



JAGC NEWS

Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children

SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR ADVANCED LEARNERS

March 2023

Hello Families,

Happy Spring! Make it a good month by joining the JAGC board or nominating someone. Nominations are due by April 1. Join us and help advocate for our advanced learners!

Planning for summer? JAGC's list of [area summer programs](#) is posted and will be updated as information is available.

Upcoming events:

- **Register for Jeffco Gifted & Talented Dept. SPARKS** summer enrichment program by March 31.
- **Jeffco Gifted & Talented Dept. virtual parent/family learning night** on March 8 at 6:15 PM with Nick Thompson will discuss strategies and support for re-engaging gifted students after Covid.
- **Get info about gifted education** at JAGC's [gifted & talented chat](#) on March 15 at 7 PM. Join us on Zoom to discuss early access, young gifted children and general topics.
- [Jeffco Early Access](#) for 4-5-year-olds is now open. Apply by April 1.

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JAGC Info



Are You Interested in Education Advocacy? Join the JAGC Board!

JAGC is starting the election process for next year's Board of Directors. Nominations for open positions will be accepted through April 1. Terms run for two years from July 1 to June 30. See the [website](#) for details on available positions, the election process and the [application form](#). For more details or questions, please email the [committee chair](#).

There are six positions for this election: two executive committee members (president and secretary) and four member-at-large positions. All positions are two-year terms starting July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

All nominees will need to formally be or become a JAGC member. Membership in JAGC includes joint membership in CAGT (Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented). Combined dues are \$40 annually and membership in JAGC and CAGT runs concurrent to the school year. Both are valid from September until August of the following year.

MONTHLY PARENT GIFTED & TALENTED CHAT

Free event from Jeffco Association for Gifted Children

Third Wednesdays of the month
7-8 PM
ON ZOOM



Join JAGC for Gifted & Talented Chat March 15

Join us on March 15 at 7 PM via Zoom to discuss gifted education at JAGC's monthly gifted & talented chat. We will discuss early access, young gifted children and general topics. Register [here](#). If you have questions to address, email info@jeffcogifted.org.



Become a JAGC Member to Vote in the Spring Election

JAGC will hold the annual election for board positions in April. Become a member now to be involved! Membership in JAGC and CAGT runs from September until August of the following year. When you register, select Jeffco as your affiliate. [Join us!](#)



Planning for Summer? Check JAGC Summer Programs List

Camps and programs will be updated as information is available. If you have a summer opportunity to list, please email info@jeffcogifted.org.



Check out the JAGC website for information on a variety of topics including these:

[JAGC summer programs list](#)

[School staff help for social/emotional needs](#)

[Gifted in elementary school at Jeffco](#)

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[Jeffco GT Dept. Info](#)

JEFFCO GT SPARKS SUMMER ENRICHMENT

REGISTER BY MARCH 31

[CLICK FOR DETAILS](#)

SPARKS

Jeffco GT Department SPARKS Summer GT Enrichment Camp

[Registration is open through March 31](#) for camp June 5-9 at Everitt Middle School for rising grades 1st-8th. SPARKS is a one-week gifted and talented summer enrichment program where students choose from various creative classes. Students choose one class that is either offered in the morning or afternoon. There is also an opportunity for high school students to volunteer their time helping in classrooms.



**Jetico GT
Parent
Seminar**

Strategies and support
for re-engaging
gifted students
after Covid

Featuring
Nick Thompson

Wednesday, March 8, 6:15 PM
Register to join via Zoom

Virtual Parent/Family Learning Night March 8 With Nick Thompson

Make plans to attend a virtual presentation on March 8 from 6:15-8 PM with Nick Thompson. He will discuss strategies and support for re-engaging gifted students after Covid and will share tips on student motivation, managing anxiety, and allowing kids to fail (how parents can manage their own anxiety, decide how/when to push, and when to allow kids to fail).

Nick is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has been working with youth and their families for over 15 years in middle and high schools, private practice, residential treatment facilities and detention centers. He is the author of the [Nick Thompson podcast](#). Register on the [Gifted & Talented Dept. website](#).

KINDERGARTEN EARLY ACCESS



Early Access for Kindergarten Applications Due April 1

The Early Access application is now open. Portfolios are due April 1. Early Access applies to children in the 97th percentile or above on standardized tests and functioning levels typically two years or more above peers. For more information about early access please see the [Early Access website](#).



Where to Find Advanced Learning Plan Info for Middle and High School Students

Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) information for middle and high school students can be found on [Jeffco Student Insights](#). Log in and click on the ALP tab. Details about middle and high school ALP information is listed on the [Jeffco Gifted & Talented Dept. website](#).

ALP information can also be accessed via Infinite Campus. Log in to the parent portal and go to the three bars at the top left. Click on "More" at the bottom of this section, then on the next screen click on "Student Insights" toward the bottom. Data on reading, math, ALP and graduation readiness is listed here.

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Quick Links

- Jefferson County R-1
- Jeffco Student Fee Payment
- Free and Reduced Meal Application
- Student Meal Payment
- District Library Catalog
- EnrollJeffco
- Personal Account Manager
- Student Insights**
- Bus Registration and Info
- Hazel Health Program

Gifted & Talented Resources

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

**Have Questions About Gifted & Talented Services?
Here Are Staff Who Can Help!**

List of Jeffco [GT Resource Teachers](#), [Social-Emotional Learning](#) counselors and [Building Leaders](#)

Jeffco News



The [Outdoor Lab Foundation](#) offers students who have served as high school leaders or interns at Outdoor Lab the opportunity to apply for scholarships to further their education. This year, three applicants will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. [Apply here.](#)

Students must meet all of the following criteria to apply:

1. Student has served as a high school leader or an Intern for the Jeffco Outdoor Lab Program, at Windy Peak or Mount Evans, within the past three years, and
2. Student is applying for admission to any private or public vocational training program, college, or university and plans to begin within 12 months from the deadline.



Calendar & Events

[JAGC calendar - activities, events & conferences](#)

[Denver Writes Workshops](#) virtual and in-person

[PEN Parent Engagement Network events](#)

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

[Hoagies Gifted list of conferences](#)

[TedX Cherry Creek Youth March 4](#)

[Artificial Intelligence, Asteroids and Michelle Chen: Software Systems Engineer at Johns Hopkins University](#)

Virtual presentation hosted by Boolean Girl's STEM Ambassador Program
Saturday, March 4 at 5 PM Eastern Standard Time

["Big Emotions!: What's a Parent To Do?"](#)

In-person presentation hosted by Parent Information Network
Tuesday, March 7 at 9:15 AM, Fremont Center, 14603 E. Fremont Avenue, Centennial, CO

[Del Siegle Presentation: "Four Factors that Promote an Achievement-Oriented Attitude with Your Child"](#)

Virtual webinar hosted by Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education and Talent Development

Thursday, March 9 at 8 PM Eastern Standard Time

[Rebecca O'Brien Presentation: "Developing Critical Thinkers in the Digital Age"](#)

Virtual webinar hosted by Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education and Talent

Development
Saturday, March 11 at 11 AM Eastern Standard Time

["How to be a Lighthouse in the Storm: Communicating and Connecting with your Kids /
Cómo ser un faro en la tormenta"](#)

Virtual webinar hosted by PEN: Parent Engagement Network
Thursday, March 16 at 12 PM, free or optional donation of \$10

Summer programs

[JAGC summer programs list](#)

[Gifted & talented youth-friendly summer camps & opportunities](#)



*Conversations
with CAGT*

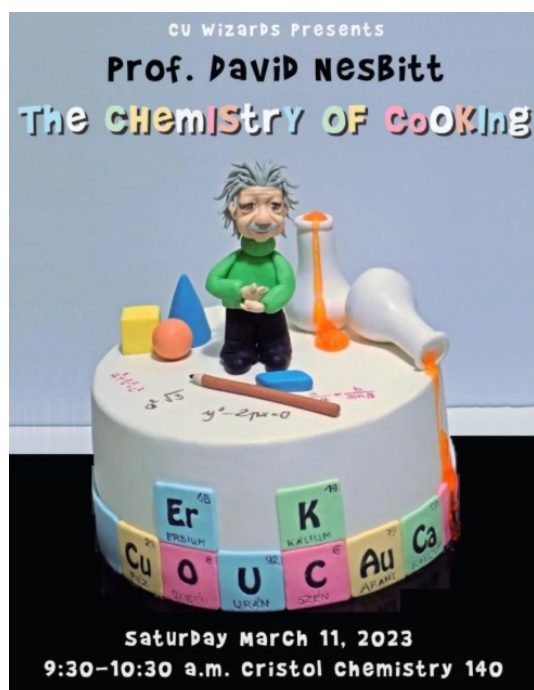


**FIRST & THIRD
TUESDAYS
ON FACEBOOK LIVE**

Conversations With CAGT on Facebook Live

[March 7:](#) CAGT's Colleen Urlik and Rebecca McKinney - "Developing Diverse Talents: The Intersection of General Education and Gifted Education"

March 21: Temple Grandin - Check the [CAGT website](#) for details



[CU Wizards March 11](#)

Professor David Nesbitt presents "The Chemistry of Cooking" on Saturday, March 1, 9:30-10:30 AM at Cristol Chemistry 140, University of Colorado in Boulder.



Resources

Recent Articles and Podcasts

[Parenting decisions: Good for you... or good for your child?](#) (Gifted Challenges)

[What Kind of Gifted Person Do You Want to Be?](#) (Gifted Challenges)

[The Report of Gifted Education's Death is Greatly Exaggerated](#) (Education Week)

[The Unique Challenges of Homeschooling Gifted Kids](#) (Raising Lifelong Learners)

[Eating Disorders Among the Gifted: Are They More At Risk?](#) (Gifted Challenges)

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Past Issues

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[Trying to Keep it All Together \(Profoundly Gifted Parenting\)](#)

[Make It Work: Making Verbal About Non-Verbal Intelligence \(Neurodiversity Podcast\)](#)

[My Neurodivergent Kid Needs So Much Help I Worry His Neurotypical Siblings Are Neglected!](#) (Raising Lifelong Learners)

[Stop Being So Hard on Yourself: The High Sensitivity Personality](#) (Talent Development Resources)

[The True Meaning of Gifted According to Linda Silverman](#) (Bright & Quirky)

[The Emotional Characteristics of Gifted Children](#) (Exploring Your Mind)



Newsletter Links

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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