



KGTC President's Letter
June 29, 2020

**** HAPPY 4TH OF JULY, INDEPENDENCE DAY ****

Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations!! If you are reading this, evidentially you made it through the last quarter of the 2019-2020 school year WITHOUT being able to see your students in person, :(AND had the opportunity to learn new ways of teaching via' technology. :*) This will be one of those episodic moments in history for our students and their parents. Our students will remember you forever. YOU were the teacher that played such an impact on our gifted children and how they accepted a true pandemic, and so many other things we never ever dreamed possible.

On June 11th, Dr. Jessica LaFollette and I attended a State Affiliate Meeting with William "Bill" Knudsen, Director of Government and Affiliate Relations for the National Association for Gifted Children. Bill works at both the Federal and local levels with NAGC's advocacy partners to break the impediments obstructing services for our gifted and talented students. (NAGC Website, nagc.org).

The meeting focused on affiliates who are 100% volunteer run. The following items were discussed:

1. Potential Questions:

- What is the developmental focus for each affiliate?
- Number of volunteer hours each Board provides
- Number of chapters each affiliate has
- How affiliates support their chapters
- How helpful are chapters to meet the state wide goals of the affiliate?

2. Affiliate Dues:

- Consideration for cost of dues
- Structure based on the affiliate budget level and number of volunteer members, maybe a sliding scale with non-profit brand new or existing as a state wide gifted organization for a decade plus.

3. Website Improvement

- Could the current state affiliate landing page be more robust to include possible additional links?

4. Possible Next Steps: State Affiliate Survey

**Representatives from 13 states which included Hawaii which I thought was pretty cool :) attended the virtual meeting. It was very informative listening to the different views, situations, and differences between State and Federal funding being discussed from across the nation for gifted students.

On Wednesday, June 24th, Leigh Johnson and I met in Wichita to view, compare and discuss some of the venues she is in the process of securing for the 2021 State Conference. I don't want to steal her sunshine, but she is doing a rocking awesome job for our next State Conference, especially considering

our unknown future. Thank you to all the committees and every person on the board that has provided resources to KGTC and for everything you do for the benefit of our organization and our kiddos.

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School districts across the State are proposing ideas and possible plans for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. What a very unusual and challenging time to be in a leadership role. With the recent situations uprising across the United States, I've shared numerous information and literature on Emotional Intelligence, and How to raise anti-racist children. You know how deeply our gifted kids and students think about injustices. I hope you will have time to view and or read some of the following items listed on the following pages.

Sincere condolences to Lindsay Black for the recent passing of her mother. On behalf of the KGTC organization, a \$25.00 donation was sent to Lindsay for the family in hopes of helping in a small financial way.

** Do you place value on People? You won't value the ideas of a person if you don't value and respect the person himself or herself. Have you ever considered your conduct around people you value, versus those you don't?

Look at the difference:

If I Value People – I want to spend time with them
I listen to them
I want to help them
I am influenced by them
I respect them

If I Don't Value People – I don't want to be around them
I neglect to listen
I don't offer them help
I ignore them
I am indifferent

You may be the only sunshine any single person gets to see on any given day. :*)

I look forward to seeing you in the morning at our next board meeting.

With grateful appreciation and honor,

Connie Staley,

KGTC President

Resources for Emotional Intelligence

I've borrowed, with permission the following resources from a very dear person and supervisor of a very prominent nationwide company. She was/is a very gifted young woman and takes life as valuable as it truly is and should be.

First - I want to throw out an emotional intelligence quiz: <https://www.ihhp.com/free-eq-quiz/> This quiz is pretty quick, you'll just want to put your personal email address in to obtain your results. The goal in taking this quiz is get a baseline for where you score on emotional intelligence so that you can start building upon that foundation with the other resources.

ARTICLES:

8 Ways to Use Emotional Intelligence and Make Lasting Connections
<https://www.entrepreneur.com/article/250184>

Basic information on emotional intelligence:
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/basics/emotional-intelligence>

Tips for Approaching our Own Feelings with Wisdom and Effectiveness:
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/supersurvivors/201911/building-emotional-intelligence-isnt-hard-you-think>

VIDEOS:

The People Currency: Practicing Emotional Intelligence (TED Talk!) -This is a great watch! - 17 min watch
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7z0asInbu24>

Why Aren't We More Compassionate? This TED talk is by a guy who's considered "the father of emotional intelligence" - 13 min watch
https://www.ted.com/talks/daniel_goleman_why_aren_t_we_more_compassionate?language=en

How to Use Emotional Intelligence to Improve Customer Service - 2 min watch
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XKPvKsMwACI>

BOOKS:

How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie
Emotional Intelligence: Why it Can Matter More than IQ by Daniel Goleman
Emotional Intelligence: A 30 Day Step by Step Guide to Mastering Social Skills by David Clark
Emotional Agility by Susan David

https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1BRIF2_zhNe86SGgHa6-VIBO-QqirlTwCTugSfKie5Fs/mobilebasic

If you have trouble accessing the google doc at the link above, all of the links from the doc are also listed here <https://www.goodgoodgood.co/anti-racism-resources>

Resources for Anti-racism

This document is intended to serve as a resource to white people and parents to deepen our anti-racism work. If you haven't engaged in anti-racism work in the past, start now. Feel free to circulate this document on social media and with your friends, family, and colleagues.

Here is a shorter link: bit.ly/ANTIRACISMRESOURCES

To take immediate action to fight for Breonna Taylor, please visit FightForBreonna.org.

Resources for white parents to raise anti-racist children:

- Books:
 - [Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners: books for children and young adults](#)
 - [31 Children's books to support conversations on race, racism and resistance](#)
- Podcasts:
 - [Parenting Forward podcast episode 'Five Pandemic Parenting Lessons with Cindy Wang Brandt'](#)
 - [Fare of the Free Child podcast](#)
 - [Integrated Schools podcast episode "Raising White Kids with Jennifer Harvey"](#)
- Articles:
 - [How White Parents Can Talk To Their Kids About Race | NPR](#)
 - [Teaching Your Child About Black History Month | PBS](#)
 - [Your Kids Aren't Too Young to Talk About Race: Resource Roundup from Pretty Good](#)
- The Conscious Kid: follow them on [Instagram](#) and consider signing up for their [Patreon](#)

Articles to read:

- ["America's Racial Contract Is Killing Us" by Adam Serwer | Atlantic \(May 8, 2020\)](#)
- [Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement \(Mentoring a New Generation of Activists\)](#)
- ["My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant" by Jose Antonio Vargas | NYT Mag \(June 22, 2011\)](#)
- [The 1619 Project \(all the articles\) | The New York Times Magazine](#)
- [The Combahee River Collective Statement](#)
- ["The Intersectionality Wars" by Jane Coaston | Vox \(May 28, 2019\)](#)
- [Tips for Creating Effective White Caucus Groups developed by Craig Elliott PhD](#)
- ["Where do I donate? Why is the uprising violent? Should I go protest?" by Courtney Martin \(June 1, 2020\)](#)
- ["White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack" by Knapsack Peggy McIntosh](#)
- ["Who Gets to Be Afraid in America?" by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi | Atlantic \(May 12, 2020\)](#)

Videos to watch:

- [Black Feminism & the Movement for Black Lives: Barbara Smith, Reina Gossett, Charlene Carruthers \(50:48\)](#)
- [Dr. Robin DiAngelo discusses 'White Fragility' \(1:23:30\)](#)
- ["How Studying Privilege Systems Can Strengthen Compassion" | Peggy McIntosh at TEDxTimberlaneSchools \(18:26\)](#)

Podcasts to subscribe to:

- [1619 \(New York Times\)](#)
- [About Race](#)
- [Code Switch \(NPR\)](#)
- [Intersectionality Matters! hosted by Kimberlé Crenshaw](#)
- [Momentum: A Race Forward Podcast](#)
- [Pod For The Cause \(from The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights\)](#)
- [Pod Save the People \(Crooked Media\)](#)
- [Seeing White](#)

Books to read:

- [Black Feminist Thought](#) by Patricia Hill Collins
- [Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower](#) by Dr. Brittney Cooper
- [Heavy: An American Memoir](#) by Kiese Laymon
- [How To Be An Antiracist](#) by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
- [I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings](#) by Maya [Angelou](#)
- [Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color](#) by Andrea J. Ritchie
- [Just Mercy](#) by Bryan Stevenson
- [Me and White Supremacy](#) by Layla F. Saad
- [Raising Our Hands](#) by Jenna Arnold
- [Redefining Realness](#) by Janet [Mock](#)
- [Sister Outsider](#) by Audre Lorde
- [So You Want to Talk About Race](#) by Ijeoma Oluo
- [The Bluest Eye](#) by Toni Morrison
- [The Fire Next Time](#) by James Baldwin
- [The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#) by Michelle Alexander
- [The Next American Revolution: Sustainable Activism for the Twenty-First Century](#) by Grace Lee Boggs
- [The Warmth of Other Suns](#) by Isabel Wilkerson
- [Their Eyes Were Watching God](#) by Zora Neale Hurston
- [This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color](#) by Cherríe Moraga
- [When Affirmative Action Was White: An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century America](#) by Ira Katznelson
- [White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism](#) by Robin DiAngelo, PhD

Films and TV series to watch:

- 13th (Ava DuVernay) — Netflix
- American Son (Kenny Leon) — Netflix
- Black Power Mixtape: 1967-1975 — Available to rent
- Blindspotting (Carlos López Estrada) — Hulu with Cinemax or available to rent
- Clemency (Chinonye Chukwu) — Available to rent
- Dear White People (Justin Simien) — Netflix
- Fruitvale Station (Ryan Coogler) — Available to rent
- I Am Not Your Negro (James Baldwin doc) — Available to rent or on Kanopy
- If Beale Street Could Talk (Barry Jenkins) — Hulu
- Just Mercy (Destin Daniel Cretton) — Available to rent for free in June in the U.S.
- King In The Wilderness — HBO
- See You Yesterday (Stefon Bristol) — Netflix
- Selma (Ava DuVernay) — Available to rent for free in June in the U.S.
- The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution — Available to rent
- The Hate U Give (George Tillman Jr.) — Available to rent for free
- When They See Us (Ava DuVernay) — Netflix

Organizations to follow on social media:

- Antiracism Center: [Twitter](#)
- Audre Lorde Project: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Black Women's Blueprint: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Color Of Change: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Colorlines: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- The Conscious Kid: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)

- Equal Justice Initiative (EJI): [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Families Belong Together: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Justice League NYC: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) + Gathering For Justice: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)
- The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- The Movement For Black Lives (M4BL): [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- MPowerChange: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Muslim Girl: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- NAACP: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- National Domestic Workers Alliance: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- RAICES: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ): [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- SisterSong: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- United We Dream: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)

More anti-racism resources to check out:

- [75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice](#)
- [Anti-Racism Project](#)
- [Jenna Arnold's resources \(books and people to follow\)](#)
- [Rachel Ricketts' anti-racism resources](#)
- [Resources for White People to Learn and Talk About Race and Racism](#)
- [Save the Tears: White Woman's Guide by Tatiana Mac](#)
- [Showing Up For Racial Justice's educational toolkits](#)
- [The \[White\] Shift on Instagram](#)
- ["Why is this happening?" — an introduction to police brutality from 100 Year Hoodie](#)
- [Zinn Education Project's teaching materials](#)

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