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**CAGT**  
Colorado Association for  
Gifted and Talented



Jefferson County Association  
for Gifted Children

# The Happenings November 2023

Your source for all gifted and talented events happening locally, throughout 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 internet resources to help you support children who are gifted. *The Happenings* is shared with all members of CAGT and anyone connected with a CAGT Affiliate organization. CAGT members also receive *The Kaleidoscope*, a quarterly periodical with articles of interest about the world of gifted education. Be sure to check out our [website](#) for more resources and up-to-date information about our online events and our conference. Enjoy!

## What's Happening?

### Notes

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### Live Events

#### **Jeffco GT Dept: Young children who are gifted and who have overexcitabilities**

*This session will focus on the 5 Overexcitabilities (OEs) and talk about the blessings and challenges of each one. Strategies to help young students manage them will also be discussed.*

#### [Recognizing Social and Emotional Traits of Young Gifted Students](#)

#### [Five Traits of Gifted Students](#)

#### [Overexcitability questionnaire](#)

Thursday, November 9, 2023

6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out  
Wednesday, November 8th.

#### **Fall Playdate for K-8 Gifted Students**

*In-person event sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVGT*  
Come join other families of gifted children for games and crafts that appeal to K-8 students! There will also be an opportunity for adults to mingle and share resources.

Sunday, November 12, 2023

1:00-2:30pm

Location: Meadows Branch Library, Boulder, CO  
[Click here for more information](#)



## Conversations with CAGT

### Conversations With CAGT

1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at 5:00 pm  
MST on Facebook Live

*Conversations with CAGT* provides timely, relevant topics by preeminent 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! *Conversations with CAGT* is an incredible opportunity to get expert advice on topics regarding giftedness for FREE with time to ask your questions. Questions from CAGT members get priority! Join us on the **first and third Tuesdays of the month** at 5:00 pm MST on Facebook Live!

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



**Tuesday, November 7th: no event due to election day**  
**Tuesday, November 21st: no event due to holiday week**  
**Tuesday, December 5th: Check [CAGT's website](#) for details!**

### Denver Art Museum Drop-In Drawing

Virtual event sponsored by the Denver Art Museum for students to join artist [Anna Kaye](#) in studying works of art.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

1:00-2:00pm

Cost: Free

[Click here for more information](#)

### NAGC Annual Conference

*In-person conference sponsored by CAGT's parent organization: National Association for Gifted Children*

Join more than 2,000 educators, gifted coordinators, parents, psychologists, counselors, and researchers who will be attending to learn about the needs of gifted learners and ways to support!

November 9-12, 2023

Location: Orlando, Florida

Cost: \$619

[Click here for more information](#)

### CU Wizards and Professor Steven Brown: There's Something In The Air!

*In-person event for students ages K-12 sponsored by the University of Colorado-Boulder*

Saturday, November 18, 2023

9:30-10:30am

Location: University of Colorado-Boulder

Cost: Free

[Click here for more information](#)

### Joy Lawson Davis: Are We There Yet? Chasing the Elusive Goal of Equity in Gifted Education

*Virtual event sponsored by the Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education and Talent Development*

Dr. Lawson will speak about one of the continuing challenges in gifted education... the equitable recognition of giftedness among all demographic groups in the nation.

Saturday, November 18, 2023

11:00am (Eastern Standard Time)

Cost: Free

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

### 5 Day BootCamp with Scratch and AI

*Virtual camp sponsored by the Young Gates organization*

Young Gates offers a variety of technology focused camps and workshops for ages 9-12 and teenagers.

November 20-25, 2023

Cost: \$199 for a 1 week camp

[Click here for more information](#)



## CAGT 2023 Conference Spotlight

Believe it or not, our 45th Annual CAGT Conference 2023 Imagine, Believe, Grow has come and gone! Thank you to all the educators, administrators, mental health personnel, parents and students who joined us for this incredible event! The Keynotes, Signature Series, Breakout sessions, and other conference events provided learning, networking, collaborating and fun for all of our attendees. The synergy was amazing!

### Provide Conference Feedback

We would love to hear from those of you who attended the conference. Please complete the Event Feedback survey that was emailed to you, whether you want a certificate or not! This is how we collect our feedback and we value your thoughts and ideas! Surveys must be completed by **November 15th** in order to receive a professional development certificate.

### Virtual Sessions from the Conference

If you attended this year, or you missed it, information about the virtual piece of the 2023 conference and registration will be available soon on [our website](#). You can view many sessions you may have missed and remember the virtual content is FREE for 2 Day conference attendees!

## 2024 CAGT Conference

Check back in April 2024 for more information and to register for our 46th Annual Conference -- Purpose & Passion! We are already making plans for next year's conference and we hope to see you there at the Embassy Suites, Loveland, CO on October 20-22, 2024!

## CAGT Student Talent Video

We want to celebrate all the students who submitted 20-second videos highlighting their special talent! CAGT selected the best quality videos and showcased them at our recent CAGT 2023 Conference! The videos were also included in our commercial for the 2024 CAGT Conference Video Submissions!

[Click here to watch the commercial with the videos!](#)

### **Marine Biologist for a Day**

*In-person workshop sponsored by the  
Denver Aquarium*

In this 5 hour long program, students in grades 1-12 will experience and learn how the aquarium cares for the many species of aquatic animals. Lunch and t-shirt included.

November 24 and 25

Cost: \$65

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Jeffco GT Department's Understanding the CogAT Assessment**

*Understanding the CogAT Assessment for Parents  
and Students.*

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:00-7:30pm

Virtual - Please check [JAGC's Events webpage](#) for updated information and RSVP link.

### **Jeffco GT Dept: Twice Exceptional with Anxiety**

*Do you have a twice exceptional child with anxiety? If so, please join us as we watch a session of Conversations with CAGT together and then discuss it and the strategies that can be helpful. We are including the link in case you would prefer to watch it beforehand and just join for the discussion.*

[Anxiety and the G:2E Child](#)

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Watch: 6:00-6:50 pm

Discuss: 6:50-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Jeffco GT Dept: Let's Talk 2E**

*"Twice-exceptional students are difficult to identify and support because they possess the characteristics of gifted students and the characteristics of students with disabilities. Gifted characteristics may mask disabilities, or disabilities may mask gifted potential; either students' strengths, disabilities, or both may not be identified. This difficulty in identifying and supporting twice-exceptional students can put them at risk of having their academic or social-emotional needs misunderstood or go unnoticed." (Colorado Department of Education website)*

*Please join Jeffco's 2e specialist Tina Glass and GT SELC Casey Gardner for a discussion on how to identify and support the unique needs of our 2e students.*

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

# **CAGT Affiliates**

Interested in learning more about CAGT and the work that we do to support gifted and talented youth, as well as 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  
(BVGTT [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  
(SWGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

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

### JAGC Townhall – Early Access

Join JAGC and Jeffco GT Department to discuss how students qualify for Early Access. The purpose of early access is to identify and serve the few highly advanced gifted children who require comprehensive academic acceleration. Find more about Jeffco's Early Access process [here](#).

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

6:00-7:00 pm

Virtual – Updated information and Zoom Link will be posted on [JAGC's Events webpage](#) when available.

### [Jeffco GT Department's Parent/Family Night Presentation TBD](#)

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - Please check [JAGC's Events webpage](#) for updated information and RSVP links.

### [Jeffco GT Department & JAGC](#)

#### Parent Discussion of the Gifted/2e Journey

Please join us as we watch a 45-minute video from Conversations with CAGT "[The Gifted/2e Journey: The Parent's Perspective](#)" presented by Dr. Karen Arnstein. Afterwards representatives from Jeffco's Gifted and Talented Department and JAGC will facilitate a discussion about the video.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

6:00 – 7:30pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Monday, February 26th.

### [Jeffco GT Department's Parent/Family Night Presentation TBD](#)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - Please check [JAGC's Events webpage](#) for updated information and RSVP links.

### [Jeffco GT Dept: Gifted Students and Underachievement](#)

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](#)

Thursday, March 14, 2024

6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Wednesday, March 13th.

# Advocacy Toolkit

It's especially important to be an advocate for our gifted and advanced learners in Colorado! The COVID-19 pandemic is causing the state to slash school funding, and gifted education could become a target. Effective advocacy is more than just being passionate about gifted education; it's 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.

## 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.

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### and Facebook CAGT Latino



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## In the News & GT Articles

[“The Essential State Role in Educating Advanced Learners”](#) (Thomas Fordham Institute)

[“I Grew Up Gifted and Autistic and Suffered the Burnout of Twice Exceptionality”](#) (ADDitude)

[“What it Means to Be a Twice-Exceptional Kid and How to Support Them”](#) (LifeHacker Blog)

[“More NAEP Losses for High Achievers and How to Reverse Them”](#) (Thomas Fordham Institute)

[“NAGC and SENG Enter Partnership”](#) (National Association for Gifted Children)

[“Seeking Support for 2E Children and Adults: When is it Too Early or Too Late?”](#) (With Understanding Comes Calm)

[“Giftedness is Relative”](#) (Medium)

[“Managing Intensity in Gifted Children and Adults”](#) (Psychology Today)

[“3 Strategies for Supporting Gifted and Talented Students in STEM”](#) (National Inventors Hall of Fame)

[“How to Use Data You Already Have to More Equitably Identify Gifted Students”](#) (District Administration)



## Recorded Media & Misc. Resources

[“Best Board Games for Gifted Students”](#) (The Kid Story: Resources for Gifted Kids)

[“Episode 130: 2E Kids & Adults –When Easy is Hard and Hard is Easy”](#) (Parenting with Impact Podcast)

[“How the Neurodiverse Can Better Cope with Decision Fatigue”](#) (Psychology Today)

[“Creating Effective and Efficient Breaks for Students During the Day”](#) (Edutopia)

[“Teaching Strategies for Gifted Students”](#) (Your Therapy Source)

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## Links

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