



JAGC February 2025 Newsletter

SPARKS Gifted & Talented Summer Camp

Jeffco GT Department's [SPARKS Summer Enrichment Program](#) is a wonderful opportunity for gifted students in Jeffco entering grades 1st-8th to choose classes of interest, from art to computer coding, and to spend time with other gifted students. Find more information in [Jeffco GT Gazette](#).

June 2nd-6th, 2025

Registration open March 3rd-12th

Early Access

[Early Access Application](#) - To meet the needs of highly advanced children who have not yet entered kindergarten, Jeffco Public Schools may grant early entrance to school, for highly advanced gifted children, with a body of evidence at or above the 97th percentile, who do not meet the age requirements outlined in [Board Policy JEB](#).

The [application](#) is open January 2, 2025 - April 1, 2025.

Jeffco Gifted & Talented Department's [January 2025 GT Gazette](#)

Upcoming Events

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:

2/26 (Wednesday) 4-5 pm

3/11 (Tuesday) 5-6 pm

4/17 (Thursday) 5-6 pm

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

[CU Wizards: Rocks From Outer Space!](#)

CU Boulder Geology Professor Brian Hynek has traveled the globe in search of rocks from outer space. These rocks tell fascinating stories...the geologic, hydrologic, and climatic histories of our neighboring planets. Meet at CU Planetarium for a memorable Saturday morning CU Wizards show presented by a real rock star who is seeking to answer one of the greatest questions: Are we alone?!

Saturday, February 8, 2025
9:30 – 10:30am
Fiske Planetarium, CU-Boulder
Click [here](#) for more information.

[CU Wizards: A Visit with Madam Curie](#)

Please check their [website](#) after February 8th to make sure this is still scheduled.

Join Living History Scholar Susan Marie Frontczak for a fascinating look into the experiments and knowledge gained from Madam Curie! This in-person show is open to all K-12 students and their families!

Saturday, February 22, 2025
9:30 – 10:30am
Duane Physics G1B30, CU-Boulder
Click [here](#) for more information.

Save the Date

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

- Spring 2025 date TBD - Guest speaker

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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Thank you for supporting our organization and children who are gifted and talented.



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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 February?

Notes

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Events

[AI/ML Robotics Program for High School Girls](#)

Sponsored by Colorado School of Mines DECTech

This engaging 6-week program introduces high school girls to robotics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning concepts through hands-on experiences with Hiwonder robots and basic programming. DECTech is passionate about supporting girls' involvement in STEM education and careers. The program will be held on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:15pm starting in March.

Location: Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO

Cost: Program fee TBD

February 7th at 11:59pm (Mountain) is the deadline to apply



Conversations with CAGT

1st Tuesday each month at 5:00 pm MST on Facebook Live

Conversations with CAGT continues with 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 to access Conversations with CAGT.



Tuesday, February 11th: Heather Baskin and Michael Scott
"Colorado Gifted Identification: Rule and Practice"

[Virtual Community Group for Early Career Gifted Adults](#)

Sponsored by *Beyond Gifted Services and SENG*

Gifted college-age students and early-career professionals are invited to join this support group which runs virtually for 75 minutes on Tuesdays at 9:00am (Mountain time) for 6 weeks. The intention of the group is to create community and provide peer support for gifted individuals who often feel isolated due to their identities and interests during their young adult lives.

Registration required.

Location: Online

Cost: \$200

February 11th through March 18th

[STEM DECtech-tives: Discovery Day](#)

Sponsored by *Colorado School of Mines DECtech*

Girls in grades 3-5 are invited to spend the day diving into thrilling mysteries as they solve problems, crack codes, and uncover secrets like a true investigator! Registration required.

Location: Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO

Cost: \$110

February 17th from 9:00am-4:00pm (Mountain)

[Boulder Valley School District Gifted Department Courses](#)

Sponsored by *Boulder Valley School District*

Boulder Valley School District Gifted Department is offering three online asynchronous courses titled (1) The Gifted Learner, (2) Culturally-Linguistically Diverse Gifted Learners and (3) Creativity for the Gifted Learner. Anyone is welcome to join; you do not have to be an educator nor do you have to be in the Boulder area. Colorado educators may earn instructional seat time that counts toward recertification requirements or Adams State University (ASU) graduate credit.

Location: Online

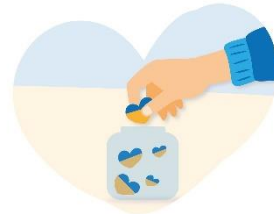
Cost: \$40-\$55 depending upon course
February 18th - April 22nd classes offered



Gifted & Talented Youth-Friendly Summer Camps & Opportunities

NOTE: The following list is for informational purposes only and is provided by Colorado Association for Gifted & Talented (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).

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



Donate to CAGT Scholarships!

Would you like to help more educators and students attend the 2025 CAGT Conference? Are you looking for ways to ensure your money has a lasting impact on others? Consider donating to the Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented! Each year, CAGT provides scholarship money to selected 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!

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!](#)

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Location: Duane Physics G1B30, UC-Boulder

Cost: Free

February 22nd from 9:30-10:30am
(Mountain)

[2e Roundtable Discussion with Marni Kammersell](#)

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVGT

Join other parents and educators for support and community with BVGT! As an encore to Marni Kammersell's highly acclaimed presentation this fall on giftedness through the lens of neurodivergence, we invite you to continue the conversation. Marni will provide a brief overview followed by an open roundtable discussion. Newcomers are welcome; you need not have attended Marni's earlier presentation to participate.

Location: Louisville Public Library, 951 Spruce St., Louisville, CO

Cost: Free

February 23rd from 2:00-3:30pm
(Mountain)

[Executive Functioning Support Course: Raising an Organized Kid](#)

Sponsored by Summit Center

Do you feel overwhelmed by your family's calendar? Do you struggle with planning, organization, and time management for your children? Learn about executive functioning skills and how to build systems for your family in a small, interactive group. This group meets every Friday for 5 weeks from 12:00pm-1:00pm (Pacific)

Location: Virtual

Cost: \$350

February 28th through March 28th

CAGT Affiliates

Interested in learning more about CAGT and the work we do to support gifted and talented youth, their parents and educators in Colorado? [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
(BVGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

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

Denver: Denver Association for Gifted and Talented
(DAGT [Facebook](#))

Douglas County: Douglas County Association for Gifted and Talented
(DCAGT [website](#) and [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
(SWGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Summit County: Summit Advocates for Gifted Education
(SAGE [website](#) and [Facebook](#))



In the News & GT Articles

[“Why Highly Intelligent Children May Struggle with the Opinions of Others”](#)
(Davidson Institute)

[“Gifted Preschoolers Can Enroll Early at St. Vrain Valley Elementary Schools”](#)
(Longmont Leader)

[“How to Tell if Your Toddler Is Gifted”](#)
(What To Expect)

[“What’s A “Twice-Exceptional” Child? Educators & Mental Health Pros Explain”](#)
(Scary Mommy Blog)

[“Arkansas’ effort to make Advanced Placement courses universally accessible”](#) (Thomas Fordham Institute)

[“Top 20 Principles for Creative, Talented, and Gifted Students”](#) (American Psychological Association)

[“Can Gifted Education Help Higher-Ability Boys from Disadvantaged Backgrounds?”](#)
(National Bureau of Economic Research)

[“Brilliance to Burnout: Understanding the Silent Struggles of Gifted Kids”](#) (Medium)

[“How To Talk About Your Giftedness With Family, Friends, and Coworkers”](#)
(Your Rainforest Mind)



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.](#)



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.

["The Over-excitabilities High-IQ People Have"](#) (Psychology Today)

["Kids With Highly Sensitive Brains Usually Have These 4 Traits, According To Parenting Experts"](#) (Your Tango)



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Links

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[CAGT Affiliates List](#)

[Conference Info](#)

If you would like for your gifted and talented event information to be included in The Happenings, then email your event information by the 20th of each month to Molly Gibney at cagtmolly@gmail.com.



Recorded Media & Resources

["Supporting Children with Autism after a Natural Disaster"](#)
(Four Seasons Grief Services)

["When Disaster Strikes Gifted Minds"](#) (ASCD)

["Considerations for a Single Grade Acceleration in Early Elementary School"](#) (Davidson Gifted Perspectives Video)

["Real-World Relationships, Digital Connections, Keeping It Together"](#) (Neurodiversity Podcast)

["From Frustration to Fascination: Guiding Gifted Kids w/ Dr. Joanne Foster"](#) (Our Gifted Kids Podcast)

["Overcoming Sleep Struggles: Tips for Neurodiverse Families"](#) (Raising Lifelong Learners Blog)

["Gifted Autism: 10 Ways to Meet Your Child's Unique Needs"](#) (Autism Parenting Magazine)

["What Do Math-Gifted Children Become? Exploring Career Outcomes"](#) (Math Exercises for Kids)

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