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Welcome to the December edition of Gifted Education e-News! This newsletter is created by the Arizona Department of Education for updates on gifted education happenings in Arizona and across the country.

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AAGT ANNUAL CONFERENCE ~ PHOENIX, FEBRUARY 2-3, 2017

Please join us at the Black Canyon Conference Center in Phoenix, Arizona for two full days of learning, networking, and gifted education synergy! Sessions on differentiation, technology integration, the common core standards, social/emotional needs of gifted individuals, and much more will be offered.

Our theme this year: *Gifted Education 2.0: Leaving Behind the Status Quo*

Keynote Speakers: **Dr. Brian Housand** and **Dr. Marcia Gentry**



Register by December 20, 2016, to receive the early bird discount! [Click here for more information and registration.](#)

AZ KIDS CAN'T WAIT! EDUCATION PLAN

AZ Kids Can't Wait

Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas released her [2017 AZ Kids Can't Wait! education plan](#), which presents a comprehensive vision for improving education in Arizona.

"It's very important that Arizona provides a well-rounded and challenging education for all students. Offering advanced and accelerated learning options like advanced placement programs, gifted education programs, arts, music programs and educational technology choices supports Arizona's students who may experience academic success at a faster pace than their peers. My goal is to support all students, including those who are excelling." p.43

The 2017 AZ Kids Can't Wait! plan is available online at www.azed.gov/weheardyou.

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED (AAGT)



The Arizona Association for Gifted and Talented (AAGT – www.arizonagifted.org) is an advocacy organization for teachers, parents and students. They are an affiliate organization of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC – www.nagc.org). Both of these organizations provide some great resources for parents of gifted children. The AAGT offers opportunities for parents and students – such as their annual Parent Institute in the Fall, held in Phoenix, student programs / competitions, and their upcoming Annual Conference in Phoenix.

SPOTLIGHT ON GIFTED ★ NEW! ★

Do your gifted students have an amazing story to share? Is your school or district doing innovative things to improve outcomes for gifted students, promote efficiency and support educators, i.e., gifted professional development, etc.?

★ Please tell us about it! ★

Tell us about the wonderful work you and your students are doing in and out of the classroom! Email your announcements, news articles, photos, etc. to us at Gifted@azed.gov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Do you know someone who may be interested in receiving this Gifted e-newsletter? Feel free to forward this e-News to them so they can email us at Gifted@azed.gov and be added to our contact list. Visit our website at www.azed.gov/gifted-education for other Arizona gifted resources and information.

Thank you for supporting all gifted learners in Arizona!

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