



JAGC NEWS

Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children
SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR ADVANCED LEARNERS

March 2022

Hello Families,

Happy (almost) Spring! Make it a good month by joining the JAGC board or nominating someone. [Nominations](#) are due by March 24. Join us and help advocate for our advanced learners.

Upcoming events:

- **March 9:** Virtual parent learning features Emily Kircher-Morris, host of the Neurodiversity Podcast. Don't miss this special event.
- **March 14:** Deadline to register for SPARKS summer enrichment.
- **March 18:** Applications for [Jeffco Early Access](#) for 4- and 5-year-olds are due.

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JAGC Info



2022 JAGC Election Nominations Open Through March 25

Join the JAGC board! You are eligible to nominate someone and/or yourself for the JAGC Board of Directors. Terms run for two years from July 1 to June 30. Nominations will be accepted through March 25.

This year there are six positions subject to election. Two Executive Committee members (Vice President and Treasurer) and four Member-at-Large positions will be voted upon this cycle. All positions are two-year terms starting July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024.

All nominees will need to formally be or become a JAGC member. Membership in JAGC includes joint membership in CAGT (Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented). Combined dues are \$40 annually and membership in JAGC and CAGT runs concurrent to the school year. Both are valid from September until August of the following year.

The nomination form can be found [HERE](#). For more details or questions, please email the [committee chair](#).

See the [JAGC website](#) for information on board membership and on board [roles and committees](#).

Become a JAGC Member to Vote in the Spring Election

JAGC will hold the annual election for board positions in March. Become a member now to be involved! Membership in JAGC and CAGT runs from September until August of the following year. When you register, select Jeffco as your affiliate. [Join us!](#)

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NEW TO GT? WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

View the JAGC webinar recording and resources
[\[Click HERE \]](#)

“New to GT? What Families Need to Know” Webinar Resources

If you missed our February webinar, check out the [recording and slides](#) on our website. Thanks to JAGC board members and education experts Heather Groff and Jana Bellach for the great information!



Looking for help? JAGC is here for you!
If you have questions or concerns or need help, [email us](#) or post a question on our [Facebook](#) page. This past month we have:

- Hosted a webinar for parents new to GT
- Helped families find education advocates
- Referred families seeking testing and help with learning challenges
- Worked with families to determine school choices

Let us know how we can help. We want to hear from you!

Jeffco GT Dept. Info

[Click here for the latest GT Gazette](#)



Helping Gifted Kids Manage “All the Feels” With Emily Kircher-Morris

Virtual Parent Learning March 9
Processing and managing emotions is hard for even the most level-headed of us. For gifted and twice-exceptional kids and teens, dealing with “all the feels” can be exhausting. The skills needed to develop emotional regulation can be developed over time with guidance and compassion from parents and educators.

Emily Kircher-Morris, host of The Neurodiversity Podcast, will break down the four-step process of emotional regulation so we can help our kids who are “a little bit extra” find healthy ways to manage their emotions. Register [here](#).



Register for SPARKS GT Summer Enrichment by March 14

The [SPARKS GT Enrichment Program](#) is planned at Wheat Ridge High School from June 6-10 for Jeffco identified GT students entering grades 1-8. Classes provide an engaging learning environment in a variety of topics. The GT Dept. sent a registration link and course options home to families of all students on Advanced Learning Plans or in GT Centers on March 1.



Early Access for Kindergarten Applications Due March 18
The Early Access application is now open. Portfolios are due March 19. Early Access applies to children in the 97th percentile or above on standardized tests and functioning levels typically two years or more above peers. See the [Jeffco GT website](#) for more information.



Check Out GT Website Resources

See the GT Dept. [website](#) for the latest news on Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs), opportunities for GT students, resources for parents and more.

- [Parent/Family Resources page](#)
- [List of Jeffco GT staff](#)

Calendar & Events



Conversations with CAGT - Tuesdays at 5 PM

All of the sessions are on the [CAGT website](#) and on their [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

- [JAGC calendar - activities, events & conferences](#)
- [Broomfield area events](#)
- [Denver area things to do](#)
- [Denver area TedX conferences](#)
- [Denver Mensa speaker series](#)
- [PEN Parent Engagement Network events](#)
- [Belin-Blank Center Gifted Education online classes and conferences](#)
- [Hoagies Gifted list of conferences](#)

Newsletter Links

See our [website](#) for these helpful resources:
For Parents New to GT - Jeffco GT Dept. Info and GT 101 - Parent Info & Resources - Student Programs & Enrichment - Homework Help - Learning Supports - Scholarships - College Resources - National GT Resources

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