



JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

# JAGC NEWS

Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children

## May 2021

**Hello Families,**

**We made it!** May is here and the school year will be over before we know it. Congratulations to every educator, staff member and parent who worked together to keep this school year moving.

**Are you interested in summer courses** at Jeffco Virtual Academy? [Summer credit advancement](#) courses are now open. Classes fill quickly, so register soon.

**Enjoy your summer!** Check out the [summer programs list](#) on the JAGC website and see other summer options under Resources below.



## JAGC Info

### [Deadline Extended! Nominate Your GT Champion by May 31](#)

JAGC's GT Champion Award recognizes those in the Jeffco gifted community who are making an exemplary effort for our GT students. To nominate someone who has shown outstanding performance, please [complete this form](#).

There will be one winner from each of these categories:

- School Administrator
- Teacher/School Staff Member
- Parent/Community Member
- Student

For more information visit the JAGC [GT Champion website](#).



# JAGC Board of Directors Election Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's voting Congratulations to this year's elected directors:

--President: Tom Dougherty

--Secretary: Heather Groff

--Members at Large: Jana Betlach, Amy Dougherty

We look forward to working with you all as we continue to serve the GT children and families of Jeffco and beyond.

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## See You in the Fall!

JAGC newsletter takes a break during the summer. We're here if you have questions and concerns until school starts. Email [info@jeffcogifted.org](mailto:info@jeffcogifted.org) or visit our [Facebook page](#) for news and updates throughout the summer.

[Join JAGC](#)



[April GT Gazette \(English\)](#)

[April GT Gazette \(Spanish\)](#)

[GT Family Resources for Summer](#)

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## Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs) Goal Closeout



As the year is coming to an end, teachers and students will review the progress the students have made toward meeting their Advanced Learning Plan (ALP).

From March through the beginning of May, and depending on the age of the students, teachers and students use data from classroom assessments, project rubrics and individualized anecdotal data to determine whether the student has met his or her goal. Even though a student's goal will be closed for the year, their ALP remains with them and they will set a new goal at the beginning of the next school year. See the details of the [ALP Lifecycle](#) and for the [GT ALP website](#). The Colorado Department of Education ([CDE website](#)) contains resources detailing the requirements of an ALP.

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## [GT Parent/Family Resources](#)

The GT Department's theme for the 2020-2021 school year will focus on: **ADVOCACY!**

They have compiled resources to support students and parents over the summer months to set the stage for future learning.

[Student Advocacy](#)

[Parent Advocacy](#)



## Jeffco News

### [Wheat Ridge High School Virtual Open House May 1](#)

Experience the annual Wheat Ridge High School GT night on May 1 from 4- 7 pm. This year's event will be virtual with performances, booths, characters and demonstrations.

### [Summer Credit Advancement for Grades 11-12 - Application Now Open](#)

Jeffco Virtual Academy offers two 4-week sessions during the summer for students to take a class they haven't attempted before to get ahead in credits. Courses are online. Students can complete a semester course in just four weeks. The cost is \$165-200 per class. Courses offered:

- English/Lang Arts 11A and 11B, English/Lang Arts 12A and 12B
- US Government, World Geography, Economics, World History A and B
- Chemistry A and B, Astronomy, Marine Biology
- Lifetime Fitness



## Calendar & Events

### [CU Science Wizards - May 15](#)

Prof. Amy Palmer presents "One Fish...Two Fish...Fluorescent Red & Green Squish!" on Saturday, May 15 via Zoom.

[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](#)

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

[Hoagies Gifted list of conferences](#)

## Conversations with CAGT - Tuesdays at 5 PM on Facebook Live

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



### For Parents

#### [PEN Stress & Anxiety Conference May 1-2](#)

Presented by the Boulder Parent Engagement Network. Learn about the impacts of 2020 and gain coping strategies & insights for moving forward. Sessions are 9 AM-4:30 PM each day. Flexible registration options including both days, single day, or single workshop tickets.



National Association for Gifted Children  
**68th Annual Convention**  
DENVER, CO | NOVEMBER 11-14



## EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 15

#### [NAGC 2021 Convention in Denver Nov. 11-14](#)

Denver is hosting the national convention Nov. 11-14 at the [Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center](#) in Aurora, CO. The event is planned for in-person with a possible virtual component. **Early bird registration ends July 15:** NAGC members \$499/Non-members \$649. If you join or renew your [NAGC membership](#), use the code "21CAGT" in the "Referred by" field of your membership profile. This gives CAGT a rebate and you will receive a FREE CAGT membership for the 2021-2022 school year. There are also discounts available for groups of 5-25 and more than 26 people.

## [Summer programs list on JAGC website](#)

JAGC's list of area summer enrichment programs is available on our website. Check with individual camps for offerings and online options.



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## [Webinar Series for Gifted Adults](#)

The Gifted Development Center is hosting a virtual series for gifted adults. This is a five-session series from April to August to connect those interested in exploring adult giftedness and to enjoy collegiality within a worldwide virtual community.

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## [Ongoing SENG Parent Support Groups](#)

Parents, are you looking for support? Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) online support groups are designed to address the unique issues, needs and challenges faced by gifted families. The website lists upcoming groups.



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## [NAGC Free Webinars and Live Chats](#)

The National Association for Gifted Children is offering free webinars, live chats and podcasts online every week this spring.

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## [TECA Online Parent Seminars](#)

The Twice Exceptional Children's Advocacy (TECA) is hosting online parent seminars. This group is open to parents and guardians of twice exceptional children and teens. See the [schedule online](#) for topics and dates.



## For Students

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## [HOYA Foundation Career Week for Girls - Deadline May 3](#)

Career Week for Girls began to encourage more young women to pursue careers in transportation and construction. Over one week, girls ages 13 to 20 make five stops to engage with women, ask questions and tour work sites. Each company puts together a day-long insight into their company and the industry.



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## [CAGT General Board Student Liaison Position Openings - Apply by](#)

[May 31](#)

Are you a high school student who is passionate about the state of gifted education in Colorado? Be a student voice for the general board and help guide their mission and vision. For more information, email [cogifted@gmail.com](mailto:cogifted@gmail.com).

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## [Enter the Breakthrough Junior Challenge - Apply by June 25](#)

Are you great at explaining math or science concepts or filmmaking? You could create a video for a chance to win a \$250,000 scholarship. Khan Academy is partnering with the [Breakthrough Junior Challenge](#) video contest. Students ages 13-18 are invited to create a short (under three minutes) video explaining a challenging concept in physics, mathematics, or the life sciences in an engaging, illuminating and creative way. In addition to awarding a \$250,000 college scholarship to the winner, the Breakthrough Junior Challenge will give the winner's teacher a \$50,000 prize and the winner's school a new \$100,000 science lab. See finalist videos on the Khan Academy [website](#).

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## [Youngarts National Arts Competition - Deadline October 15](#)

Open to 15-18-year-olds in visual, literary or performing artists. Requires documentation and audition or portfolio materials. Recipients receive national recognition, cash awards, mentorship by accomplished artists, continued creative and professional support.



## [GT student opportunities from the Jeffco GT Department](#) [Lockheed Martin STEM opportunities for students](#) [CU Science Discovery K-12 programs](#)

STEM at home kits, virtual STEM academies, mountain research experience, school year and summer camps

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## **National Programs**

[Belin-Blank Gifted Center spring programs](#)  
[Spring writing courses at the Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education](#)  
[Varsity Tutors live online classes \(free and paid\)](#)  
[Free tutoring for high schoolers at Schoolhouse World \(Khan Academy\)](#)  
[Bright & Quirky virtual programs for kids](#)  
[Curated Collections for Gifted Kids \(Belin-Blank Center\)](#)



**Resources**

## Recent GT Articles & Podcasts

[What Predicts Growth for Gifted Students? \(ACT\)](#)

[Why We Must Advocate For Gifted Children Now \(Gifted Challenges\)](#)

[Social Emotional Learning is Essential to “Build Back Better” \(K12 Dive\)](#)

[Most Teachers Do Group Work All Wrong \(Gifted Guru\)](#)

## Summer Programs

[JAGC summer programs list](#)

[List of free virtual summer camps](#)

[SCD Enrichment Program](#)

Free Denver area summer camp for underrepresented students enrolled or interested in IB, AP, magnet or GT programs, entering grades 5-12.

[Camp Invention STEM program for K-6](#)

[Colorado Parent camp list](#)

[Davidson Institute summer programs list](#)

[Davidson Institute summer events](#)

[DECtech and the Computer Science Dept. at School of Mines](#) (virtual and in person, grades 3-10)

[Epsilon Camp math camp for young PG children](#)

[Princeton summer journalism program](#)

[Robinson Center for Young Scholars](#)

[Summer at the Grayson School](#)

[Summer Institute for the Gifted](#)

[University of Northern Colorado summer enrichment](#)

[Wharton Global Youth summer programs](#)

[William & Mary virtual summer programs](#)



## Newsletter Links

For Parents New to GT - Jeffco GT Dept. Info and GT 101 - Parent Info - Student Programs & Enrichment - Homework Help - Scholarships - College Prep - National GT Resources

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[Jeffcogifted.org](http://Jeffcogifted.org)

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