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JAGC NEWS

[Upcoming JAGC Board Meeting and Community Forum -](#)

You're Invited! Please join JAGC for our upcoming board meeting (5-6 pm) and community forum (6-7 pm) on

[Nominate Your GT Champion! - Nominations due March 31](#)

The GT Champion Award is a JAGC award program designed to recognize those in the gifted community who are making an exemplary effort for our GT students. If you would like to nominate a person who has shown outstanding performance, please complete this form.

JEFFCO GT DEPT UPDATES

[Jeffco GT Department February Gazette](#)

[SPARKS GT Summer Enrichment June 8-19](#)

The SPARKS Enrichment Program for Jeffco Gifted & Talented learners will be at Wheat Ridge High School from June 8-19. It's a summer experience for district GT students entering 1st through 8th grade. Classes provide an engaging learning environment in a variety of topics for Jeffco gifted students. Due to our current capacity, we will no longer be able to accept incoming kindergartners or non-Jeffco students. See the [GT website](#) for more info.

[Apply Now for Jeffco Early Access for Entrance to Kindergarten or First Grade](#)

The 2020-2021 Early Access application is now open. Portfolios are due March 19 and the application closes 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. Visit the [Jeffco GT website](#) for more information on Early Access.

Early Access age requirements:

- The student must reach the age of four by October 1 for kindergarten.
- The student must reach the age of five by October 1 for grade one

JEFFCO NEWS

[Planning for Middle School? Check out Jeffco Virtual Academy's Online Gifted & Talented Classes](#)

In collaboration with Jeffco Gifted & Talented, Jeffco Virtual Academy offers full-year core courses for 7th and 8th grade that are developed and taught by certified GT teachers. Visit the [JVA website](#) for more information. Course information is [here](#).

FOR PARENTS

[Summer Programs List Available on JAGC Website](#)

JAGC's list of area summer enrichment programs is available on our website with more than 20 new programs. Check it out for your summer planning!

[Denver Child-Centered Gifted Symposium - April 23-25](#)

Understanding Your Gifted Child - April 23

Dr. Jim Delisle will present "Understanding Your Gifted Child From the Inside Out," a presentation for parents and educators featuring a panel of gifted high school students. Students representing Adams 12, Boulder Valley and Jeffco schools will answer questions that will help guide families and educators.

Thursday, April 23, 6:30-8:30 pm
Double Tree by Hilton
8773 Yates Drive, Westmister, CO 80031

International Gifted Symposium - April 24

Gifted Development Center is hosting an international symposium to help the world rediscover the uniqueness of the gifted child. Attendees include members of The Columbus Group, the International Network of Child-Centered Advocates, the Institute for the Study of Advanced Development Board of Directors, GRO-Gifted Research & Outreach, Qualitative Assessment Master Practitioners, The World Game trainers, schools for the gifted and child-centered supporters from all over the globe.

Friday, April 24, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Noah's Event Venue
11885 North Bradburn Blvd., Westminster, CO 80031

Gifted Adult Summit - April 25

Are you passionate about adults and giftedness? This full day Gifted Adult Summit is an opportunity to get to know others who share this passion. The day includes presentations and discussion. The intention is to get to know each other, get to know about each other, and create a plan of action to make a real difference in the lives of gifted adults globally.

Saturday, April 25, 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Westgate Community School
12500 Washington Street, Thornton, CO 80241

[New Parent Group Forming in Jeffco](#)

Is your child atypical? Then this parent group is for you! This is an informal group for parents to share information and support each other. We are looking for parents in the Jeffco area who have elementary school aged children with developmental disabilities or disorders, behavioral or learning impairments, and "different" wiring. Your children may be, but are not required to be, on a 504 plan or an IEP. This group is open to parents of all children in the area, from any school or homeschool.

Meeting dates in April will be announced after indications of interest have been established and we have a rough number of people that would like to come. If you are interested, contact Jen Manera at Jenden0622@gmail.com, 720-988-3239.

[Parent Engagement Network's Parent Education Series](#)

Check out the Parent Engagement Network's [events page](#) for information on their Parent Education Series in the Boulder area. Topics include Executive Functioning, Developing Resiliency, Mindset Skills for Success, Meaningful Conversations and more. PEN also has a [podcast](#) with parenting topics.

[Recent Gifted Podcasts and Articles](#)

- [Parent Footprint podcast](#) "Children and Screens: How to Help Children Lead Healthy Lives in a Digital World" with Dr. Pamela Hurst-Della Pietra.
- Science Daily: [Praise, rather than punish](#) to see up to 30% greater focus in the classroom.
- Dr. Devon MacEachron: ["Questioning Conventional Wisdom in Parenting Part 6: Should you encourage straight A's?"](#)

[Movies About Twice Exceptional](#)

- 2e: Twice Exceptional - <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/2emovie>
- 2e2: Teaching the Twice Exceptional - <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/2e2movie>

[2e Support Group Meets Saturdays](#)

A support group for parents of twice-exceptional (2e) youth meets on alternating Saturdays, facilitated by Bev S. Weiler, LPCC, NCC. Sponsored by the Gifted Development Center, these free sessions will incorporate guest speakers as needed, and will cover topics such as executive functioning, IEP/ALP/504 process, social-emotional strategies, and whatever other topics the group decides on. For more information, email [Bev](#) or call 720-635-1915.

Saturdays (check the [GDC website](#) for dates), 10:30 am-noon
Gifted Development Center
8120 Sheridan Boulevard C-111, Westminster, CO 80003

[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 all twice exceptional children and teens. See the [schedule online](#) for topics and dates.

[Gifted Newsletters and Blogs](#)

[Byrdseed Blog](#)

[Davidson Institute Newsletter](#)

[Denver Gifted Development Center Blog](#)

[Gifted Challenges](#)

[Gifted Guru](#)

[NAGC Gifted Blog](#)

[SENG Newsletter](#)

[TECA Blog](#)

[TiLT Parenting List of Schools for Differently Wired Students](#)

FOR STUDENTS

[Behind the Wings Season 2 On Rocky Mountain PBS - March 19-April 9](#)

Mark your calendars for the Season 2 premiere of Wings Over the Rockies' TV show, Behind the Wings, shown Thursdays at 9 PM on Rocky Mountain PBS (RMPBS).

[Apply to the Davidson Academy Online Campus - Deadline March 31](#)

The 2020-2021 application for the Davidson Academy online campus is now available. Open to students who live anywhere in the United States and Canada, this accredited online option builds off the one-of-a-kind, exceptional framework put in place by the Davidson Academy's Reno campus. The result is a robust online community where students thrive. Learn about the benefits of online learning for gifted students and how the Davidson Academy Online is working to meet their needs.

Visit the [Qualification Criteria](#) and [How to Apply](#) pages to read about the application process. The application deadline is March 31. Virtual open houses will be held on several dates. Register for an open house [here](#). There's one left for this year:

- Monday, March 9, 5 pm PT

[Need Writing Inspiration? Sign Up for Daily Poetry in April](#)

Brought to poetry fans everywhere by Knopf Publishing. Celebrate National Poetry Month by receiving a free poem every day throughout April.

[Museum of Outdoor Arts Summer Internships - Deadline April 3](#)

MOA is seeking summer interns for indoor and outdoor projects. The program is June 8- Aug. 3 and includes a \$2,000 stipend. Projects include the production of artistic crosswalks, vinyl wraps for traffic signal utility boxes as well as creating a temporary mural based exhibition at the MOA indoor gallery. Applicants with painting, drawing, mural work, illustration, digital projection mapping and/or animation experience are strongly encouraged to apply. School credit may also be available per your school's requirements. Visit the [website](#) for the application.

[Keystone Science School Programs for Girls - Register by April 13](#)

Girls in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in Physics of Flight on April 25. Learn all about basic physics and engineering career paths within jet propulsion. Keystone Science School is located in Keystone, CO, and also offers STEM summer programs for girls.

[LEGO Masters, Here's a Contest for You - Deadline April 24](#)

The Art of the Brick is coming to the Denver Museum of Nature & Science next summer. The Museum is running a LEGO brick building contest for kids up to age 17, and the winning creations from individuals and teams will be displayed with this blockbuster exhibition. The required theme is nature and science. For more info, email contest@dmns.org.

[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 because only 9% of the construction workforce is women. Summer programs are offered in June and July. Over one week, girls ranging from 13 to 20 years old 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 into the industry.

[Yunasa West Camp for Gifted Youth Summer Applications Open - June 6-13](#)

Designed and led by eminent experts in the field of gifted youth, Yunasa embraces gifted children for who they are, helping them understand and work with the unique joys and challenges that gifted children face. Many traditional programs for gifted youth focus solely on intellectual abilities, overlooking the need for these children to grow in all aspects of their lives. Yunasa supports the whole gifted child, encouraging growth and support of campers intellectually, socially, emotionally, spiritually, and physically. Camp is at YMCA Camp Shady Deckers, CO. [Download the Yunasa brochure](#).

[Youth Journalism Day - June 25](#)

This is a one-day, intense and fun learning experience for kids ages 8 to 14 at Metropolitan State University of Denver. It's an opportunity for budding journalists, writers and photographers to spend the day with professionals. Students will post their work on our youth journalism website. The best articles will be published in the Colorado Kids section of the Tuesday Denver Post. Youth J-Day participants can also continue as a Colorado Kids youth reporter for the next school year.

[Denver Writes Seeks Youth Contributors](#)

Denver Writes' literary magazine, Backspace, is looking for fresh, innovative and creative writing that challenges the status quo and shows insightful understanding of the world. The magazine showcases Denver's best young writers aged 10-18 and provides a space for young writers to be published in print.

Backspace is also looking for teens ages 12-18 interested in helping compile, edit, organize and design the literary magazine. If you are interested, email backspace@denverwrites.org with the subject line of "Get Involved." See the [website](#) for details.

Scholarships

[Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado Scholarship - Deadline March 16](#)

The \$5,000 Grossman Scholarship Program for Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado offers scholarships to high school students who have demonstrated a commitment to caring for the outdoors and intend to pursue a degree in a field related to natural resources or outdoor recreation at an accredited 2- or 4-year college in Colorado.

[JCEA Scholarships - Deadline April 3](#)

The Jefferson County Education Association (JCEA) awards several scholarships to seniors who attend Jeffco Public Schools this year.

- **The JCEA Excellence Fund Scholarship**

This annually awarded scholarship goes to a Jefferson County high school senior entering college the following year to pursue a degree in education. Each scholarship granted is for \$1,000 per year and can be renewed for up to four years (\$4,000 total).

- **Sue Anne Berger Physical Science Scholarship**

Sue Anne Berger was a Jeffco secondary education educator, chemist and mathematics teacher. With her passing, she established an annual scholarship to be awarded to two graduating seniors from the Jeffco Public Schools, who intend to study the physical sciences or related fields. Each scholarship granted starts with \$1000 and is increased by \$1,000 each year, up to four years (\$10,000 total).

- **The JCEA Shermita West Student of Color Scholarship**

The Shermita West Student of Color Scholarship is an annual award given to a Jeffco high school student of color that is pursuing a career in education. Each scholarship granted is for \$1,000 per year and may be renewed for up to four years (\$4,000 total).

[Davidson Young Scholars Program – Applications Due First of Each Month](#)

The Davidson Young Scholars program provides free services designed to nurture and support profoundly gifted young people and their families, including talent development, educational advocacy, an online community and the Ambassadors program. Young Scholars can also access annual get-togethers, a summer camp for 8- to 12-year-olds and challenging online middle school courses. Applications are due the first of each month.

[NAVIANCE scholarships](#)

[Denver Foundation Scholarships](#)

[25 Great Scholarships for Gifted Students](#)

[Reviews.com Scholarship Search Platform](#)

Student Opportunities

Find a list of GT [Student Opportunities](#) from the Jeffco GT Department.

[Front Range Community College Pathways Career Exploration Days](#)

[Area College & Job Fairs](#)

[College Application Deadlines](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Please check out the frequently updated [JAGC Calendar](#) for detailed information on numerous weekly and special events for gifted students, parents, and families!

JOIN JAGC!

[Become a JAGC Member to Vote in Spring Election](#)

Membership in JAGC and CAGT runs concurrent to the school year, valid from September until August of the following year. You must be a member to vote in the spring JAGC election. When you register, be sure to select Jeffco as your affiliate. [Join](#) today and help us advocate for advanced learners!

[Support JAGC With Amazon Smile](#)

Shop on Amazon through Amazon Smile and a portion of your purchase price will be donated to JAGC. When you shop at Amazon, first go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select "Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children" before making your purchase.

[Check Out JAGC on Facebook](#)

Did you know that [JAGC](#) is on Facebook? Follow us to stay up-to-date with gifted and Jeffco Schools information.

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