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The Happenings September 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

- * All events and resources listed below are free, unless otherwise noted.
 - * CAGT/JAGC does not endorse individuals and/or companies.
- The information included in this publication is intended for informational purposes only.



Live Events

**More Information for JAGC and Jeffco GT Events
Can be Found on [JAGC's Events Webpage](#)**

Acrylic Painting for Teens

Location: Curtis Center for the Arts, Greenwood Village, CO

September 12th, 19th and 26th from 6:30-8:00pm

Cost: 4 sessions for \$75

[Click here for more information](#)



Conversations with CAGT

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

Conversations with CAGT is back with an all-new season of 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 experts anytime, including Linda Silverman, Jim Delisle, Julie Skolnick, Jonathan Mooney, Joy Lawson Davis, Jaime Castellano, and many others. *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!

Denver Art Museum Free Day

Tickets for free museum admission must be reserved in advance

Location: Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO

September 12th from 10:00am-5:00pm

[Click here for more information](#)

Adams 12 GT Parent Group: Social Hour

In-person event by CAGT Affiliate: AD12 GTPG

Location: Windfall Brewing Company

14694 Orchard Pkwy, Westminster

September 12th from 6:00-8:00pm

[Please click here for more information](#)

Unpacking the Gifted Gap: Confronting Disproportionality in Education

Virtual event sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVST

This presentation will focus on culturally sustaining education and equity practices to promote inclusive classrooms for all students.

September 13th from 4:15-5:15pm

[Click here for more information](#)

Jeffco GT Information Night

Learn more about gifted and talented education in Jeffco including the GT Identification process and GT Center programs

Wednesday, September 13th from 6:00-7:30pm

[Click here for information and to RSVP](#)

Jeffco GT Dept: Social Emotional Needs of Gifted Students

Gifted Students have unique social and emotional needs. Please read these short articles and come virtually to discuss some of these traits with Jeffco GT Social Emotional Learning Counselors and learn how to help students manage them.

[What is Giftedness](#)

[Overexcitability and the Gifted](#)

[Traits that go Hand in Hand with a High IQ](#)

[Asynchronous Development](#)

Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - Please [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Wednesday, September 20th

CU Wizards!: Professor Michael Dubson and the Physics of Sound and Music

Free presentation by a CU-Boulder University professor for students in grades 5-12 (though all ages are welcome!)

Location: G1B30 Duane Physics and Astrophysics, 2000 Colorado Ave, Boulder, CO

September 23rd from 9:30-10:30am

[Click here for more information](#)

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



Tuesday, September 5th: Paula Prober

"Understanding Your Rainforest Mind: Guidance for Gifted Adults"

Tuesday, September 19th: TBD

Check our [website](#) for details!



Conference Registration

Register for the 45th Annual CAGT Conference, *Imagine, Believe, Grow!* This conference offers over 80 sessions, including four keynote speakers, which will examine various facets of the giftedness of our diverse gifted youth. If you would like to register several teachers for your school but aren't sure which teachers will be able to attend, we can substitute teacher's names at a later date. Please reach out to cogifted@gmail.com if you need any help with this process!

[Click here for the registration link](#)

CAGT Annual Student Art Contest

Students who attend any K-12 school or homeschool in the state of Colorado are invited to create an outstanding piece of original artwork which interprets this year's CAGT Conference theme: "Imagine, Believe, Grow." As always, the Art Contest Committee will be very selective about which artwork will be chosen and displayed this fall due to the limited space at the annual conference. Conference participants will view and vote for their favorite artwork.

[Click here for the flyer](#) with information about the event and to submit your incredible artwork.

[Click here for the flyer in Spanish.](#)

Artwork submission due September 11, 2023.

Parent Education Series: Advanced Learning Plans with Lynn Saltzgaver, Adams 12 Director of Advanced Academic & Gifted Services

In-person event by CAGT Affiliate: AD12 GTPG

Location: Adams 12 Educational Support Center, Thornton, CO

September 25th at 6:15pm

[Please click here for more information](#)

Learn How to Effectively Advocate for Your Gifted Student

Join JAGC and Jeffco GT to discuss what advocacy looks like, what it shouldn't look like, how to know when to step in and when to let your child work through something, and how to collaborate with the educators in your child(ren)'s lives.

[In-Person](#)

Tuesday, September 26th from 6:00-7:30 pm

Location: Jeffco Ed Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg #27, Golden, CO, Room 4E

[RSVP](#)

[Virtual](#)

Thursday, October 5th from 6:00-7:30 pm

[RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Wednesday, October 4th.

Drop-In Writing Session with Lighthouse Writers

Virtual event sponsored by the Denver Art Museum. Join writing instructors for an informal writing session open to all ages with a focus on how to create a broader cultural narrative of our own cultures.

September 26th from 1:00-3:00pm

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

Jeffco GT Dept: 6-Week Book Club - Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents

This is a 6-week long GT Elementary Parent Night group with a book study of "Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents" by Lynn Lyons and Reid Wilson. This book study will be led by Jeffco Schools GT Social Emotional Learning Counselors.

Monday's October 2, October 16, October 23, October 30, November 6, and November 13
6:00-7:00 pm

In-Person: Westridge Elementary School library
10785 W. Alamo Place Littleton CO

Find more [information](#) and a [link to RSVP](#).

Jeffco GT Department's Parent/Family Night with Jenny Hecht

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 from 6:00-8:00pm

[More information](#) coming soon.

Student Talent Video Challenge

Colorado students in any grade level, K-12, are invited to create 20-second video highlighting their special talent! The video should be an original, creative display of the student performing their talent. CAGT will select the best quality videos to showcase at the CAGT Conference 2023 in October!

[Click here for more information.](#)

Video submissions due September 10, 2023.

CAGT Affiliates

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
(SWGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

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

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.

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 links.

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 (Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented) 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 13th.

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 9th.

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.

Research Study for Males 18-24 Years Old



Do you know a gifted male 18-24 who received a psychological misdiagnosis during his K-12 school experience and would like to share his story? If so, he might be eligible to participate in a research study. Please scan the QR code for more information.

Recruitment Flyer

Study Participants Needed!

Are you a gifted male age 18-24 who has experienced a psychopathological misdiagnosis and want an opportunity to share your experience?

If so, you are invited to participate in a doctoral research study, "A Phenomenological Examination of the Perceptions of Psychopathological Misdiagnosis of Gifted Young Adult Males" conducted by Tina Glass, a doctoral student at the University of Denver. If you would like to participate in this study, you may go to this click on the QR code below for more information regarding participant recruitment or contact Tina Glass at 720-252-4350 or Tina.Glass@du.edu, or you may contact the faculty sponsor, Dr. Norma Hofenstein at 303-871-2527 or Norma.Hofenstein@du.edu.



Are you a gifted male 18-24 who received a psychological misdiagnosis during your K-12 school experience and would like to share your story? If so, you might be eligible to participate in a research study.

**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.

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.



New GT Books

Note: CAGT does not officially endorse book titles; this list is simply to inform you of the most recently published books related to gifted education.

[Parenting from the Heart: Raising Resilient and Successful Smart Kids](#) by Steven I. Pfeiffer

[The Teacher's Guide to Gifted and Talented Education](#) by Kate Lafferty



Recorded Media & Misc. Resources

["Gifted Teacher Toolbox: Academic Resources"](#) (Gifted with Goldens)

["How to Support Learning at Home for Gifted Students"](#) (Inspired to Enrich)

["How Can I Find the Right School For My Gifted Child?"](#) (Psychology Today)

["Gifted Kid Burnout: What It Is and How To Overcome It"](#) (Choosing Therapy)

["Gifted and LD: Misdiagnosed and Misunderstood"](#) (Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities)

["20 Tips for Nurturing Gifted Students"](#) (Cloudinary)

["How Dual Enrollment is Changing the Face of Community Colleges"](#) (FutureEd)

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Jeffco GT Center Application Is Now Open

The [2023 Fall GT Center Testing application](#) window is now open until October 13, 2023. Testing will take place on Saturday, October 14th & Saturday, October 28th. The application and testing is for GT Center placement for the 2024-25 school year. Find more information on the [Jeffco GT website](#).

Advanced Learning Plans in Jeffco

Schools should be starting the ALP goal-setting phase. GT Learners in Jeffco create one academic and one affective goal each year to help them focus on actualizing their personal potential. This should be completed by the end of October. For more information on ALPs, visit Jeffco's [Advanced Learning Plan](#) webpage.

As always, contact your [GT Resource Teacher](#) with questions.

Jeffco GT Department's August 2023 GT Gazette available [here](#).

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In the News & GT Articles

[“Brain Activity as a Toddler May Predict IQ at Age 18, Decades-Long Study Finds”](#) (Science Alert)

[“Asynchronous Development of Gifted Children and Their Unique Needs”](#) (Parenting for Brain)

[“State Auditor Finds Georgia’s Education Programs for Gifted Students Need Improvement”](#) (Georgia Public Radio)

[“Equitable Naglieri Tests Can Help ID Gifted Kids”](#) (MiddleWeb)

[“Ten Myths About Gifted Kids We Need to Debunk”](#) (LifeHacker)

[“What Are the Signs You Are Gifted? Why Does it Matter That You Know?”](#) (Your Rainforest Mind)

[“Racial, Ethnic Gaps Disclosed in NJ Programs for Gifted and Talented Students”](#) (NJ Spotlight News)

[“How to Ensure Twice-Exceptional Students Don’t Slip Through the Cracks”](#) (Thomas Fordham Institute)

[“UArizona Student, 16, Wants Answers About Gifted Minds, Especially His Own”](#) (University of Arizona)

[“Help Your Differently-Wired Kids Fall in Love with Reading”](#) (Raising Lifelong Learners)