

AAGC Conference 2019 Keynote Presenters



Carolyn works with teachers, parents, and students, offering practical strategies for raising student achievement, differentiating curriculum, teaching gifted students, implementing a variety of assessment strategies, and dealing with the problems and challenges associated with preparing ourselves and our children for living and working in the 21st Century.

Carolyn Coil is an internationally known speaker, author, trainer, teacher, and educational consultant. In her workshops, professional development courses, seminars, and keynotes, she is an enthusiastic, motivating and energetic presenter. Carolyn has worked in the field of education and training for more than 30 years. She taught courses in gifted and talented education for over 20 years. She does workshops for schools and school districts on a wide variety of topics. She has been an adjunct professor at several different universities.



“Hello, my name is Brian, and I am a GEEK. Today, this once derogatory term often serves as a badge of honor for me and for many of our gifted kids. Growing up in gifted programs during the 1970s and 1980s, I was provided with opportunities to develop my creativity, interests, and talents. As an adolescent in the 1980s terms like geek or nerd were hardly a symbol to be celebrated, but it was growing up in gifted programs that helped me to find solace, understanding, and ultimately empowerment. As a result of these experiences, I have devoted my life to advocating for gifted education.”

Dr. Brian Housand, is the coordinator of the Academically or Intellectually Gifted program at University of North Carolina Wilmington. Dr. Housand earned a Ph.D. in educational psychology at the University of Connecticut with an emphasis in both gifted education and instructional technology. He served two terms on the National Association for Gifted Children’s Board of Directors as a Member-At-Large. Along with his wife, Dr. Angela Housand, and Dr. Joe Renzulli, he co-authored *Using the Schoolwide Enrichment Model with Technology*. He is also the author of *Fighting Fake News! Teaching Critical Thinking and Media Literacy in a Digital Age*. Brian has worked in education as a classroom teacher, a teacher of the gifted, and a university professor for over 20 years. As a speaker and consultant, he has presented in 38 states, Canada, Australia, South Korea and Kuwait. Brian is a lover of technology, Star Wars, video games, and fonts, and he proudly identifies himself as a geek. You can learn more on his website at brianhousand.com and by following him on Twitter @brianhousand.