



JAGC March 2025 Newsletter

JAGC's Summer Programs List

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

JAGC Elections

[JAGC Nominations for our Board are open March 1st-31st](#)

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 [2025 Election](#) webpage. Nominations are being accepted March 1st-31st, 2025.

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

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.

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.

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.

Mackintosh Academy Presents [Dr. Katie Bellon: Understanding Rejection Sensitivity and Building Resilience in Your Gifted Child](#)

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Mackintosh Academy

7018 South Prince Street Littleton, CO 80120

Free

[More information and RSVP](#)

Does your child struggle with intense feelings of rejection? Gifted students—especially those with ADHD—often experience rejection sensitivity in ways that impact their learning, friendships, and self-esteem.

The emotional experience of rejection is often heightened in gifted students and can be particularly intense for gifted students with ADHD. This talk will discuss rejection sensitivity and the ways in which it can impact your child's learning and social relationships. Most importantly, the talk will focus on parenting strategies to help our children weather the rejections, big and small, that are a part of everyday life, while building emotional resilience.

Dr. Katie Bellon is a licensed, clinical psychologist in private practice and the mother of two Mackintosh alumni. Her practice is focused on learning assessments for children, adolescents, and adults.

CU Wizards CU Physics Professor John Bohn presents: "The Physics of Sports!"

Saturday, March 15, 2025

9:30am - 10:30am

Duane Physics G1B30 University of Colorado, Boulder

Free

Professor John Bohn's Family Wizards Show "The Physics of Sports!" is a HIT! It might seem like our favorite athletes defy the laws of physics, but this is not so - they work with physics, just as we all do. Come and learn about how motion, energy, and balance contribute to the things we all do in sports! We will have lots of audience participation, including an activity for all kids who attend!

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:

3/11 (Tuesday) 5-6 pm

4/17 (Thursday) 5-6 pm

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

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.



CAGT
Colorado Association for
Gifted and Talented

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 March?

Notes

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Events

[Organizational Finance Management 101](#)

March 5th

4:00pm (Eastern)

Sponsored by NAGC Leadership & Advocacy Series

Join NAGC's Director of Finance and Administration, Andrew Bassett, for an overview of best practices for organizational/nonprofit finance management, including accounting practices to follow, tips for budgeting, suggestions for keeping organized, and important points to remember to retain and protect your tax status.

Location: Virtual

Cost: \$20 for NAGC members /
\$30 non-members



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, March 4th: Nancy Hertzgog

"Designing the Learning Environment to Challenge and Stimulate Young Children"

Tuesday, April 1st: Terra Price

"Root & Spark Education Founder: Igniting Potential in Every Child"

Tuesday, May 6th: TBD

Tuesday, June 3rd: Matthew Makel

"Identification of Gifted Learners"

First Annual BVGT Bookstravaganza!

March 9th

2:30pm-4:00pm

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVGT

Kids - bring a book you love! Adults - bring a book or article that you've read on giftedness to share! Everyone - bring books you're done with for a free book swap! BVGT will be on hand with books from our [Lending Library](#).

Location: Meadows Branch Library (Boulder)

Cost: Free

Jefferson County School District GT "Office Hour"

March 11th

5:00-6:00pm (Mountain)

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Location: Virtual

Cost: Free

Understanding Rejection Sensitivity and Building Resilience in Your Gifted Child

March 12th

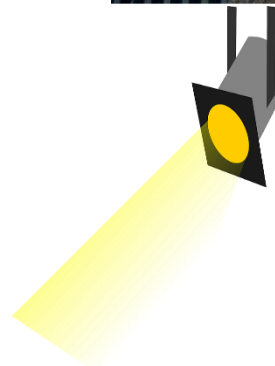
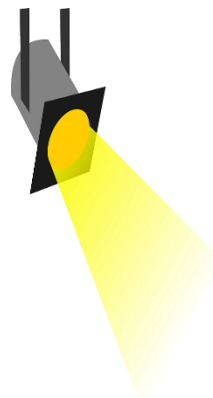
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Location: Mackintosh Academy, 7018 South Prince Street Littleton, CO

Cost: Free



Get to Know CAGT's Executive Board Members: **CAGT President Doug Alexander**

Doug Alexander, MA NBCT, is the current President and has served on CAGT boards since 2020, first as Communications Chair, then as President-Elect/Conference Chair. Gifted education is a passion for Doug! In his day job, Doug serves as a district-level gifted education specialist in Boulder Valley School District. He has a master's degree and National Board certification in gifted education, and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree focused on gifted education through the University of Northern Colorado. He also serves as a network chair for CAGT's parent organization, the National Association for Gifted Children. Doug is thrilled to be part of CAGT and to advocate for gifted and advanced learners everywhere!

[The Physics of Sports!](#)

March 15th

9:30-10:30am (Mountain)

Sponsored by CU Wizards! and the UC-Boulder
Join Professor John Bohn for a fascinating look
into the physics of sports! This in-person show
is open to all K-12 students and their families!
Location: Duane Physics G1B30, UC-Boulder
Cost: Free

[Walking the Journey of Parenting Bright, Complex Kids](#)

March 16th

7:00-8:00pm (Central)

Sponsored by Chicago Gifted Community
Center

A panel of experienced parents of gifted and
twice-exceptional children will share the
journeys that they walked with their children
through their childhood, teen, and young
adult years. We will share our stories of
challenges and hope. There will be time for
discussion.

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free

[How to Heal from Trauma Using Internal Family Systems](#)

March 18th

1:00-2:00pm (Eastern)

Sponsored by ADDitude

Children with ADHD often face more trauma,
excessive criticism, and attacks on their self-
esteem than their neurotypical peers. In this
webinar you will learn the common forms of
trauma that children with ADHD experience
and how trauma reactions can explain
certain behaviors in children at home and in
school. Internal Family Systems (IFS)
therapy will be discussed as an option to
address the behaviors that often impede
ADHD care and treatment.

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free



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](#)



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!](#)

“I’m Bored!”: How to Engage GT Students at Home and at School

March 24th

6:30pm-8:30pm

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: AD12GTPG

Join this GT Parents Forum for a discussion on how to deal with the much-dreaded phrase we often hear from our GT kiddos: "I'm bored!" We will present ideas on how to help kids satisfy their curiosity and creativity at home, and will share tools teachers use to keep kids engaged in the classroom. There will be ample time for small group discussion and broader Q&As.

Location: Adams 12 Educational Support Center, 1500 E 128th Ave, Thornton, CO
Cost: Free

Ocean Odyssey: After School Program at Colorado School of Mines

March 25th

4:30pm-5:45pm for four weeks on T/W/Th
Sponsored by DecTech

Students in grades 3-10 are invited to attend the DecTech after-school program, led by current Mines students passionate about sharing their love for STEM. Embark on an epic journey through the mysteries of the deep and learn about our planet like never before! Classes are divided into grades 3rd-4th, 5th-6th and 7th-10th.

Location: Mines Campus in Golden, CO
Cost: \$85

Strength Based Learning for All Students

March 26th

12:00pm-3:30pm (Eastern)

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

Join the half-day virtual Taste of Confratute event to learn about strength-based learning and it can benefit academically talented students, twice exceptional students, and our general population of all other students!

Keynote by Todd Kettler-Strength-Based Approaches with Twice-Exceptional Talent.

Location: Virtual
Cost: \$89

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

[“BVSD student, inspired by his family’s loss in the Marshall Fire, designs wildfire notification app recognized by Congress”](#) (Boulder Valley School District)

[“How to Make Gifted Programs More Equitable”](#)
(Education Week)

[“How the Gifted Program Changed My Life”](#)
(EdTrust)

[“How K–12 Can Get a Head Start on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math”](#) (EdTech Magazine)

[“Tips for Parents: The Joy of Adventure”](#)
(Davidson Institute Gifted Resources)

[“The Power of STEM Role Models: Inspiring Gifted Learners to Dream Big”](#) (NAGC Blog)

[“If Your Parents Taught You These 3 Skills Growing Up, You’re Probably A Very Gifted Adult Now”](#) (Your Tango Blog)

[“5 Key Ways to Support Students With Learning Differences”](#) (Education Week)

[“Advanced Education Provides Benefits that Differentiated Instruction Can’t”](#) (ADVANCE: Thomas Fordham Institute)

[“Can Providing Universal Access to AP Courses Improve Equity?”](#) (Psychology Today)

[“Gifted and Ignored: The Smart Kids Who Can’t Afford to Succeed”](#) (ABC Australia)



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.



Recorded Media & Resources

[“Deadlines and the Development of Executive Functioning Skills”](#) (Davidson Gifted Perspectives Video)

[“Beyond the Stereotypes of Autism and Neurodiversity”](#) (Neurodiversity Podcast)

[“Summit School District Gifted Programming Guide”](#) (Summit School District)

[“Understanding Asynchrony in Gifted Children”](#) (Raising Lifelong Learners video)

[“Amazon Gifts for Especially Smart and Gifted Children”](#) (22 Words Blog)

[“Enrichment Programs for Academically Gifted Students”](#) (Davidson Gifted Blog)

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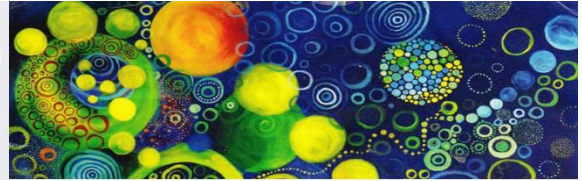
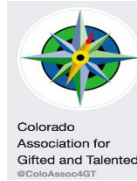
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[Conference Info](#)

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.

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