

President's Message



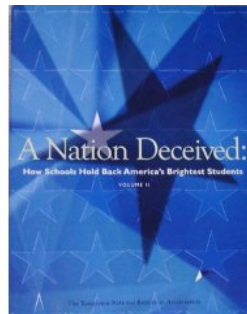
WELCOME to all the new members that joined FCSG in January. Remember your membership dues go directly to supporting the 250 TAG teachers in Fulton County in the form of Teacher Mini-Grants and to support Fulton County TAG Students through the FCSG Camp Scholarship Program.

This is a special newsletter because it's specifically focused on the Teacher Mini-Grant and Camp Scholarship Programs and it's a member's only newsletter (our regular newsletter goes to the parents of all Fulton County TAG students). In this newsletter you will find the details on how to apply for the Mini-Grants and Camp Scholarships. The deadline for applications for both programs is March 31st, 2007. Decisions on applications will be made in early April followed by notifications at the end of the month.

Your board is working diligently to arrange our first guest speaker for 2007. These presentations have typically been focused on the challenges and opportunities of parenting and educating gifted children. Parents and teachers have always found these evening presentations very valuable. Look for more information later this month.

We wanted to let you know that the Georgia Association for Gifted Children is holding their annual conference March 8th & 9th, held at the Global Learning and Conference Center on the campus of Georgia Tech. The theme for the conference is **"Minds Wide Open: Enrich and Accelerate the Gifted"**. The keynote speaker is Dr. Nicholas Colangelo, author of *A Nation Deceived*.

This program should prove to be very enlightening to both parents and teachers of gifted children. You can find out much more on their web site: www.gagc.org. As a member of FCSG you are automatically enrolled as a member of GAGC and therefore receive a discounted member conference fee.



The board looks forward to increasing the level of communication and activity and welcomes your comments and suggestions. You will find our contact information in this newsletter.

Thanks again to both continuing and new members; your financial support is critical to the ongoing work on behalf of Fulton county TAG Teachers and Students.

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Upcoming

Events:

Watch website for upcoming speakers, print out grant and camp scholarship forms.



Our Purpose

As a local chapter of the Georgia Association of Gifted Children, working with the Fulton County School System, the Fulton County Supporters of the Gifted (FCSG) is comprised of Fulton

County parents, teachers, and other interested persons. Our purpose is to advance the development of gifted children's potential through advocacy, and educational support at the federal,

state, and local levels. Meetings are held several times a year and feature speakers on giftedness, legislators, and educators discussing TAG programs. www.fultongifted.org

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Parent Interests



SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Emory Computer Camps:

Summer 2007 is iD Tech Camps' 7th season at Emory University. We have chosen the Emory University campus to host our camps. Call 1-888-709-TECH or visit www.internaldrive.com/georgia/ for more information.

National Computer Camp:

What distinguishes NCC from other computer camps is that NCC aims to provide campers with life long computer skills. As its primary focus, NCC provides a solid foundation in programming, focusing on languages and applications, hardware, video game and web page design. At NCC campers arrive with a dream and leave camp with a future. Held at Atlanta Christian College. Visit www.nccamp.com for schedule and tuition.

My Summer Camps:

Gifted Camps provide your child with the chance to develop character, learn valuable life skills, make new friends, and discover new interests. Finding the right Gifted Camps for your child is as important as helping them find the right college!

At [My Summer Camps](http://www.mysummercamps.com/), our goal is to help parents find kids and teen summer camps in Georgia that will meet the needs of your child. Visit www.mysummercamps.com/camps/georgia-gifted-camps.html for details.

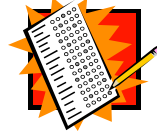
Summer Institute for the Gifted:

As educators, we at the [Summer Institute for the Gifted \(SIG\)](http://www.summerinstitute.org/) share your desire to develop and nurture children to help them achieve their fullest potential. For more than 20 years, SIG has been offering the highest quality summer programs for academically advanced students at some of the most prestigious institutions of higher learning in the US.

In 2007, sessions for students in grades 4-11 will again be held at Amherst College, Bryn Mawr College, Drew University, Emory Uni-

versity, Princeton University (grades 7-11), UC-Berkeley, UCLA, University of Michigan and Vassar College. Your teacher should have received their SIG 2007 brochure. Up to 100 new Merit Scholarships available - visit www.giftedstudy.com for details or contact Amanda Ritz at (866) 303-4744 ext. 5159, aritz@giftedstudy.com.

DUKE TIP: TALENT SEARCHES:



Duke TIP offers a [4th/5th Grade Talent Search](#) and a [7th Grade Talent search](#). These talent searches help gifted students and their families find out how advanced the students' abilities truly are. Traditional testing often fails to measure the variation among many gifted students who reach the upper limits of scoring on grade-level exams. By taking advanced above-level (at least two years above a student's current grade placement) testing through Duke TIP's talent searches, gifted students and their families gain a far better understanding of where the student stands in relation to his/her gifted peers and what level of educational challenge is appropriate.

The 4th/5th Grade Talent Search can help academically talented young people get inspired to learn through exciting educational opportunities.

The 7th grade Talent Search identifies academically talented 7th graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or middle school. Candidates are identified and invited to complete either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Assessment college entrance examination. Duke TIP then provides the participants with comparative information concerning their academic abilities and resources for unique educa-

DAY TRIPS

Titanic:

The Artifact Exhibition - Opening on Nov. 11th for a Limited Engagement

The Atlanta Civic Center plays host to Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition, bringing to life the tragic sinking of the legendary RMS Titanic through real objects and real stories. Seen by more than 17 million visitors, the Exhibition celebrates the lives of the passengers and crew, both saved and lost, in the disaster that claimed the lives of more than 1,500 people on April, 15, 1912. Tickets can be purchased at www.titanictix.com or call 1-866-640-0303. For additional information visit www.RMSTitanic.net.



Lizards & Snakes:

Explore the unique and beautiful diversity of lizards and snakes in this engaging new exhibition opening February 10, 2007. *Lizards & Snakes: Alive!* showcases live animals and their remarkable adaptations, including projectile tongues, deadly venom, amazing camouflage, and sometimes surprising modes of locomotion. 404-929-6000 www.fernbank.edu/museum/homepage.aspx

National Parks:

Experience Your America at www.nps.gov →



GRANTS

FCSG offers many grants each year. One each of Camp Scholarship and Teacher Grant forms are included with this mailing or extras are available online to FCSG members only. For More information, please visit www.fultongifted.org



The Georgia Association For Gifted Children
An affiliate of the National Association For Gifted Children

TEACHERS: "Minds Wide Open: Enrich and Accelerate the Gifted" is the theme of GAGC's twenty-ninth Annual Convention for educators and parents to be held **March 8 and 9** at the Global Learning and Conference Center on the Georgia Tech campus in Atlanta, Georgia. GAGC's goal for the convention is to provide a venue for teachers to gather creative methods for enriching and accelerating learning to ensure that every day is a learning day for the gifted child. Visit www.GAGC.org for complete details.

FCSG MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

FCSG provides many needed services for TAG teachers, students, and parents such as an informational newsletter, free speaker workshops, teacher mini grants, student summer camp grants, websites of interest, and so much more.

Please continue to use this newsletter, our website, or ask your child's TAG teacher to keep you abreast of any upcoming events, speakers, and or programs of interest to you and your family. *Join NOW-information on grants/scholarships will be mailed only to FCSG members. It is never too late to join!*

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