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The May 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 May?

Notes

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Events

Jack Kent Cook Young Scholars Program and College Scholarship Program

Young Scholars: This program offers scholarships to exceptional 7th grade students from families who have financial need. Young Scholars receive educational advising and financial support from the 8th grade through high school to pursue their unique academic and talent goals.

College: This program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving 12th graders with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. Selected from a nationwide pool of applicants, up to 40 students will become Jack Kent Cooke Scholars and have access to funding for up to four years for undergraduate studies.

Thursday, May 9th - applications due

Click for the [Young Scholars Program](#) and for the [College Scholarship Program](#)



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.
[Click here](#) to register!

Building and Supporting Inclusive Gifted Services

Sponsored by Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education and Talent Development

Join this virtual presentation by Dina Brulles to consider methods and approaches that can help integrate the needs of our diversely gifted learners into every aspect of school.

Cost: Free

Saturday, May 11th

11:00am (Eastern Standard Time)

[Click here for more information](#)

BVGT Community Celebration and Member Meeting

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVGT

Enjoy appetizers and dessert while you connect with BVGT members, volunteers, and supporters, and celebrate our growing community! There will be a brief presentation at 6:00, but feel free to join us any time between 5:30 and 7:30.

Location: Louisville Public Library

Cost: Free

Monday, May 13th

5:30-7:30pm

More information at bvgt.org or [click here](#).

Autism Spectrum Disorder: An Overview of Everything in 60 Minutes

Sponsored by Summit Center

Join this online presentation with Dr. Lisa Hancock to learn about strengths, weaknesses, common misperceptions, and common misdiagnoses related to Autism Spectrum Disorder, as well as commonly co-occurring disorders.

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free

Wednesday, May 15th

12:00pm (Pacific Time)

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

2e Summer Institute

Sponsored by Office of Gifted Education, CDE

Join other educators and parents of gifted students on June 4th and 5th from 8:00am-4:30pm each day at Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO to learn ways to support our 2e learners!

Monday, May 20th applications due

[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, May 7th: Diane Neff

Check our website for details!

Tuesday, May 21st: Michael Scott

"Myths of Giftedness"

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.](#)

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.

Girls Who Code Program

Sponsored by Girls Who Code

This program prepares girls in grades 3rd-12th grade to thrive and lead in the tech workforce. They focus on gender diversity and women who are historically underrepresented in computer science fields.

Various dates and times depending upon program

Cost: Free

[Click here for more information](#)

Gifted & Talented Youth-Friendly Summer Camps & Opportunities

NOTE: The following is for informational purposes only provided by Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) in partnership with Colorado Association for Gifted & Talented (CAGT). BVSD and CAGT do not endorse the organizations and programs listed below (except BVSD does endorse their own offerings).

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



Recorded Media & Resources

["Dr. Jade Rivera on the Power of Strengths-Based Assessments for Neurodivergent Children"](#) (TILT Parenting Podcast)

["Finding Multi-age Interest Based Community for Profoundly Gifted Children"](#) (Davidson Institute Video Series)

["Guide to Gifted Elementary Schools"](#) (Davidson Institute)

["Not School or Homeschooling, but Modular Learning with Manisha"](#) (Teach Your Kids Podcast)

["A Guide to Overexcitabilities and Gifted Children"](#) (Raising Lifelong Learners Video)

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2024 Conference Registration Open!

Join us for the 46th Annual CAGT Conference, Purpose & Passion, this October 20th-22nd! We are thrilled to announce that **Dr. Temple Grandin** is joining us again as a keynote for this year's conference! We are also excited to have **Dr. Kristina Collins** and **Dr. Rick Olenchak** keynoting for us, addressing the topics of how diversity and LGBTQ+ impacts our gifted children!

Registration is open now so you can take advantage of your remaining building/district funds and register now for Early Bird pricing! Remember that your ESSER monies are running out soon, so this might be a good way to use those funds as well!

Come see over 80 sessions examining various facets of giftedness! As a bonus, if you register for the 2 Day conference registration option, you will also be able to attend our virtual conference for free!

[Click here](#) for the registration link!

Register now to take advantage of Early Bird Pricing!

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 reward.

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

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



In the News & GT Articles

[“Can We Ditch the Gifted Label and Just Focus on What Each Student Needs?”](#) (Fordham Institute)

[“One Fish, Two Fish, Let’s Fix Your To-Do List!”](#) (Davidson Institute)

[“Doing Educational Equity Right: Advanced Education”](#) (Education Next)

[“Gifted Impatience: Is It a Thing?”](#) (Gifted Challenges Blog)

[“How and Where Do You Talk About the Challenges of Being a Gifted Adult?”](#) (Your Rainforest Mind)

[“How International Baccalaureate Programs and Advanced Placement Programs Compare”](#) (Education Week)

[“How to Challenge Gifted Students in the Classroom”](#) (Davidson Academy)

[“Maximizing the Potential of Bright Students in the Education System”](#) (Medriva)

[“Researchers Analyze Career Pathways for Gifted Girls”](#) (Phys.org)

[“What Parents Can Do When Their Gifted Child Is Unhappy at School”](#) (Psychology Today)

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**.

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**.

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

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

[“Early Childhood Screenings for Giftedness”](#) (Five Levels of Gifted)

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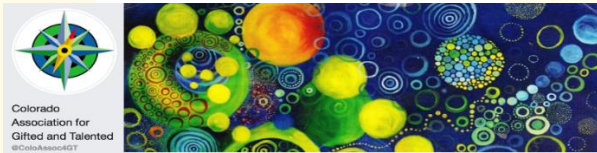
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Eastern Plains: Eastern Central Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (ECCAGT [Facebook](#))

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](#))