



December 28, 2021

Greetings, and wishing you the Happiest New Year,

Knowing the difficulties, the past two years have presented, I am elated to say that our KGTC organization is alive, thriving and continuing to grow. As we close the 2021 year, most all openings for our board have been filled, the fullest board we have seen for a number of years. Our amazing board members have reached out and recruited expertise in a number of open positions. Thank you to all board members whom have continually provided direction and growth to the organization.

Our recent State Convention, “Explore Creativity and More!” was once again a success especially with the many obstacles that were encountered and overcome. A special thank you to Leigh Johnson, Convention Chair, Tracy Elford for the updated KGTC webpage and to Sue Newsome for membership drive. An additional thank you to Dr. Connie Phelps for connecting us with keynote speakers from around the world, Dr. Todd Lubart (France), Dr. Vlad Glaveanu (Switzerland), Dr. Zorana Ivcevic Pringle (University of Yale), and Dr. Ron Beghetto (University of Connecticut). Thank you to all KGTC board members for the part each member played to aid the convention presentation.

A special Invitation to become a KGTC Member: Cost \$40.00 for a full year to the end of 2022. Your membership will include:

- Voting in all elections and constitution updates
- Discounted registration fee for annual conventions
- Free & discounted mini-sessions throughout the year
- Early access to registration
- Members Only emails and newsletters
- Members Only access to website content
- Members eligible for Board and Executive Board positions
- Access to many previously recorded speakers and mini-sessions

It has been a most unique and rewarding experience to have served as President of the KGTC Organization during the past two years. During that time, only “two” in-person board meetings were held with the first being in January 2020 (just prior to the pandemic shut-down) and the last being in November 2021. Everything in-between was virtual due to the pandemic restrictions. The 2020 State Convention needed to be presented virtually and the 2021 State Convention was held virtual with in-person opportunities. I could not have served in this position without the help and support of the many wonderful team of board members, especially with all the technological challenges during these pandemic years. For that I thank you sincerely. Our new board of directors to begin their duties in January 2022 will be awesome and amazing leaders and I look forward to seeing the continued growth and expertise in supporting the needs of our gifted students. I look forward to meeting the newest board members and current board members in their new positions at the Board Member Retreat in live person in Hays, KS. Prayerfully, our world will return to all “in-person” meetings AND conventions. Thank you to all for the commitment to our gifted children.

Warmest and Sincerest regards,

Connie Staley,

KGTC President 2020 & 2021