39th Annual NCAGT Conference
KICK IT UP
A NOTCH!
February 28-March 01, 2013
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Advocacy
Partnerships
Technology
Curriculum
NCAGT 39TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
GIFTED EDUCATION:
Kick it UP a Notch!

“BAM!” proclaims the world famous chef Emeril Lagasse as he throws in another spice or handful of herbs to a dish to “Kick it UP a Notch”. With the same flare, educators are embracing gifted education by exploring ways we can spice up our current levels of total school programming and turn up the heat on our best advocacy practices. With the implementation of the Common Core and Essential Standards in all classrooms across North Carolina, NCAGT is committed to seeing gifted education programming elevated to a higher level.

The NCAGT conference has been recognized as being among the very best state gifted education conferences in the nation and this year's two day event will follow the same trusted tradition of excellence. Attendees will be engaged in networking opportunities, keynote addresses led by recognized leaders from our own state, and numerous concurrent sessions providing critical information and training on curriculum, programming, and advocacy.

Classroom teachers, gifted program coordinators, school and district administrators, postsecondary students and faculty, school guidance counselors, and parents of children with gifts and talents – Join us in Winston Salem on February 28 through March 1 to discover the information and resources you can bring back to your local district’s gifted program in order to “Kick it UP a Notch!”

Conference Planning Committee:
Laura Parrott (Chair), Suzanne Dixon, Liz Fogarty, Laura Howard McHenry, and Tisha Duncan

“Thanks for hosting a wonderful conference that has helped lift my spirits, renew my teaching skills and spurred me on to become better as an educator to help gifted students grow and bloom.”

Ruth P., 2012 NCAGT Annual Conference Participant

Who is NCAGT? The North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented is a nonprofit for parents, teachers, educators, and community leaders who work to expand support for high ability learners across the state. NCAGT is dedicated to supporting the educational and social-emotional needs of academically and/or intellectually gifted students.
The youth of today have unprecedented access to technology tools that were barely imaginable a few years ago. However, when our best and brightest students are left to their own devices, seldom are these powerful tools utilized to their full potential nor to the full potential of our gifted students. As teachers of the gifted, we possess valuable expertise regarding the teaching of creativity and critical thinking, but we must also effectively leverage the affordances provided by today’s technology into sound pedagogy. This speech examines how the worlds of technology, gifted education, and digital youth can be meaningfully united to create a new vision of what it means to demonstrate creative productive giftedness.

Brian Housand is an assistant professor in the department of Curriculum and Instruction and coordinator of the Academically and Intellectually Gifted Program at East Carolina University. He earned his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology at the University of Connecticut’s National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented with a emphasis in both gifted education and instructional technology. In 2008, the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) name Brian the Doctoral Student of the Year. His column, Technology Untangled, appears in the NAGC publication Teaching for High Potential. Brian also writes Tech Tools for Today’s Teachers for the Gifted Education Communicator. He currently serves on the NAGC Board of Directors. Brian frequently presents and works as an educational consultant on the integration of technology and enrichment into the curriculum. He is currently researching ways in which technology can enhance the learning environment and is striving to define creative productive giftedness in a digital age.

Cindi Rigsbee

“The Difference Teachers Make”

It is not uncommon to hear that teachers make a difference in the lives of children, but in these days of limited budgets, high-stakes assessments, and rigorous standards, teachers can sometimes forget how important they really are. Teachers continue to be on a journey and it ends in the most important place: with the impact a teacher can make on a student.

Cindi Regsbee is a former North Carolina Teacher of the Year and a finalist for National Teacher of the Year. She is the author of Finding Mrs. Warnecke: The Difference Teachers Make. Cindi has also contributed numerous education articles to Teacher Magazine and ASCD Express, and has a story included in Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teacher Tales: 101 Inspirational Stories from Great Teachers and Appreciative Students. A reading teacher at Gravelly Hill Middle School in Orange County, NC, Cindi currently serves as a “Teacher-on-loan” to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction where she provides professional development support and training to educators in the Piedmont region of the state.
## General Registration Information

Persons who pre-register by **January 28, 2013** are eligible for discount fees and will receive a detailed schedule of conference sessions. Please note. The deadline for hotel reservations is **February 2, 2013**. Don’t delay. Register today.

You must be a member of NCAGT in good standing at the time we receive your conference registration to receive the membership discount. Current members are those who hold membership in NCAGT which runs through March 2013, as well as new or renewing members who pay their membership dues with their conference registration fees. The membership expiration date is found on the NCAGT newsletter mailing label and other NCAGT mailings. Non-members are those who are not current members or those who have let their membership expire by not renewing.

Please note on the registration form (page 5) that individuals may attend two full-days or may attend one day only (either Thursday or Friday). Each day has a full-conference schedule with two meals and with different keynote speakers and breakout sessions.

Cancellations must be received at NCAGT in writing by **mail or fax with a signature** no later than Friday, February 15th. E-mail is not accepted. Approved refund checks **minus a $25.00 processing fee** will be mailed after April 1, 2013.

**CEU Information:** Continuing Education Certificates will be available.

Questions about registration may be directed to:

**Dr. Wesley E. Guthrie**  
NCAGT Executive Director  
PO Box 899  
Swansboro, NC 28584-0899  
Phone: 910.326.8463  
wguthrie@coastalnet.com

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Please share this information with others in your school district. This complete 2013 NCAGT Conference Registration Packet is posted on the NCAGT web site. Go to [www.ncagt.org](http://www.ncagt.org) and click on Conference. A registration packet can be **downloaded or online registration is available**. In addition, all 2013 NCAGT applications for Annual Awards are on the web site.

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**NOTE:** For early arrivals, conference registration will be open from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm on Wednesday evening, February 27, 2013.
DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS?

If you need to order a vegetarian plate in place of any or all of the planned meals, please indicate below in the box preceding the meal. In order to arrange the substitution, we must know at the time of your registration how many and for whom the special plates will be prepared. There is no difference in the price of the meals.

☒ Thursday Lunch, 02/28/13
☒ Friday Lunch, 03/01/13

PLEASE NOTE: NCAGT has contracted with an automated credit card program that is designed to give fast and accurate service. The Merchant Services Credit Card Accounting Office has worked with our office to assure you the highest quality of service. If you register by credit card, please be sure to include your card expiration date, card number and signature. Without these three (3) entries, NCAGT will not be able to process your credit card registration.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
We’re Making a Difference, Won’t You Join Us?

Those who join the North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented (NCAGT) are committed to helping our organization fulfill established goals. These individuals also seek the opportunity to network and collaborate with others with similar passions and concerns regarding gifted students. Through its members, the NCAGT is able to

1. Increase public knowledge about the nature and needs of the academically/intellectually gifted,
2. Assess public policy and work to establish and maintain those policies that benefit the education of the gifted,
3. Increase collaborative efforts between stakeholders in gifted education,
4. Examine “best practices” revealed in current research and increase the relevancy and utilization of these practices to guide implementation of gifted programs,
5. Support personnel preparation and professional growth among those working with gifted students, and
6. Encourage action research and other initiatives that benefit gifted students.

Why not consider a School Sponsored Membership for $100?
Any school within a school district is eligible. The School Sponsored Membership includes FOUR individual memberships within a single school (1 administrator and 3 teachers). Benefits include receipt of the Association’s newsletter, voting privileges, and the right to hold office (for the above four designees). In addition, ALL teachers and staff within the member school are eligible to receive membership rates for the annual conference.

Date: [ ] New [ ] Renewal

Name:

If school or corporate membership, name of entity:

Street Address:

City: [ ] State: [ ] Zip:

Home Phone: [ ] Work Phone: [ ]

E-Mail:

School System: [ ] County:

Were you asked by a member of NCAGT to join?
[ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, list the name of the person who asked you to join.

Sponsor:

Please check those items which apply to you

[ ] AIG Teacher [ ] Program Coordinator
[ ] Reg. Teacher [ ] Counselor
[ ] Parent [ ] Student
[ ] School Administrator [ ] Other ______________

Type of Membership

[ ] Individual $30 [ ] School Sponsored $100
[ ] Corporate $100 [ ] Lifetime $250

Amount Enclosed:

Method of Payment:
[ ] Check (Payable to NCAGT) [ ] Visa [ ] Mastercard

Card Number:

Expiration Date:

Security code on back of card:

Name on card:

Signature of Cardholder:

Mail completed form and payment to:

NCAGT Membership
PO Box 899 • Swansboro, NC 28584-0899

Questions? Call (910) 326-8463 or e-mail ncagt@ncagt.org

Membership is effective for one year from the month you join. Contributions or gifts to NCAGT are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, 98% of all dues payments are deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense.
The Marriott Winston-Salem will host the North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented Conference for 2013. To ensure reservations, please complete this reservation request and return it to the Marriott Winston-Salem before February 2, 2013. Requests received after this date will be accepted based on room and rate availability. Marriott is now a non-smoking hotel.

Room Type Preference: □ Single □ Double □ Triple □ Quadruple Number of Guests: ______

Special Groups Rate $130.00 $130.00 $130.00 $130.00

Deluxe Guest Room

Special Requests (subject to availability): roll-away bed ($10.00 per night), wheelchair accessible room, nonsmoking room, king bed, two queen beds

Name: ___________________________ Arrival Date: ___________ Arrival Time: ___________

Address: ___________________________ Departure Date: ___________

City/State/Zip: ___________________________ Additional Guests: ___________________________

Telephone: ___________________________ *E-Mail: ___________________________

*An e-mail address is required to receive a confirmation number.

□ MasterCard □ Visa □ American Express □ Carte Blanche/Diners Club □ Discover □ JCB

*Card Number: ___________________________ Security Code: ________

from back of card: ___________ Expiration Date: ___________

* A credit card guarantee must be given with return of this form. If you elect to pay by check, please wait for a confirmation number. Do not include a check with this form.

I understand that I am liable for one night’s room rate plus 13.75% occupancy tax in the event that I do not arrive, cancel less than 72 hours prior to arrival, or depart earlier than scheduled.

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Name of Credit Card Holder Signature of Card Holder

• Check-in time is after 3:00 p.m. Check-out time is 12 noon. Occupancy tax is subject to change.

• You may cancel your reservation for no charge until 72 hours prior to arrival. Please note that we will assess a fee of one night’s room rate and tax if you must cancel after this deadline. If you have made a prepayment, we will retain all or part of your prepayment. If not, we will charge your credit card.

• No charge for children under 13 when sharing room with parents and using existing bed space.

• All hotel accounts are subject to credit arrangements at time of registration and payable at departure.

For Reservation assistance please call: 336.725.3500

Reservations online:
http://www.marriott.com/intmc
For “group code” enter: GIFGIFA

Complete form and mail or fax to:
Reservations
Marriott Winston-Salem
425 North Cherry Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
FAX: 336.728.4020
The 39th Annual NCAGT Conference presents “Gifted Education: Kick it UP a Notch” and will be held on February 28 – March 1, 2013 at the Winston-Salem Marriott and Embassy Suites Hotels. January 28, 2013 – early registration deadline. Registration materials enclosed. Feel free to copy and distribute these materials. Registrations are also being accepted online at www.ncagt.org. You will not want to miss this conference as we celebrate gifted education. Make sure your school and/or district is well represented. Don’t forget. The deadline for hotel reservations is February 2, 2013.

Top three reasons to attend the 39th NCAGT Conference:

- You will return to school with the tools you need to create a challenging learning environment in the regular classroom.
- You will discover new ways to use technology to supplement curriculum for advanced learners.
- Your will find it is your one-stop professional development venue, providing you with bibliographies, sample lesson plans, products and ideas from exhibit hall, the latest research and a list of colleagues who support what you do, all to take home and put to work for you, or those you support, in the classroom.

This is your opportunity to support the diverse needs of gifted children, to expand your world new horizons, learn from the leaders in the field, and most of all share your successes and challenges with educators and others at North Carolina’s largest conference on gifted.

Visit us on the web site at www.ncagt.org for complete applications for the 2013 awards and scholarships along with important deadlines for each category.