

Gifted Education e-News



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Welcome to the February 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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BARRETT SUMMER SCHOLARS – APPLY BY MARCH 3RD



Barrett Summer Scholars

**Save the dates for
our 2017 sessions**

8th Grade June 18-23

9th Grade Session One - June 4-9

9th Grade Session Two - June 11-16

10th Grade Tempe - June 4-16

10th Grade Downtown - June 18-30

Applications

Applications will be available online in early January.

Applications must be submitted no later than March 3.

**For more
information visit**

eoss.asu.edu/bss



[@barrettsummerscholars](#)

Access ASU at Arizona State University is excited to host summer programs for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade gifted and academically-motivated students. The Barrett Summer Scholars program provides participants with exposure to university-level academics, a residential life experience and community building with other bright students who share in their interests and abilities. This program is designed to build student capacity for enrollment and success at Arizona State University and Barrett, the Honors College.

[Click here for more information and registration.](#)

THE YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM IS OPEN!

The application is now open! The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program is looking for talented 7th graders with financial need. Students selected to be Cooke Young Scholars will receive academic and college counseling, funding for enrichment activities, and the opportunity to join a community of

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ambitious peers. Apply now:
<http://bit.ly/2kFuvNY>.

All application materials must be received **by April 5, 2017** at noon ET.

AAGT GIFTED 101 SUMMER WORKSHOP



Because Giftedness Doesn't Take the Summer Off!

The Arizona Association for the Gifted and Talented will be hosting a Summer Gifted 101 Workshop across the state. There are three locations:

- **Prescott Unified School District** 146 S. Granite Street, Prescott, AZ 86303 on **June 26th, 2017**
- **Lake Havasu City Unified School District**, 2200 Havasupai Blvd Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 on **June 27th, 2017**
- **Tucson, AZ** location TBD on **June 29th, 2017**

[Click here for more information and registration.](#)

THREE AMAZING CONFERENCES THIS SUMMER!



- Teachers' Institute
- Summit VIII
- Leading Change
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Dates and Registration Links:

June 12 - 13, 2017

<https://ems.azed.gov/home/Calendar?sd=2540>

June 13, 2017

<https://ems.azed.gov/home/SearchResults?SearchString=summit>

June 14 - 16, 2017

<https://ems.azed.gov/Home/Calendar?sd=2401>

Registration Fees

\$295 / \$250* per person (*for each person on teams of 3 or more)

\$100 per person

\$395 / \$350* per person (*for each person on teams of 5 or more)

[Click here for more information and registration.](#)

NINA MASON PULLIAM LEGACY SCHOLARS



NINA MASON PULLIAM
LEGACY SCHOLARS

The Nina Scholars Program is a scholarship program dedicated to providing educational opportunities for individuals who would not normally receive traditional academic scholarships and whose personal commitments and financial circumstances would preclude their attendance without substantial, long-term scholarship support.

The ASU Nina Scholars application is for students who will enroll at Arizona State University in the fall. The application deadline is **March 1st**.

[For more information and application, click here.](#)

ARIZONA MUSICFEST SCHOLARSHIP

Arizona Musicfest is pleased to announce the seventh year of the organization's Scholarship Program, which awards generous scholarship funds to an Arizona high school senior pursuing a college-level instrumental performance degree, classical voice degree, or degree in music education. Applicants must be Arizona residents graduating in 2017 and enrolling in a college-level instrumental performance, classical voice performance, or music education program before December 31, 2017. The deadline for submitting the Scholarship Application is **April 10, 2017**.

The 2017 award amount will be \$2,500; paid directly by Arizona Musicfest to the recipient's school of attendance. Arizona Musicfest provides \$2,500 (renewable for up to 4 years) to a graduating high school senior who will pursue a music degree at a college or university.



Arizona Musicfest
Box Office: 480.840.0457

[Click here for more information about the Arizona Musicfest Scholarship.](#)

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 and competitions.

SPOTLIGHT ON GIFTED

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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