Gibney at cagtmolly@gmail.com.

CAGT Affiliates

Interested in learning more about CAGT and the work we do to support gifted and talented youth, their parents and educators? [Join CAGT](#) and reach out to an Affiliate organization in your area to get involved!

Adams County: Adams 12 GT Parent Group (AD12 GTPG [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Boulder County: Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented (BVGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Colorado Springs, Fort Carson and Fountain: Pikes Peak Association for Gifted Students (PPAGS [Facebook](#))

Denver: Denver Association for Gifted and Talented (DAGT [Facebook](#))

Douglas County: Douglas County Association for Gifted and Talented (DCAGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Eastern Plains: Eastern Central Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (ECCAGT [Facebook](#))

Fremont, Custer, Pueblo: Lower Arkansas River Affiliate (LARA CAGT [website](#))

Jefferson County: Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children (JAGC [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Northeast BOCES and Sterling: Northeast CAGT (NECAGT [website](#))

South Metro including Sheridan, Englewood, Littleton and Centennial:

South Metro CAGT (SoMe CAGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

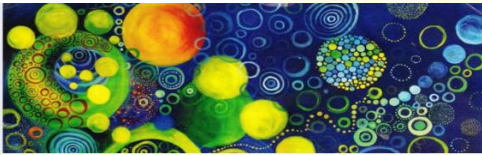
Southwest Colorado including Bayfield, Ignacio, Mancos, Cortez, Dolores, and Durango: Southwest Gifted and Talented Community (SWGTC [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Summit County: Summit Advocates for Gifted Education (SAGE [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

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LEGISLATION

**Stay in the Know about Colorado Gifted
Education Legislation!**

Visit the [CAGT website](#) to read about state and federal legislation, past and current bills that have impacted gifted education and a continually updated link to legislation from this year's session. CAGT will work to keep you informed of bills that will not only benefit all children, but also those that address the specific needs of our gifted students.