



NORTH CAROLINA  
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**2024 NCAGT  
James J. Gallagher  
Advocacy Award**

The **NCAGT James J. Gallagher Advocacy Award** is presented to an individual inside or outside the field of gifted education who has been a consistent advocate on behalf of gifted students and a voice for supporting gifted education in North Carolina. Formerly called the “Special Award,” this award was renamed in honor of Dr. James J. Gallagher in recognition of his continued role in advocating for gifted children, their teachers, and their parents. North Carolina and the greater world is a better place because of his dedication to excellence.

Nominations are made by the general membership and final selection is through a secret ballot by the NCAGT Board of Directors. This award is not presented each year and past recipients may not be nominated for this award again.

1988	Judge William Creech	2012	Professor Dr. Shelagh A. Gallagher
1990	Gov. James B. Hunt	2013	Dr. Angela Quick
1992	NC Sen. Helen Marvin		NC Governor’s School Foundation
1994	NC Sup’t. Bob Etheridge	2014	Professor Dr. Mary Ruth Coleman
1998	NC Sen. Leslie Winner	2015	Advocate Dianne McDowell
	NC Rep. Robert Grady	2016	Dr. Kristen Stephens
	NC Sen. Jean Preston	2018	The News and Observer
2000	NC Board Member Kathy Tuft		The Charlotte Observer
2004	NC Board Chair Howard Lee	2020	Sneha Shah-Coltrane
2008	NC Rep. Rick Glazier	2021	Dr. Wesley E. Guthrie
2010	Attorney L. Wardlaw Lamar	2022	Margaret Crawford
2011	Professor Dr. James J. Gallagher	2023	Dr. Linda P Robinson

You may nominate as many persons as you feel should be considered. Please attach a biographical description for each nominee. A biographical sketch is not as critical as a descriptive narrative detailing the services and contributions the individual has made by advocating for gifted education in North Carolina.

**Nomination Form**

Please complete this [Nomination Form](#) for the person you wish to nominate.

***Nomination Form must be completed before midnight December 15, 2023.***

Please contact the Awards Committee at [awards@ncagt.org](mailto:awards@ncagt.org) should you have any questions about the applications or submission process.