

KGTC President's Letter
January 12, 2021

Greetings to the most faithful educators of the century,

What a whirl wind the past nine months have been and anyone in education, or most likely any business could not disagree one iota. I cannot express enough gratitude for each and every one of you, the hurdles we've had no choice but to leap over, and the persistence each of you possess to educate the very special population we strive to serve, our gifted ones.

Our Gifted Retreat meeting this Saturday will be in session from approximately 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It will be a virtual retreat, so no little elite snacks, wonderful delicious luncheon, and most of all, getting to see everybody in PERSON. The link for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81958647677?pwd=K295WmtUbjJoS2ZrZlFOeHg0ckE2Zz09>

COVID Phases have been published and can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/>. Teachers are in the 2nd phase.

If you are new to the gifted arena or did not know Gifted Standards existed, they can be found at <http://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources/national-standards-gifted-and-talented-education/pre-k-grade-12> and were updated in 2019.

Please help me in welcoming the following special persons that are stepping up to bat and are interested in working in the following positions: Amanda Kelley and Karen Roth - Best Practices, Susie Ternes - Chair/Constant Contacts, and Sara Mahoney – position to be decided. 😊 YEA !!!

Blue Valley Parent Advocates for Gifted Education held a virtual mini session this month, « *Advocating without Alienating*” *The Discussion Continues.*”. We look forward to hearing more about it at our meeting.

If you are looking for a bit of fun to have with students, check out, “Kids Games for Social Distancing”, <https://asphaltgreen.org/blog/rep-task-tent-games-kids-can-play-independently/>

The next couple of pages you'll find a plethora of information shared by Dr. Connie Phelps, Emporia State University and is a brief report on behalf of the Great Plains Center for Gifted Studies/Historian and I thought would be beneficial to share with all. Thank you Connie, great information.

Warmest regards and we'll see you on Saturday.

Connie Staley
KGTC President

Kansas

1. KGTC Member Virtual Event, November 10, 2020 4:30 PM-6:00 PM CST
“Making the Most of the Online Learning/Teaching Environment
2. KGTC members earning PhD degrees:
Angie Sauerwein, Fall 2020 (ESU—School of Library & Information Management)
“Developing Information Literate Learners: Instruction and Educators’ Expectations High School Content Areas” Dissertation
Amber Miller, Spring 2020 (Southwestern College, Educational Leadership, Spring 2020)
“Rural Teacher Attitudes Toward Gifted Differentiation in the Classroom” Dissertation
3. KGTC members working on doctoral studies:
Linda Collins, University of Kansas
Carrie Brun—University of South Carolina, Educational Practice and Innovation
Maryann Hebda—Baylor University, Educational Psychology (full scholarship)
4. 2021 Governor’s Proclamation (Contact: Christine Steinkuehler)
Co-sponsored by KGTC and GPC-GS?
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AwTasGmIEGAiVVFLFJgSUuLp6TkfTkoJ/view?usp=sharing>
The GPC-GS can provide sample text from previous documents in the archives.
If there’s a virtual ceremony, does KGTC wish sometime to attend the actual ceremony?
5. Post-Doctoral Student Martina Brazzolotto-University of Bologna, Italy during Spring 2021. Could she observe a portion of the KGTC Board meeting this Saturday or another Saturday?
6. ESU GTC program response to COVID-19: proposed 18 hour PK-12 endorsement and 30 hour MS degree (in approval process for Fall 2021)
7. Colleagues who passed away:
Brittany Marinsky (August 30, 2020)
<https://www.forevermissed.com/brittani-marinsky/about>

USA

8. NAGC conference proposals due Friday, January 22 at 11:59 PST.
Perhaps some KGTC members would like to collaborate on a proposal?
<https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/account/signup.asp?EventKey=MTTCZUJB>

International

9. World Council for Gifted and Talented Children Teacher Education Standards Position Paper
21 members from 19 countries are formulating teacher education standards. It’s possible we’ll complete the work by Summer 2021.
<https://world-gifted.org/position-paper/teacher-education-standards-position-paper/teacher-education-standards-position-paper-update-1/>
10. WCGTC Biennial Conference (virtual; formerly scheduled for Dubai)
July 31-August 1 and August 7-8, 2021
<https://worldgifted2021.com/>
11. Public lecture on Thursday, January 14th at 11:00 AM (free)
“It’s a Small World: Connecting Excellence, Creativity and Innovation”—Dr. Connie Phelps

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