

A DECADE PLUS WITH CAGT

TEN YEARS+ OF CONFERENCING

- Annual Conferences, Parent Institutes and Leadership Events have featured top experts in the field of gifted education including Carol Ann Tomlinson, Jann Lepien, George Betts, Linda Silverman, Jim Delisle, Sue Jackson, Stephanie Tolan, Jonathan Plucker, Sally Reis, and Joe Renzulli.
- CAGT hosted the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) National Conventions in 2002 and again in 2012 in Denver.

TEN YEARS+ OF COMMUNICATING

- *The Kaleidoscope* was mailed quarterly to members...and now it's electronic.
- *The Happenings*, electronically provides monthly updates of GT events.
- Electronic urgent communications to advocates across Colorado have garnered critical support for legislation both at a State and National level.
- CAGT is now on Facebook and Twitter.

TEN YEARS+ OF COLLABORATING

- CAGT supported the development and implementation of the Gifted Education Endorsement.
- CAGT drafted language which allows 9th through 12th graders to participate in concurrent enrollment programs created by HB09-1319 and SB09-285.
- CAGT is represented on the Coalition for Gifted Education. The Coalition has successfully drafted three legislative bills in the last five years including:
 1. HB07-1244 which mandates programming for gifted students in Colorado schools.
 2. HB08-1021 which permits administrative units to develop a plan to allow early access to Kindergarten and First Grade for highly gifted young children.
 3. HB11-1077 which separates gifted language from special education language in the ECEA law.
 4. HB14-1102 which provided monies for Qualified Personnel directing programs throughout the Administrative Units, Universal screening before the end of 2nd grade, reciprocity for GT identification and codifying the State Advisory Committee for GT.
- CAGT supported acceleration policies created by HB13-1023.
- CAGT worked for GT friendly language in School Finance in HB13-213.
- CAGT collaborates with the Colorado Academy of Educators of Gifted, Talented and Creative to co-sponsor events.
- CAGT is working with Great Education Colorado and is part of the Great Futures Coalition in working for better schools across Colorado.
- CAGT regularly attends State Board meetings and Legislative Hearings.
- CAGT attends the Annual NAGC Affiliate Conferences in Washington, DC to talk to Congress about issues involving gifted children and education.
- CAGT's president is an ex officio member of the State Advisory Committee for Gifted Education.
- CAGT exhibits at the annual CASE and CASB conferences.

TEN YEARS+ OF CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

- An annual CAGT Legislative Day pairs gifted students with legislators encouraging positive interaction and support. To date approximately 2500 students have participated.
- Members of the CAGT Board are working with the Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education to establish Gifted Education training in undergraduate teacher education programs.

TEN YEARS+ OF CONNECTING

- CAGT has provided support to its Affiliates through partnerships and shared resources.
- CAGT has responded to thousands of parent/teacher questions.