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NMAG is a non-profit organization of gifted education professionals who are joined together to advocate for gifted education in New Mexico to address the unique social, emotional and intellectual needs of gifted students.

Visit the NMAG website at: <http://nmgifted.org/> NMAG is a state affiliate of the [National Association For Gifted Children](http://www.nagc.org/) (NAGC).

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Registration for Summer Institute “Gifted: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow” July 29, 30, and 31



NMAG will be accepting registration for the Summer Institute soon. This year’s institute will take place in Albuquerque at the Embassy Suites. Keynote speakers include Margie Kitano and Susan Johnsen with opening ceremonies and welcome by J. Paul Taylor. Look for online registration with CREC at www.crecnm.org.

2009 NM Legislative Update Submitted by Teresa Rowlison, Ph.D.

As the 2009 NM Legislative Session comes to an end, HB 131 the Gifted Education Teacher Requirement died due to an inflated Fiscal Impact Report (FIR). However, Representative Stewart and Senator Nava introduced memorials to study the issue and create a gifted education teacher endorsement over the next year.



Both HM 103 and SM 81 passed unanimously. This means that over the next year, the Public Education Department (PED) will be collaborating with the state Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), gifted education organizations (including NMAG), and the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) to determine the requirements for a gifted education endorsement on teaching licenses. As a first step, the NMAG Executive Board will be inviting Dr. Mary Rose C de Baca from PED to join them at their next meeting to begin discussing these memorials and next steps. If you would like more information on this issue, please contact Teresa Rowlison at rowlison@nmsu.edu.



Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award

The New Mexico Association of the Gifted (NMAG) is accepting applications for the Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award. The Green family established the award to honor the memory of their young son, Nicholas, who died at age seven, as a way to recognize gifts and talents in young children. The award recognizes students in grades 3 through 6 who demonstrate achievement in academics, leadership, or the arts. Applications are available at <http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=560> or <http://nmgifted.org/>

All nominations due April 24, 2009.



Gifted Courses Available this Summer

Eastern New Mexico University

SPED 593: *Special Topics – Consultation/Collaboration/Communication/ Counseling with the Gifted.* (online)

SPED 593: *Special Topics – Curriculum and Gifted.* (online) For more information, please contact Michael Shaughnessy at michael.shaughnessy@enmu.edu

Highlands University - Farmington

SPED 435/635: *Nature and Needs of the Gifted.* (online)

SPED 435/635: *Curriculum for Gifted Students.* (online) For more information, please contact John Frazzini at jfrazzini@lcps.k12.nm.us

New Mexico State University

SPED 503: *Twice Exceptional.* (online).

For more information, please contact Lori Comallie-Caplan at lcomallie@lcps.k12.nm.us

University of New Mexico

Spc Ed 576: *Instructional Strategies for Gifted Students.* (face-to-face)

Spc Ed 574: *Teaching Twice-Exceptional Learners.* For more information, please contact Elizabeth Nielsen at enielsen@unm.edu

New Mexico Association for the Gifted (NMAG) Update

Everybody loves a gift basket, so NMAG is sponsoring a silent AUCTION at the Summer Institute. Each gift basket will feature a theme and will be up for bid at the Summer Institute. A Four-Corners basket, featuring items from Farmington is going to be there, along with a 'designer' purse filled with BLING! We need more baskets and are asking your help with this project. Just pick a theme for your 'bag', such as GAME NIGHT, COOKING SCHOOL, BOOKS, FOOD BASKET (SouthWest Flavors are great), or MOVIE NIGHT - movie rental gift card (1 or 2 movies) popcorn, chocolate, a six-pack of soda and a pillow or two and you're done! What about a SPA in a basket? LOTIONS? WINE? (just a bottle of wine, two glasses, cheese, crackers, etc.) GARDENING or MUSIC LOVERS --TEACHER SURVIVAL KIT. How about a LOBOS Superfan Basket? or An AGGIE Panorama? Just get to thinking and start looking for sale items.

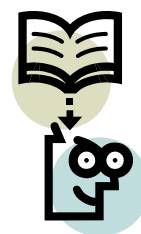
Really, the possibilities are unlimited! Design your basket or bag, send a brief description to either Sarah Reid (olioqueen@yahoo.com) or Melena Hulett (mhulett@lcps.k12.nm.us), then bring it to the registration desk at Summer Institute. Proceeds will go right back to NMAG to help with the cost of 2010 Summer Gifted Institute and your help is needed!

Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year, and Advocacy Awards



NMAG would like to recognize outstanding gifted educators/service providers, administrators and advocates in New Mexico at the 2009 Gifted Summer Institute Luncheon. Nomination applications can be found at <http://nmgifted.org/>

All nominations due April 24, 2009.



Feedback and Newsletter Submissions

We would like to welcome feedback on the newsletter and appropriate information to share in the newsletter. Information received for consideration, if published, will appear in the following quarter's newsletter, so please submit time sensitive information as early as possible. Please send feedback and information for consideration to Melena Hulett at mhulett@lcps.k12.nm.us