



North Carolina Association for the

Gifted & Talented



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR

Gifted Children

ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

Meredith College

October 5, 2013

9:30 – 10:00	Registration, Ledford 101	
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome	Suzanne Dixon, NCAGT President
10:15-10:35	The Importance of Advocacy: Speaking Up and Speaking Out	Dr. Rebecca Garland, Chief Academic Officer, NCDPI
10:35 – 10:50	The View from the National Level	Nancy Green, Executive Director, NAGC
10:50 -11:00	BREAK	
11:00 – 11:45	Panel Discussion: Effective Advocacy at the Local, State, and National Levels- What Works and How it Works	Panelists: Beau Mills, Office of Congressman David Price Bryan Fox, Office of Congresswoman Renee Ellmers Chris Hayes, Office of NC Speaker of the House Thom Tillis Dr. Carolyn Morrison, Former Principal & School Board Member
11:45 12:30	Networking Lunch and Discussion	
12:30 – 12:45	The View from the State Level	Sneha Shah-Coltrane, Director of Gifted Education & Advanced Programs, NCDPI
12:45 – 1:30	Breakout Discussion Groups	Ledford 206, 210, and 214
1:30 – 1:45	Discussion Group Reports	
1:45 – 2:00	BREAK	
2:00 – 2:45	Panel Discussion: Lessons Learned from Advocacy for the Governor's School of North Carolina	Dr. Shelagh Gallagher, Moderator Panelists: Scott Gayle, President, NC Governor's School Alumni Association Dr. Hope Williams, President, NC Independent Colleges & Universities Jim Hart Jamie Neal Melissa Ross Matton, GS Foundation President for Eastern NC
2:45 – 3:05	Why Advocate: The Difference Every Voice Makes	Dr. James J. Gallagher
3:05 – 3:40	Discussion: Developing an Action Plan	
3:40 – 4:00	Where to We Go From Here?	