

Request to Attend Conference / Meeting

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND APPROVED BEFORE REGISTERING FOR THE CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP.

Individual Attending JENN SPORER
Name of Conference 2023 Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education Conference
Location of Conference Best Western Premiere Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg, PA 17111
Date(s) 11/2/23-11/3/23 Days of Week Thursday & Friday

Are you an active member of the organization sponsoring this event? Yes No

Is this conference directly related to a classroom assignment? Yes No

Purpose of conference:

The title of the conference is 'Step Up, Speak Out, & Lead to Promote Mental Health, Amplify Minority Voices, Advocate for Individual Needs, Ignite Interests in Gifted Learners, and Explore the Needs of Gifted Students'. All of the sessions are amazing - I will attend SEL in Gifted: Practical Strategies for Supporting the social-emotional development of Gifted Students; Full S.T.E.A.M. ahead! Cheering for Girls in Gifted Education; From GWR to NORA (PA Dept. of Education) - just to name a

Number of school days absent for conference/meeting: 2
Total number of days requested for conference/meeting: 3 (include travel time)

Estimated time of departure: 4 PM on 11/1
Estimated time of return: 7 PM on 11/3

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATIONS OF EXPENSES:

Travel: \$183.40
Lodging: \$260.00
Meals: \$70.00
Registration: \$470.00
Other: _____
Total Estimated Expenditures: \$983.40

SUBSTITUTE NEEDED:
 Yes (# of Days) 2
 No

**All receipts must be itemized.
Tips are not reimbursable.**

Submitted by: Jenn Sporer Date: 10/2/2023

Recommended to Superintendent: Yes No Karen Ferrer
Principal Signature

Account # _____ Amount/% _____
Account # _____ Amount/% _____

Recommended to School Board for Approval: [Signature]
Superintendent Signature

Date Approved by School Board: _____

Distribution: Original - District Office Copy 1 - Teacher Copy 2 - Building Office

2023 Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education Conference

Step Up, Speak Out, & Lead

November 2 & 3, 2023

Central Hotel & Conference Center

Harrisburg, PA



Join Us

Our 2023 annual conference will be held on November 2nd and 3rd, 2023 at the Best Western Premiere Central Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisburg, PA. We will be working to 'Step Up, Speak Out, & Lead to Promote Mental Health, Amplify Minority Voices, Advocated for Individual Needs, Ignite Interests in Gifted Learners, and Explore the Needs of Gifted Students'.

For Registration and Pricing Information visit: [Eventbrite Registration \(https://www.eventbrite.com/e/step-up-speak-out-lead-registration-511760097227\)](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/step-up-speak-out-lead-registration-511760097227)

Hotel Information

The conference will be held at the Best Western Premiere The Central Hotel and Conference Center (800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA, 17111).

A room block is available for \$129.95/night and includes free breakfast, complimentary parking, and wifi. Room block expires 10/4/23 (or when hotel sells out).

Book Now (https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.39125.html?groupId=L17QC5Z0)

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Christine Deitz is the Associate Director of the Jodie Mahony Center for Gifted Education at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She holds a Master Professional Educator teaching license in multiple areas and earned two National Board Teacher certifications in Social Studies and Gifted Education. In addition to her Center duties, Dr. Deitz is also the Director of the UA Little Rock's Teacher Academy where she mentors 30 educators who are earning their National Board Teacher Certification. She has 40 years of teaching experience in metropolitan and rural elementary and middle schools and 30 years in gifted education. Dr. Deitz received the Doctoral Student of the Year award from the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) in 2013. Her dissertation was an examination of teacher perceptions of implementing biography in elementary classrooms, and she has co-authored multiple *Blueprints for Biography* curriculum guides associated with two federal grants. Over her professional career, she has received multiple awards from NAGC including the Graduate Student Award, the A. Harry Passow Classroom Teacher Award, and the Curriculum Award. She is the past president of Arkansas's gifted advocacy group, Arkansans for Gifted and Talented Education. Dr. Deitz has taught gifted education courses at UA Little Rock since 2002, and has lectured nationally and internationally since 2005. She reviews articles for several gifted education journals and currently serves on the Board of Directors for NAGC as State Representative.



Matthew "Dr. Matt" Zakreski, PsyD is a high energy, creative clinical psychologist who utilizes an eclectic approach to meet the specific needs of his neurodivergent clients. He is proud to serve the Gifted community as a consultant, a professor, an author, and a researcher. He has spoken over 200 times all over the world about supporting neurodivergent kids. Dr. Zakreski is a member of Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG), the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC), the New Jersey Association for Gifted Children (NJAGC), and Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education (PAGE). Dr. Zakreski graduated from Widener University's Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology (IGCP) in 2016. He is the co-founder of The Neurodiversity Collective



PAGE 2023 Annual Conference
STEP UP, SPEAK OUT, & LEAD:
 The Future of Gifted Education

Thursday Morning Sessions

Building Executive Function Skills to Support Self-Advocacy in Gifted Teens (Natalie Smith)	Chapter 16: Back to Basics (Jonathan Klingeman)	Civic Agents of Change: Environmental Justice-Themed Book Club Empowers Gifted Authors (Dr. Elizabeth E. Schucker)	SEL in Gifted: Practical strategies for supporting the social emotional development of gifted students through a strengths-based lens (Adam Laningham)	Enrichment Strategies for Gifted Learners (Erin Cummings & Ryan Venner)
Join Gifted AA and Become an "Advocate in Action" (Dr. Kali Fedor & Dr. Ciminy St. Clair)	What Gifted Educators and Parents Should Know About "The Science of Reading" as it Will Affect Their Students (Aileen Hower)	Full S.T.E.A.M. ahead! Cheering for Girls in Gifted Education (Dr. Tammy McDonald & MaryAnn Green)	Understanding and Addressing Emotion Regulation in Twice Exceptional Students (Julie Skolnick, M.A., J.D.)	From GWR to NORA (PA Department of Education)
MHS Assesments - Session Title Coming Soon	Leading from Strength to Elevate Learning and Achievement Vickie Driver-Riverside)	Renzulli Learning - Session Title Coming Soon	The Same Target: PBLs, Critical/Creative Thinking & other DOK 3-4 strategies (Ben Bache)	Session To Be Announced

Lunch & Annual PAGE Update 12:00 pm

Keynote Address - Dr. Matthew ("Dr. Matt") Zakreski 12:45 pm

They Just WON'T DO IT: How to Help Your Gifted Kid get Unstuck

Thursday Afternoon Sessions

And the Children Shall Lead Us: A Guide to Interest-Based Learning (Dr. Matt Zakreski)	More than Poetry (Marcia Gregorio & Brett Vogelsinger)	Skynet or TARDIS? Exploring the Use of Generative AI in Gifted Education (Dr. Charlton Wolfgang)	Strategies to Support Gifted Children and How Trauma Impacts Them (Adam Laningham)	Gifted 24/7 - Strategies to Support Gifted Learners in the Elementary School (Dave Mendell & Emily Lovitz)
Leveling Up: Advancing Your Advocacy and Gifted Involvement with PAGE & NAGC (Dr. Kali Fedor)	Doing More with Less: Tips for Innovative Elementary Gifted Programming in Limited-Resource Settings (Hannah Kaptur)	Minority Recruitment into Gifted Education in Pennsylvania (Matthew Pimental)	Review of Chapter 16 Recommendations (PA Department of Education)	SEL and Yoga in the classroom (Lauren Almlof)



Thursday afternoon mingle 4:00 pm **Renzulli** Learning
 Featuring Book Signings, Poster Sessions, Exhibitor
 Visiting Time, and More!



Please note that sessions are subject to change.



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Friday Morning Sessions

Gifted Dyslexics: Discovering the Red Herring (Cynthia Allen-Fuss)	Opinionmasters: Exploring Debate in Elementary School (Jennifer Walters & Amy Warner)	Student-led initiatives: Clubs, Projects, and Leadership Opportunities (Susan Heydt)	Making Connections: Developing Leaders with Compassion and Kindness (Amanda Kirkpatrick)	Tips for Teaching Gifted Students in the Classroom (Bobbi Portnoy)
Helping Our Kids to Become Limitless Globally Adaptable Adults (Dr. Ciminy St. Clair & Dr. Kali Fedor)	Create at the Bell: Activities to Promote Divergent Thinking (Lindsay Wood and Susan Gable)	From Makerspace to 'Changemaker'-space: Transformative STEM-based Agency Opportunities (Dr. Elizabeth E. Schucker)	Grow the Gifted through a Growth Mindset and Other Trauma-informed Tidbits (Nicole Reppert and Denise Williams)	Writing Is Sometimes Hard For Me - Strategies to Support Gifted Learners in Writing (Adam Laningham)

Keynote Address - Dr. Christine Dietz 10:00 am
 Nurturing Brilliance: Unleashing the Power of Gifted Programs and Services

Lunch & Awards 11:00 am

Friday Afternoon Sessions

Developing Equitable Opportunities for Students of Color Through a Teamwork Approach (PA Department of Education)	Gifted program helps cultivate school culture and drives student leadership (Paul Kernan & Amy Polmunter)	Skynet or TARDIS? Exploring the Use of Generative AI in Gifted Education (Dr. Charlton Wolfgang)	Executive "FUN"ction (Nicole Reppert)	Creativity with Story Cubes (Sarah Brambley)
Additional Session with Dr. Christine Dietz	The Gifted Games (Nicole Reppert, Mary Reimold, & Adam Zeni)	STEAM session (TBA) (Dr. Katie Leach)	Gifted & ADHD; What it Means and What To Do For Twice Exceptional Children and Students (Julie Skolnick)	Student-led Fridays are the Best Part of the School Year (Renee Di Pietro)
PAGE Board Panel Discussion	A Mixed-Methods Study Examining the Impact of University Students' Disclosure of Giftedness as Part of Their College Application Process (Dr. Kali Fedor)	Parent-2-Parent Information Session (Deanie Gauntlett & Ronald Schmiedel)	To be Announced	To Be Announced



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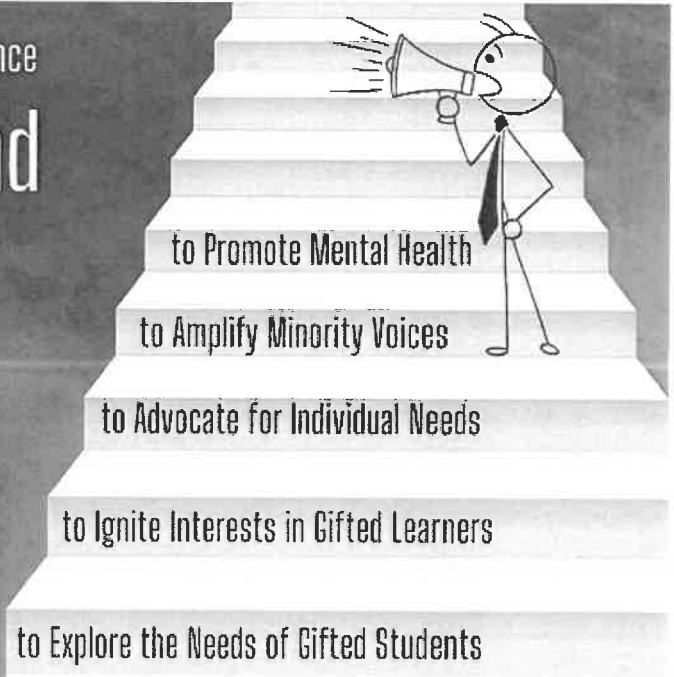


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Thursday, November 2



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Date and time

\$250 - \$450

Reserve a spot

 **Best Western Premier The Central Hotel & Conference Center**
800 East Park Drive Harrisburg, PA 17111
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Refund Policy

Contact the organizer to request a refund.

About this event

 1 day 9 hours

 Mobile eTicket

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2023.

Our conference is open to all teachers, administrators, parents, as well as anyone involved in any aspect of gifted education.

Act 48 credits are available for teachers needing continuing education credits!

Accommodations:

- We have a room block at the Best Western Premier Central Hotel & Conference Center
- The rate is \$129.95/night and includes up to 2 breakfasts per room.
- Room block expires 10/4/2023 or when the hotel sells out
- Complimentary Self Parking
- [Book Here](#)

Food:

\$250 - \$450

- Paypal upon check-out.
- Invoice your district. (This invoice is sent via email)
- Purchase Order. Payment must be received before the conference.

FAQs

What's the refund policy?

Cancellation Fee \$25. **No refunds after October 18th, 2023**

How can I contact the organizer with any questions?

All questions about the event can be directed to kshoupe@giftedpage.org

About the organizer



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November 2 - 7am - November 3 - 4:30pm EDT

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Registration

2 day conference attendance

- 1 +

\$450.00

+ \$18.44 Fee

No physical ticket will be needed at registration.

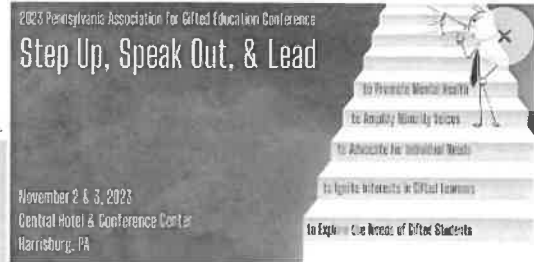
Thursday conference attendance

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\$250.00

+ \$11.04 Fee

Check out



Order summary

1 x 2 day conference attendance \$450.00

Subtotal \$450.00

Fees \$18.44

Total \$468.44