



JAGC April 2025 Newsletter

Colorado School of Mines Pathway for Jeffco Students

Opportunity for Jeffco Students Graduating with a STEM Endorsement for Guaranteed Admissions to Colorado School of Mines

Colorado School of Mines (Mines) and Jeffco Public Schools (Jeffco) are partnering to create a guaranteed admissions pathway to Mines for local high school students with an aptitude and interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Under the new agreement, Jeffco students who maintain a certain GPA, complete advanced math and science coursework, and graduate with a STEM-endorsed diploma from any high school in the district will be eligible for guaranteed admission into any four-year Bachelor of Science degree program at Mines.

JAGC's Summer Programs List

[JAGC's list of summer programs](#) has been updated for 2025! It offers a breakdown by age.

We have just added this summer program from Mackintosh Academy:

[Mackintosh Academy Littleton Summer Camps](#) (Grades K-8) - Give your bright, inquisitive child a summer filled with exploration, creativity, and growth! Designed for gifted and curious minds, our camps—led by trusted third-party experts—blend hands-on learning with exciting themes to keep young thinkers challenged and inspired. Includes an Executive Functioning camp.

Jeffco GT Forum Survey

The Jeffco GT Department values the feedback and ideas of all of our families and staff and are committed to building a strong program for students. If you have a student with an ALP in Jeffco Public Schools, this is the [second survey](#) offered this school year, which is open until April 25th.

Upcoming Events

Note: These events are intended to provide a wide array of information that readers may find helpful. In an effort to bring breadth of information, JAGC does not necessarily endorse or support opinions presented. JAGC also does not endorse, approve for services, or recommend any specific program mentioned.

CU Wizards Professor James Thompson presents: "The Physics of Superheroes & Villains!"

Saturday, April 12, 2025

9:30am - 10:30am

Duane Physics G1B30 University of Colorado, Boulder

Free

Join University of Colorado Physics Professor James Thompson as he explains how superheroes' understanding of fundamental physics ensures truth and thwarts villains! Sparks, explosions, and plenty of action will be featured at this free STEM show that's open to students of all ages!

Jeffco GT Department: GT Office Hours for Parents

The GT Department is excited to announce that we will be offering office hours for our Parents. We will provide a connection opportunity for parents and families to ask general questions that they have about our department, GT programming in Jeffco, Center Schools, and other higher level topics with our Resource Teachers, Social Emotional Learning Counselors, and department leadership. Please see [our website](#) for more information and to complete the [short registration](#) form in order to get a link to participate virtually.

Schedule of office hours for the remainder of the school year:

4/17 (Thursday) 5-6 pm

5/6 (Tuesday) 3:30-4:30 pm

[Jeffco GT Department Events](#) (please check their [website](#) for dates and times)

Check out JAGC's [Events](#) page for updates.

If you ever have questions about anything in our newsletters, or any questions about gifted & talented, always feel free to contact us at info@JeffcoGifted.org. We are parents helping parents and have many resources to help you advocate for your child(ren).



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The Happenings

Your source for all gifted and talented events happening in Colorado and beyond!

The Happenings provides access to events, articles, videos, podcasts and webinars to help those who support gifted and talented children.

What's Happening in April?

Notes

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Events

[Listen, Liberate, & Support: Teaching Gifted Students to Self-Advocate](#)

April 8th

6:30pm (Central)

Sponsored by TAGT

Too often, programs for gifted learners may not completely meet their unique intellectual & psychosocial needs. During this session, Dr. Joy Lawson Davis will discuss the importance of listening to gifted learners to gain a better understanding of their aspirations, interests and goals. Self-empowerment strategies, tips for making programs more accessible, vignettes of diverse students advocating for themselves, and recommendations from parents aimed to improve student success outcomes will be shared.

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free (registration required)



Conference Registration and Call for Proposals

When registration opens in April, school districts can use some of their remaining 2024-25 funds to cover the cost of attending our 47th Annual CAGT Conference, *Empowering Change!* This conference offers over 80 sessions, including four keynote speakers, which will examine various facets of the giftedness of our gifted youth. We also encourage you to submit a proposal to present at the conference!

[Click here for information about the conference](#)

**It's Good for Gifted Youth to Geek Out!
What Pop Culture Teaches about
Giftedness with Doug Alexander**

April 10th

6:45-7:45pm (Mountain)

*Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVGT and
Boulder Valley School District*

Bring the family to this free, in-person talk, appropriate for kids, parents and educators! Gifted young people seek to learn about their complex identities wherever they can. Find out the benefits of pop culture media, how students take identity cues from pop culture, how to design and implement learning experiences using pop culture, and why it's important to give gifted kids the freedom to geek out.

Location: BVSD Education Center, 6500 E. Arapahoe Rd., Boulder, CO 80303

Cost: Free

**Parents Social Hour: Meet the AD12GTPG
Board**

April 10th

11:00am-1:00pm (Mountain)

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: AD12GTPG

Come meet the members of our board and help us with the initial planning for next school year's events! Join us for any portion of this informal gathering that you are able to attend, and we are happy to discuss any other topics as well.

Location: Ca Phe, 3911 E 120th Ave,
Thornton, CO

Cost: Free

The Physics of Superheros and Villains

April 12th

9:30-10:30am (Mountain)

*Sponsored by CU Wizards! and the University
of Colorado-Boulder*

Join Professor James Thompson for a fascinating look into the physics of superheros and villains! This in-person show is open to all K-12 students and their families!

Location: Duane Physics G1B30, University of
Colorado, Boulder

Cost: Free



Conversations with CAGT

Conversations with CAGT presents timely, relevant topics by preeminent local, national, and international specialists in the field of gifted education! Programs premier on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm MST on Facebook Live. [Check out past Conversations with CAGT programs on our website.](#) Conversations with CAGT is an incredible opportunity to get expert advice on topics regarding giftedness for FREE with time to ask your questions! Click the Facebook link below:



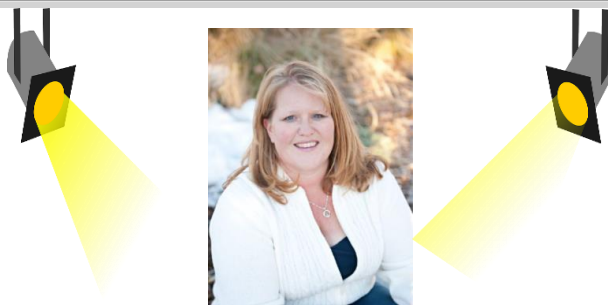
Tuesday, April 1st: Terra Price

"Supporting Gifted Learners Through Positive Psychology:
Addressing Intensities and Fostering Well-Being"

Tuesday, May 6th: TBD

Tuesday, June 3rd: Matthew Makel

"Identification of Gifted Learners"



Get to Know CAGT Executive Board Member:
CAGT President Elect Paula McGuire

Paula is the Gifted Education Regional Consultant for Northeast Colorado, serving 13 rural school districts. In addition, she is an adjunct professor for the University of Northern Colorado. Most importantly, she is married with four children who cover a range of gifted identifications and capabilities. Prior to becoming CAGT President-Elect, she was the CAGT Legislative Chair and assisted in the passage of legislation to fully fund the Universal Screening and Qualified Personnel Grant. Paula takes special interest in the areas of creativity in gifted education and the intersection between rural and gifted.

BVGT Fundraiser at Junkyard Social Club

April 12th

1:00-3:00pm (Mountain)

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVGT

Bring your kids to play and explore at Boulder's quirky family playground, [Junkyard Social Club](#)! Half of all admissions will be shared with BVGT from 1-3pm. In addition to the outdoor playground, indoor cafe space, and community room with tables and games, we will have space in the party room for BVGT connections.

Location: Junkyard Social Club, 2525 Frontier Ave., Ste. A, Boulder, CO

Cost: \$12/child, \$5 suggested donation/adult

Wings Aerospace Exploration (WAE) Parent/Family Info Night

April 16th

6:00-8:00pm (Mountain)

Sponsored by Wings Over the Rockies

Join us for an informational session to learn about Wings Aerospace Exploration (WAE), a hands-on enrichment program for students in grades 6-12 from the team at Wings Over the Rockies™. During this session, we will provide a program overview, introduce our staff and instructors, share stories from current and past students and answer your questions!

Location: Air & Space Museum, 7711 East Academy Blvd, Denver

Cost: Free

Nature Walk: The Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

April 26th

10:00am-12:00pm (Mountain)

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: AD12GTPG

Join us for a 2-hour nature walk where students will dive into the structures and functions of raptors, songbirds, and waterfowl.

Through observations and questioning students will be able to identify groups of birds based on their specific adaptations. This event is open to Adams 12 GT and Talent Pool students in grades K-5 and their families.

Location: Barr Lake State Park, 13401 Picadilly Rd, Brighton, CO

Cost: \$10 per vehicle

Scholarships & Awards

Leadership Awards Nominations

Consider nominating deserving individuals for one of the following 2025 CAGT Leadership Awards: George T. Betts Inspiration Award, Jacquelin Medina Visionary Award, Parent of the Year, Educator of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Special Advocate of the Year, and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

[Click here for more information and to submit nominations.](#)

Nomination deadline: August 22, 2025

Youth Impact Award Nominations

Each year, we award CAGT Youth Impact Awards to children ages 7-18, who have made a positive, meaningful, and beneficial impact on others in their classroom, school and/or community. Four children are selected each year: 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 receive a CAGT Certificate of Excellence and a cash reward.

[Click here for more information and to submit your nomination.](#)

Nomination deadline: June 9, 2025



Gifted & Talented Youth-Friendly Summer Camps & Opportunities

NOTE: The following lists are for informational purposes only. The first list is provided by CAGT in partnership with Boulder Valley School District (BVSD). BVSD and CAGT do not endorse the organizations and programs listed below (except BVSD does endorse their own offerings). The second list was created by CAGT Affiliate: Jefferson County Association of Gifted Children (JAGC)

[BVSD Planning Resource for Summer Camps and Opportunities](#)

[JAGC Summer Programs for Gifted Children Website](#)



In the News & GT Articles

[“How to Develop the Potential of Your Gifted Child”](#) (Psychology Today)

[“12 signs of a gifted child”](#) (Care.com)

[“Why Are Gifted Programs Needed?”](#) (NAGC)

[“Gifted and Autistic: Supporting Your Child’s Unique Strengths”](#) (Autism Parenting Magazine)

[“Black Boys in Gifted Education Deserve More — and My Journey Is Proof of It”](#) (EdSurge)

[“Should special education include advanced students?”](#) (Thomas B. Fordham Institute)

[“Students Are Unmotivated to Learn. Would Consulting Them For Curriculum Help?”](#) (EdSurge)



Recorded Media & Resources

[“Gifted and Talented: Definition, Characteristics, and Resources”](#) (Dr. Marcy Willard, Child Psychologist)



Donate to CAGT's Legislative and Advocacy Efforts!

Support our Advocacy efforts! CAGT works closely with our lobbyists to help state decision makers understand the needs of our gifted students and help to [get legislation passed](#) resulting in programming that may have an academic, social, emotional or financial benefit to our gifted students.

All CAGT donations made online are done securely through PayPal. You can make a one-time or recurring donation of any amount you choose. To donate in recognition or in memory of a special person, make sure you enter his/her name in the “Add a note” text box during checkout.

[Click here to make your donation!](#)



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.](#)

[“Gifted Child Behavior Problems At Home”](#)
(Nicholeen Peck: Teaching Self Government Video)

[“5 Things You Should Never Say to a Gifted Child”](#)
(The ToddCast Podcast)

[“Leadership in Gifted Education”](#) (The Gifted Ed Podcast)

[“15 Best Gifted Education Podcasts”](#) (FeedSpot)

[“Under Pressure: Gifted Students’ Vulnerabilities & Stressors”](#) (Dr. Lisa DaVia Rubenstein Video)

[“How to Better Support Gifted Students: A Coffee Break Chat with Lauren Parker”](#)
(The Thriving School Psychologist Video)

[“Frequently Asked Questions about Gifted Education”](#) (NAGC)

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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.

CAGT Affiliates

Interested in learning more about CAGT and the work that we do to support gifted and talented youth, their parents and their educators? [Join CAGT](#) and reach out to an Affiliate organization in your area to get involved!

Adams County: AD12

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

Boulder County: BVGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

Colorado Springs, Fort Carson and Fountain:

PPAGS [Facebook](#)

Denver: DAGT [Facebook](#)

Douglas County: DCAGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

Fremont, Custer, Pueblo: LARA CAGT [website](#)

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NECAGT [website](#)

South Metro including Sheridan, Englewood,

Littleton and Centennial: SoMe

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

Southwest Colorado including Bayfield, Ignacio,

Mancos, Cortez, Dolores, and Durango:

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

Summit County: SAGE [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

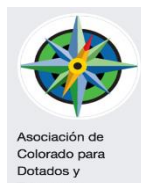
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[Conference Info](#)

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