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41st Annual NCAGT Conference
Winston-Salem Marriott and Embassy Suites
March 5-6, 2015
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.

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With this quote in mind, the 2015 NCAGT Conference theme, AIG: At the Heart of North Carolina, is announced. You are invited to join us in Winston-Salem, as we examine the “heart” of gifted education in North Carolina through advocacy, relationships, collaboration, and the impact of gifted education on students.

In light of the current budget challenges, the NCAGT conference, one of the largest state conferences for gifted education in the nation, is devoted to highlighting best practices and advocating for all students to ensure they reach their full potential. Attendees may engage in networking opportunities, as well as numerous concurrent sessions providing critical information and expertise in curriculum, programming, and advocacy. Highlights of the conference include Thursday’s keynote address by Dr. Joe Renzulli followed by a reception for all conference attendees to celebrate gifted education — the “heart” of North Carolina. Friday’s highlights include motivational remarks provided by James Ford, the 2014 North Carolina Teacher of the Year. During the luncheon, NCAGT awards will be presented, and a State of the State report in gifted education by Sneha Shah-Coltrane from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction will be provided.

Teachers, administrators, counselors, parents and faculty from institutes of higher education are invited to join us in Winston-Salem. Let’s bring together our heart and passion for gifted education and share our collective wisdom and expertise for meeting the needs of gifted children and youth across our great state.

Let’s face it, as the song goes “You’ve gotta have heart; Miles’n miles’n miles of heart”!

“This conference had it all: top-quality speakers, relevant topics, practical ideas, wonderful networking opportunities and a fine 40th Anniversary Celebration. I definitely plan to be back next year.” — 2014 NCAGT Conference Participant
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015

Dr. Joseph S. Renzulli

“Using Both Values in the Heart of Giftedness: Blending the Best of Acceleration and Enrichment to Promote Total Talent Development”

The hottest controversy over the years in “Giftedland” persists to this day! Although commentators have viewed acceleration and enrichment as opposing approaches to serving gifted and talented students, each approach has advantages so long as they are blended together rather than approached as separate program organizational entities. A discussion of the major goals of gifted education and theories underlying enrichment and acceleration will be followed by practical examples of infusing enrichment and accelerated curriculum and extending acceleration approaches to take account of all our students’ strength based characteristics as well as their advanced academic achievement. The resulting personalization of learning is designed to support the two main goals of gifted education.

Dr. Joe Renzulli is a professor of educational psychology at UConn, where he holds an endowed position as the Neag Chair of Gifted Education and Talent Development and was first to receive UConn’s highest honor, the designation by the Board of Trustees as a Distinguished Professor. His research has focused on the identification and development of creativity and giftedness in young people, and on organizational models and curricular strategies for differentiated learning environments that contribute to total school improvement.

He lists as his proudest professional accomplishment being the founder of Confratute which is a summer program at UConn and began in 1978 and has served thousands of teachers and administrators from around the world. Renzulli is the author of more than 380 articles in professional journals, books, chapters in books and numerous technical reports.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015

James Ford

James Ford, a ninth grade World History teacher at Garinger High School in Charlotte, was selected 2014 Burroughs Welcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year in March. He states, “My personal journey has been both long and unorthodox. But in the end, I realize that is my passion that ultimately led me to my purpose in education.”

His journey to NC Teacher of the Year may have been a bit unorthodox, beginning his professional life as a truancy intervention specialist and a director of a teen center for youth at risk of dropping out of school. Ford earned a bachelor of science in mass communication from Illinois State University and a master’s degree in teaching from Rockford College. He is currently pursuing a degree in educational leadership from Wingate University while serving as a teacher-on-loan with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Ford comments, “Teaching is so much more than a job. I know without a shadow of a doubt that it has made me a better person and quite simply it is what I was born to do.” As North Carolina Teacher of the Year, he is spending this school year traveling the state as an ambassador for more than 95,000 teachers in the state.
## 2015 Schedule at a Glance

### General Registration Information

Persons who pre-register by **February 1, 2015** are eligible for discount fees and will receive a detailed schedule of conference sessions. Please note. The deadline for hotel reservations is **February 2, 2015**. Don’t delay. Register today and make your hotel reservations.

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 2015, 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 on page 5. Online registration is preferred at www.ncagt.org. Also, one-day conference rates as well as special function meal tickets are available through the NCAGT Office at 910-326-8463.

Cancellations must be received at NCAGT in writing by **mail or fax with a signature** no later than Friday, February 13th. E-mail is not accepted. Approved refund checks **minus a $25.00 processing fee** will be mailed after April 1, 2015.

**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. The complete 2015 NCAGT Conference Registration packet is posted on the web site [www.ncag.org](http://www.ncag.org) for you to download and share. In addition, it is simple and easy to register online your conference registration and to renew your NCAGT membership or join.

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| 3:40 pm – 4:35 pm   | **Keynote Speaker**

**Dr. Joe Renzulli & Awards**

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| 11:45 am – 1:30 pm  | **Luncheon**

**Keynote Speaker James Ford, “State of the State Report”, and Awards & Scholarships**

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**NOTE:** For early arrivals, conference registration will be open from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm on Wednesday, March 4, 2015.
Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
City/State: __________________________ Zip: __________
Personal Phone: __________ Work Phone: __________
E-mail Address: __________________________
Attending conference primarily as:

- ☐ AIG Teacher
- ☐ Parent
- ☐ Classroom Teacher
- ☐ PAGE
- ☐ Administrator
- ☐ Higher Education
- ☐ School District

2015 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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THURSDAY EVENING RECEPTION - 4:45 pm-5:45 pm
There will be a reception following the Keynote Address on Thursday evening. This event is included in your registration fee. For planning purposes, please indicate if you will be able to attend. All registered attendees are invited as special guests.

- ☐ YES
- ☐ REGRET

INDIVIDUAL RECEPTION TICKETS AND FRIDAY LUNCHEON TICKETS
NOTE: The Thursday Reception and the Friday Luncheon are included in registration. However, additional tickets are available for non-registered guests attending these functions.

NCAGT MEMBERSHIP DUES — $30
Individuals may renew or join NCAGT when registering for the annual conference and receive membership rates.

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE

$ __________

One-day conference rates as well as special function meal tickets are also available through the NCAGT office (910-326-8463).

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- ☐ Personal Check # __________________________
- ☐ School District Check # __________________________
- ☐ School District Purchase Order # __________________________
- ☐ Bank Card ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD Expiration Date __________________________
- ☐ Card #: __________________________ Security Code (from back of card) __________
- ☐ Name of Credit Card Holder __________________________
- ☐ Signature of Card Holder __________________________

Checks should be made payable to NCAGT. Mail completed form to:
NCAGT Registration
PO Box 899
Swansboro, NC 28584-0899

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, credit card number and signature. Without these three (3) entries, NCAGT will not be able to process your credit card registration.

Online registration is preferred — visit www.ncagt.org
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: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________
Last: ____________________________ First: ____________________________

Street Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip: ____________________________

Personal Phone: ____________________________ Office Phone: ____________________________

E-Mail: ____________________________

School System or County: ____________________________

I am...

☐ AIG Teacher
☐ Regular Teacher
☐ Parent
☐ School Administrator

☐ Program Coordinator
☐ Counselor
☐ Media Specialist
☐ Other ________________

Type of Membership

☐ Individual $30
☐ Corporate $100
☐ Lifetime $250
☐ School Sponsored $100

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
or FAX (910) 325-8465

Please allow at least 48 hours for NCAGT to process your membership and grant you online access. Membership is effective for one year from the month you join. 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 2015. To ensure reservations, please complete this reservation request and return it to the Marriott Winston-Salem before **February 2, 2015**. Requests received after this date will be accepted based on room and rate availability. Marriott is now a non-smoking hotel.

**Hotel Registration**

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*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 12.75% occupancy tax in the event that I do not arrive, cancel less than 72 hours prior to arrival, or depart earlier than scheduled.

**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.

**DEADLINE for Reservations:** Feb. 2, 2015

- Reservations online: [http://www.marriott.com/intmc](http://www.marriott.com/intmc)
- For “group code” enter: AGTAGTA

Complete form and mail or fax to:

**Reservations**

Marriott Winston-Salem

425 North Cherry Street

Winston-Salem, NC 27101

FAX: 336.728.4020
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Here’s a sample of what you’ll experience at the 41st Annual NCAGT Conference:

- 90+ content rich concurrent sessions covering an array of topics in gifted education;
- Updates from leading experts in curriculum development, social emotional needs, differentiation, serving diverse learners, creativity and technology;
- Exhibit hall featuring new products, publications and resources;
- You’ll find it is your one-stop professional development venue, providing you with bibliographies, sample lesson plans, products and ideas, 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.

Visit us on the web site at [www.ncagt.org](http://www.ncagt.org) for complete applications for the 2015 Awards and Scholarships along with important deadlines for each category.