



## JAGC April 2026 Newsletter

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[JPEP Web Page and Registration](#)

## JAGC's Summer Programs List

[JAGC's list of summer programs](#)

This listing offers a breakdown by age.

# JAGC Elections

[JAGC Nominations for our Board are open April 6th-May 4th](#)

Please join our board to help gifted children in Jeffco! We are looking for parents, Jeffco Public School's staff, and community members to help JAGC support the needs of gifted children in Jeffco. Our organization works closely with Jeffco's GT Department. We bring awareness to our community regarding issues facing our gifted children through our monthly newsletter. We have also helped to shape legislation regarding gifted education.

Please join us and be a voice for not only your gifted child, or gifted children you know, but for all gifted children in Jeffco. Find more information and an application on our [2026 Election](#) webpage. Nominations are being accepted April 6<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [info@jeffcogifted.org](mailto:info@jeffcogifted.org) for more information.

## Coronado Elementary GT Center Snapology Mobile Field Trip

[Check out what Coronado Elementary GT students experienced](#) in February with Snapology!

## Jeffco GT Department Events

### [GT Office Hours for Parents](#)

Do you have questions about GT? We are here to help! Announcing GT department office hours, where you can speak with GT Resource Teachers, Social and Emotional Learning Counselors, and GT department administration. Please see [their website](#) for more information and to complete the [short registration](#) form in order to get a link to participate virtually.

Here are the remaining scheduled office hours for the 2025-26 school year:

4/21 (Tuesday) 5-6 pm  
5/13 (Wednesday) 4-5 pm

### [Ways to Engage](#)

[JAGC Parent Support Meetings](#)

[Parent/Guardian Group for Those with Gifted Children on the Autism Spectrum in Jeffco Schools](#)

## **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.

### **JAGC Parent Support Meetings - We Want to Hear from You!**

We are reimagining our traditional board meetings to encourage time for any Jeffco parent to join us and ask questions, or just need a space to find support for their GT and/or 2e child(ren). JAGC Board members will meet from 4:30-5:15pm and then from 5:15-6:00pm will be an open forum for any parents that want to join us. This is a great time for you to meet us and let us know how we can help support you and your child(ren). We are looking forward to having you join us and to partner with you to help your GT/2e journey be successful!

If you have additional questions, please email us directly at [info@jeffcogifted.org](mailto:info@jeffcogifted.org). If meeting in-person is not an option for you, we can set up an online meeting to ensure we are able to support you.

2nd Tuesday of the month Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, and June 9<sup>th</sup> (if needed). Please check our [website](#) for updates.

Jeffco Education Center, Room 2A  
1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, CO 80401  
4:30-5:15pm JAGC Board Meeting (all are welcome)  
5:15-6:30pm Open Forum for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers  
Please email [info@jeffcogifted.org](mailto:info@jeffcogifted.org) if you plan to attend.

### **CU Wizards: "Plastics! The Past, Present & Future of Plastic Recyclability"**

Presented by: Professor Wei Zhang

Saturday, April 11, 2026  
9:30am - 10:30am  
Cristol Chemistry 140  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
Free

For over 4 decades, CU Wizards family shows allow K-12 students to visit campus on a Saturday morning, participate in STEAM programs, meet and talk to professors, scientists, & fellow students of all ages who are curious about the natural world!

CU Wizards shows...always FREE, always fun...check out the [CU Wizards website](#).

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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](mailto:info@JeffcoGifted.org). We are parents helping parents and have many resources to help you advocate for your child(ren).





## April 2026

**Note:** CAGT does not endorse individuals, organizations or companies. The information included in this publication is for informational purposes only.

## *CAGT Updates*

**Volunteers:** Want to support CAGT with your time and expertise? [Click here](#) for the list of volunteer opportunities and contact information.

**2026 Leadership Awards:** CAGT is honored to recognize outstanding individuals in our Colorado gifted communities and to celebrate incredible educators, administrators, students and parents at CAGT's 48th Annual Conference, *Empowering Change*. [This link](#) includes more information about specific awards, as well as instructions on how to submit a nomination.

**2026 Youth Leadership 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 be choosing four children from the state of Colorado who will be named CAGT Youth Impact Award Students. [Click here](#) to learn more.

# LEGISLATION

**Universal Screening Qualified Personnel (USQP) grant funding:** Current proposed cuts to Colorado's education budget do **not** include the fourth year of funding to the USQP grant. Our lobbyists are closely monitoring this on our behalf.

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Nanette Jones, Mackenzie Fallt (Jason Crow's Aide), & Paula McGuire at **NAGC Hill Day**

President-Elect, Paula McGuire, and Executive Director, Nanette Jones, attended NAGC Hill Day with the goal of asking state legislators to sign a "Dear Colleague" letter for the Jacob K. Javits grant, the only source of federal funding for gifted education. In the past decade, Colorado has benefitted from this grant twice, receiving just over \$4 million total, but Colorado legislators have not signed this letter in several years. We are happy to report that after five meetings with legislative staffers, three CO Representatives--Jason Crow, Diana DeGette, and Brittany Pettersen--all signed this year's letter (the second highest number of representatives to sign behind New Jersey).



**Cooke Young Scholars Program** is open!

**Due April 29th**

Eligible applicants are current 7th graders who have earned mostly As in core subjects, attend school in the U.S., and demonstrate unmet financial need.

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation  
Young Scholars Program -  
application workshops**

**April 7th, 5:00pm, CT**

**April 18th, 10:00am, CT**

Join the Program Outreach Manager at the Center for Talent

Development to learn specifics about the Cooke Young Scholars Program and begin applications.

Location: online

Cost: free

**CU Wizards: Plastics! The Past,  
Present & Future of Plastic  
Recyclability**

**April 11, 9:30am - 10:30am, MST**

Meet and talk to professors, scientists, & fellow students of all ages who are curious about the natural world!

Location: UC Boulder

Cost: free

## *Affiliate Events*

### **NAGC Opportunity and Access Symposium**

This symposium is designed by educators, for educators, with a clear purpose: expanding access to gifted and advanced learning opportunities for all students.

**April 30th, 11:00am-4:30pm, EDT**

Location: Online

Cost: \$99 for NAGC members, \$129 nonmembers

### **SENGconnect: The Spaces Between: Leveraging Intersecting Identity Strengths**

**May 2nd, 8:00 am – 9:30 am PST**

Explore how our layered identities intersect to shape resilience, empathy, and leadership. This session invites reflection on how embracing “the spaces between” can transform challenges into strengths, fostering belonging, authenticity, and growth for gifted and twice-exceptional individuals across diverse contexts and stages of life.

Location: Online

Cost: Click on link above for pricing details

### **Summit Advocates for Gifted Education (SAGE): Is your Gifted Child Thriving?**

**Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Join us for an inspiring presentation with Mark Hess - nationally recognized gifted education expert and author, as he dives into what it really means for gifted children to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Location: The Peak School, Frisco

Cost: free, click [here](#) to register

### **Adams 12 GT Parents Group (A12GTPG): GT Parent Forum - Acceleration in Adams 12**

**Thursday, April 9th, 6:30-8:00 pm**

Discussion of both grade-level and subject-based academic acceleration and how it can look in the classroom.

This event is open to families with gifted students currently enrolled in Adams 12.

Location: Adams 12 Educational Support Center, Thornton

Cost: free, registration link sent by district

### **Denver Association of Gifted and Talented (DAGT): Gifted and Talented Family Series 2025-2026**

**April 14th and May 12th, 5:00-6:15pm**

Educational, family-friendly sessions supporting and celebrating gifted learners.

Location: online

Cost: free

**Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented  
(BVGT): Fun(d)raiser at Junkyard  
Social Club**

**Saturday, April 19, 1:00-3:00pm**

Bring your family and friends to play, socialize, and support BVGT. Half of all admissions from 1-3pm will be donated to BVGT. Click on event title above for flyer.

Location: Junkyard Social Club,  
Boulder

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

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Check here each month for current articles, blog posts, and research from the field:

[Alleviating Perfectionism in High-Achieving Teens and Young Adults](#) (Davidson Institute)

[Tips for Students: Neurodivergent Self-Advocacy and Unmasking](#) (Davidson Institute)

[ADHD overdiagnosis is harming gifted children](#) (EL PAÍS)

[12 Ways to Use Cues to Boost Students' Effort in the Classroom](#) (Edutopia)

[What Worries Parents : A Research Study](#) (Gifted Development Center)

[Use of the WISC-V for Gifted and Twice Exceptional Identification: Strength-Based Indexes Address Discrepant Scoring and Uninterpretable Full Scale IQs](#) (Sage Journals)

[Twice Exceptional, Thrice Ignored? Behavioral and Academic Support for GT Emergent Bilinguals With Disabilities](#) (Sage Journals)



### [Pautas para padres con hijos de altas capacidades](#)

Criar a un niño con altas capacidades puede ser una experiencia enriquecedora, pero también trae preguntas y desafíos para muchas familias. Este artículo ofrece pautas sencillas para acompañar a estos niños en casa, recordando que, aunque puedan razonar de manera muy avanzada, emocionalmente siguen siendo niños. Incluye recomendaciones prácticas para escuchar sus emociones, evitar la sobreexigencia y fomentar relaciones sociales saludables, ayudando a las familias a apoyar su desarrollo intelectual y emocional de manera equilibrada.



Season 6 is here! The first Tuesday of each month, CAGT will release a newly recorded conversation. [Click here](#) to access new and archived conversations.

## Affiliate Corner

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: A12GTPG [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](#)

Jefferson County: JAGC [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

South Metro including Sheridan, Englewood, Littleton and Centennial: SoMe CAGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

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



### Donations

Please consider donating to CAGT's Scholarships! Each year, CAGT provides scholarship money to selected recipients – including educators, counselors, students, administrators, and gifted advocates – to attend our CAGT Conference. Help us grow the number of people who can benefit from these scholarships by donating today! [Click here to make your donation!](#)

### Advertising Opportunity!

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[Click here for details, pricing and additional information!](#)

