



Dear KGTC Members and Gifted Affiliates,

I truly hope your school year is off to a 'workable' start. I think saying "smooth" would be nowhere close to returning to school after six-months off and with all the changes many of the districts have had the need to make to accommodate the regular education classes.

Exciting news! KSDE sent out an email to administrators explaining that KSDE is setting up a list serve for the state of Kansas. KSDE does not have access to all gifted facilitators emails, so please share this email and encourage gifted facilitators to join the list serve simply by sending their contact information to Pat Bone at [pbone@ksde.org](mailto:pbone@ksde.org). As of just last week over 190 facilitators had joined.

"The goal of this (list serve) group is to become a community resource devoted to learning, with a healthy emphasis on giftedness. As we grow, our goal is to provide support via this group as well as to furnish information to administrators, teachers, parents, and other interested parties regarding gifted children, to share best practices in the provision of learning opportunities and social/emotional support for the gifted across the life span."

Melissa Valenza, Education Program Consultant, Special Education and Title Services, KSDE.

A simple reminder that additional information can be found on our website at [kgtc.org](http://kgtc.org). You do not need to be a member to have additional access to gifted materials, upcoming conferences, competitions, and voting rights for the organization. If you become a member, you will also have the opportunity to attend the first virtual state Conference coming up in Kansas City with Brian Housand, "*Curiosity: Cat Killer or Mother of Invention?*" on October 12, 2020 for FREE. Yes, your paid membership allows you to attend the conference for FREE. State conferences generally cost a few hundred dollars, you don't need to travel away from family and you can even wear shorts since you will be watching virtually. Whoo Hooo! The membership drive runs from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

What a great opportunity for all gifted facilitators. We look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest Regards,

Connie Staley,  
KGTC President