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NCAGT 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
GIFTED EDUCATION: 40 Years — 40 Faces

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“If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.”
— Sir Isaac Newton

The quotes above reflect the theme of the 40th Anniversary Celebration awaiting you at this year’s NCAGT Conference. The Faces over the past forty years are our Giants. Join us, we stand on the shoulders of these giants to reflect on our past, assess our present state of affairs, and peer into the future of gifted education in North Carolina.

This state conference, one of the largest state conferences for gifted education in the United States, is devoted to highlighting best practices and advocating for all students, with a focus on meeting the needs of gifted learners, as they strive to meet their fullest potential. Attendees will be engaged in networking opportunities, a keynote address by Dr. Mary Ruth Coleman, small group “Signature Series”, sessions providing critical information and training on curriculum, programming and advocacy, and a reception which will honor and recognize those who have influenced gifted education in North Carolina.

Educators, administrators, counselors, parents, and higher education faculty, join us in Winston-Salem as we increase knowledge about gifted education’s history, explore best practices for use in the present while we use “40 Years, 40 Faces” to inform the future of gifted education.

“Let the celebration begin!”

“I enjoyed the conference this year. There were a lot of good presenters and I came back with ideas that I hope to implement.”
— 2013 NCAGT Conference Participant

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.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013

Mary Ruth Coleman, Ph.D.

“Growing Up Gifted in North Carolina: 40 Years, 40 Faces”

As we celebrate our 40th anniversary we can reflect on the leadership, advocacy, and support that NCAGT has given. With the help of NCAGT, “Gifted” has grown-up in NC. Today, we explore what this means for ourselves, our students, our state, and our field. Forty years: what have been our challenges and what can we celebrate? Forty faces: who have been our mentors, colleagues, and friends? Where are we today and where do we want to be 40 years from now? What does it mean to “Grow Up Gifted” in North Carolina? Our work is not finished… life begins at 40!

Mary Ruth Coleman is a Senior Scientist Emeritus, at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She directs Project U-STAR-PLUS (Using Science, Talents and Abilities to Recognize Students – Promoting Learning in Underrepresented Students). Her projects have included: ACCESS (Achievement in Content and Curriculum for Every Student’s Success), a National Significance Project funded by OSEP and applications RtI for young children through the Recognition & Response Project sponsored by the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation. Along with James J. Gallagher, Mary Ruth served as Co-Director for a Statewide Technical Assistance Group through UNC-Chapel Hill in assisting North Carolina local school districts with implementing state law (Article 9B of Chapter 115C of the NC General Statues) for gifted education. She has numerous publications including 13th Edition of the seminal textbook, “Educating Exceptional Children” by Samuel A. Kirk, James J. Gallagher, Mary Ruth Coleman, and Nicholas J. Anastasiow (2010). She has served three terms (9 years) on the Board of Directors for the Association for Gifted (TAG), one of which she was President; three terms (9 years) on the Board of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC); and two terms (6 years) on the Board of Directors for the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). She was president of CEC in 2007.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013

Sneha Shah Coltrane

“State of the State Address”

This address will focus on gifted education from the perspective of the NC Department of Public Instruction. While describing the conditions of gifted education in North Carolina, the address will also outline an agenda for the future.

Sneha Shah Coltrane is the DPI Director of Gifted Education and Advanced Programs, Academically and/or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Programs and Advanced Placement (AP)/International Baccalaureate (IB)

NEW!

Signature Series

This year’s conference includes three concurrent sessions in a “Signature Series” format including the following expert speakers:

Brian Housand
East Carolina University

Cindi Rigsbee
former NC Teacher of the Year

Tamra Stambaugh
Vanderbilt University
2014 Schedule at a Glance

General Registration Information

Persons who pre-register by **January 28, 2014** are eligible for discount fees and will receive a detailed schedule of conference sessions. Please note. The deadline for hotel reservations is **January 28, 2014**. Don’t delay. Register today.

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 2014, 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 the conference 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 (910-326-8463).

Cancellations must be received at NCAGT in writing, **by mail, or fax with a signature** no later than Friday, February 14th. E-mail is not accepted. Approved refund checks **minus a $25.00 processing fee** will be mailed after April 1, 2014.

**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. This complete 2014 NCAGT Conference Registration Packet is posted on the NCAGT website. Go to [www.ncagt.org](http://www.ncagt.org) and click on **Conference Registration**. This registration packet can be downloaded. In addition, all 2014 NCAGT applications for Annual Awards are on the web and can also be downloaded.

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**NOTE:** For early arrivals, conference registration will be open from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm on Wednesday, February 26, 2014.
**REGISTRATION FORM**

40th Annual NCAGT Conference  
February 27 – 28, 2014 (Thursday & Friday)  
Marriott & Embassy Suites Hotels, Winston-Salem, NC

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________
City/State: ___________________________________ Zip:__________________________
Home Phone: __________________ Work Phone: __________________
E-mail Address: ____________________________________________________________

Attending conference primarily as:

- [ ] AIG Teacher  - [ ] Parent  
- [ ] Classroom Teacher  - [ ] PAGE  
- [ ] Administrator  - [ ] Higher Education  
- [ ] School District  

2014 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM  
(Online registration is preferred — visit www.ncagt.org)

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| TWO-DAY CONFERENCE  
Thursday and Friday, February 27 – 28, 2014  
(includes Grab 'n Go Breakfasts on both days, Thursday Reception and Friday Luncheon) | $195 | $225 | $205 | $235 |

**THURSDAY EVENING RECEPTION**  
There will be a reception following the Keynote on Thursday evening. This event is included in your registration fee. For planning purposes, please indicate your intent to attend. Non-registered conference guests are able to purchase tickets.

- [ ] Will attend  
- [ ] Will not attend

One day conference rates as well as extra tickets for the Thursday reception and Friday luncheon are also available through the NCAGT Office.

**NCAGT MEMBERSHIP DUES — $30** (Complete membership form on the next page or join ONLINE)

**Note:** If your school system is paying your registration, please include personal check or credit card information on the membership form, since most school districts do not cover membership/professional dues.

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Expiration Date ______________________________________________________________________

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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.
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.

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**Were you asked by a member of NCAGT to join?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list the name of the person who asked you to join.

**Sponsor:**

**Please check those items which apply to you**

- ☐ AIG Teacher ☐ Program Coordinator
- ☐ Reg. Teacher ☐ Counselor
- ☐ Parent ☐ Student
- ☐ School Administrator ☐ Other _____________

**Type of Membership**

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

**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

Questions? Call (910) 326-8463 or e-mail ncagt@ncagt.org

Membership is effective for one year from the month you join. Contributions or gifts to NCAGT are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, 98% of all dues payments are deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense.
DEADLINE for Reservations: Jan. 28, 2014

Marriott Winston-Salem
Winston-Salem, NC

RESERVATIONS for NCAGT/PAGE Conference
February 27-28, 2014

The Marriott Winston-Salem will host the North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented Conference for 2014. To ensure reservations, please complete this reservation request and return it to the Marriott Winston-Salem before January 28, 2014. Requests received after this date will be accepted based on room and rate availability. Marriott is now a non-smoking hotel.

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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

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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 13.75% 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.

Reservations online: http://www.marriott.com/intmc
For “group code” enter: GIFGIFA

Complete form and mail or fax to:
Reservations
Marriott Winston-Salem
425 North Cherry Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
FAX: 336.728.4020
In February 2014, NCAGT will host the annual conference devoted to gifted learners. Classroom teacher, AIG coordinators, school administrators, parents, college and university faculty and more, will join us in Winston-Salem, **February 27-28, 2014**, for the **40th Annual NCAGT Conference**. We’re expecting that the 40th Anniversary will be a celebration of the great strides that have been made to improve the lives of academically and intellectually gifted student.

Here are your **Top 3 Reasons** to come to the **40th Annual NCAGT Conference**:

- You’ll gain abundant resources: bibliographies, sample lesson plans, products and a network of colleagues who support what you do.
- You’ll be able to choose from a broad list of topics – from curriculum studies, technology, creativity, special populations, twice exceptional to STEM.
- It’s the place to be if you’re in the field of gifted education – Don’t miss out on this annual state-wide event. Visit us on the web site at www.ncagt.org for complete applications for the 2014 Awards and Scholarships along with important deadlines for each category.

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