



Alabama Association for Gifted Children

Gifted 2020: Envisioning the Possibilities

Greetings AAGC Members!

As many of you know, due to COVID-19, AAGC will hold our annual conference this year using a web-based virtual delivery **October 15-16**. We are partnering with a company called Community Brands as our conference platform. The AAGC conference committee has been meeting weekly with a representative from CB to ensure a smooth and successful conference experience for our attendees. If you attended last year's conference, you are a current member of AAGC and can register at the member rate of \$90 for the two-day conference. If you did not attend, you can either register as a non-member (\$115) or join AAGC (\$25/year) to register at the member rate of \$90.

Click below to complete the registration form:

<https://alabamagifted.org/Conference-Registration>

Breaking News! AAGC is pleased to announce a new PD opportunity: **AAGC Webinar Series**. Join us every Tuesday night from 6:00-7:00 pm, beginning August 4, for a virtual meeting on ZOOM. The webinars will feature local and national speakers presenting on topics and strategies for teaching and engaging gifted learners in the online environment. Whether you are teaching face-to-face, blended, or virtual, this series will offer ideas you can use immediately as school starts back this fall. You will learn how to utilize the online environment to make the most of teaching strategies and collaboration.

The webinar series is **FREE** to AAGC members (those who attended the conference last year or paid your membership fee for this year). As an incentive to join AAGC, the inaugural webinar event on **Tuesday August 4**(6:00-7:00 pm) is **FREE** to anyone who registers. Our first webinar will feature [Krissy](#)

[Venosdale](#). Many of you know Krissy as an advocate for gifted education. She is especially known for her creative posters as well as her amazing technology skills and tips! You are not going to want to miss this event!

To register for the webinar on Aug 4, click below to complete the form. You will receive a link to our ZOOM meeting (6:00-7:00 pm).

[Registration Form: Webinar Aug 4, 2020](#)

Seeking Nominations for Awards of Excellence: Each year AAGC honors those individuals who have made a difference in gifted education in Alabama and the lives of our gifted students. We are seeking nominations for the ***Awards of Excellence***. The deadline for nominations is **September 1**. Click [HERE](#) to complete the form to nominate a person you feel meets the qualifications for receiving one of the following awards:

- Outstanding Gifted Specialist Award
- Outstanding Administrator Award
- Outstanding Gifted Coordinator Award
- Outstanding General Education Teacher Award
- Award for Lifetime Achievement in Gifted Education
- Outstanding Community Member Award
- Outstanding Gifted Student Award
- Outstanding Gifted Parent Advocate

Calling all gifted specialists: Do you have a great idea to implement in your gifted classroom? If so, we encourage you to apply for an ***AAGC Educator Grant***. The purpose of the educator grant is to support and encourage Alabama educators of gifted students in the development of innovative ideas and quality programs to enrich the education of gifted students. The grant rewards educators with the money to acquire materials/resources designed for curriculum and instruction with gifted learners. Click below to complete the grant application. Deadline is **September 1**.

[Educator Grant Application](#)

Staying in touch with you! AAGC uses multiple formats and methods to keep you updated on association happenings. This newsgram, distributed to all current AAGC members, is just one of the ways we want to keep you informed; but we also provide information about our annual conference, special events, advocacy efforts, and other useful information via our AAGC website, AAGC YouTube channel, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Keep up-to-date by subscribing to all of our AAGC pages.

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If you are not already a member of the AAGC Facebook Group, please consider joining at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/alabamagifted/>

Thank you for your commitment to serving and advocating for gifted learners in Alabama. I look forward to seeing all of you at our virtual conference in October!

Best regards,

Patti Wood, President

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