

## NAGC Convention in Baltimore, MD 2014



The convention was a great success for NAGC Affiliates last fall in Baltimore. Hga previewed the “rail” themed online gallery at local Baltimore museums and hosted an informal art exhibit by featured Hawaii artists, Barbara Sumida and Frank Oliva at the Marriott Hotel. We networked with NAGC and Affiliate members via the Art, Creativity and STEM Network meetings. This provided added insight into supporting additional gifted and talented services in particular areas of interest. We directed our energies towards these selected categories with the online gallery, technology and rail theme.

The Javits Program grantees were recognized by those in attendance. There were ten grantees including University of Hawaii student, Hye Jin Park. Her abstract addressed Twice Exceptional Students Achieving and Matriculating in STEM. Her project “will scale up and evaluate a model designed to increase the number of underrepresented 11th and 12th grade students who perform at high levels of academic achievement through gifted and talented programs.” It will take place in multiple settings including Hawaii, Iowa, Indiana, New York, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Evaluation will be done via CRT (Cluster Randomization Trial) and particular service hours will be designated for training, academic enrichment, shadowing, interest building and college transition. Hga’s focus on “College to Career” can only take this project’s research further. We look forward to hearing more about her findings.



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Hga will have more to report when the NAGC Conference meets again in D.C. on March 21-24. Do you have any questions or concerns that we can forward to our national office? We have until March 10, 2015 to submit testimonies in the Hawaii Congressional Packet. Hga will include testimonies, letters of support to the Senate and House of Representatives, information about Hga’s plans and a “wish list” for 2016. It is important that

Hga members and supporters express their needs, whether in their own schools or district. We ask educators, parents and students to write letters of support and forward it to Hga to be included in the packet. Click on this [template](#) to assist you; however, the more personal, the better! Mail four signed copies to Hga, P.O. Box 22475, Honolulu, HI 96822-2375. Address one each to: Senator Mazie Hirono, Senator Brian Schatz, House Representative Tulsi Gabbard and House Representative Mark Takai.

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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all! The outlook looks bright and promising for gifted education as we swing into the New Year with secured federal Javits funding for 2015!

I encourage all of you to take a step forward and be heard! Your opinions are important to the future of gifted education. We would like to hear from you through our newsletter. Be more active and visible! Write a column, pose a question, take a survey, send your testimony in support of gifted education. Students, tell us of any new projects or successes that you have done this school year. If you're a business, support your community by placing an ad with Hga. Although our services vary in several communities, the intent remains focused to reach all those who need to be identified and those that have been identified so they may excel to their highest potential. The best practices that we exercise in our daily service to the gifted provide the knowledge, insight and motivation to keep us moving forward.

Our membership is FREE! All we ask is your commitment, dedication and know-how to "buy into" our service! I wish you all a promising New Year and make this a continued learning experience as we all GROW in knowledge and experience!

Aloha,

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## BE A STAR!

**Stay Healthy! Stay Smart! Stay Focused!**

We need bright, alert, active, invigorating ideas to keep up the pace in 2015 and beyond! High School seniors and college students: we need to add more to membership. Send us your feedback: What are your College plans for 2015? What are your Career Goals upon graduation? What field of study? What Profession? Email [higifted@aol.com](mailto:higifted@aol.com) and tell us what your future college to career expectations are?



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## Mahalo!

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## Portland State University

Talented and Gifted Course  
via Cooperative-Credit Program in  
collaboration with Hga

Course Title:

Educational Learning Options

PSU#10142/ sec 005

March 26-27, 2015

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Site: TBA

1 credit / Upper Undergrad/Grad. level

Instructor: Ohtani-Chang. Email

highgifted@aol.com to register.

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## Board Updates

Fiona McNeill and Ethan Chang  
have resigned due to work and time  
commitments. Fiona was previously  
the Parent Action Committee Chair.  
Zachary Trow and Ethan Chang will  
remain as advisory members for

feedback, particularly to address  
young adult concerns. Charlie Hui  
reviewed the 2014 annuals. Our  
thanks go to them for their help and  
involvement with Hga!

Please welcome new board  
member, Deborah Aiken. She  
brings with her an education  
background and has tutored and  
coordinated curricula programs  
that work best for the student. Her  
focus the past several years has been  
at the high school level in the U.S.  
and abroad.

## Call for Artists

Hga will submit a call for artist for  
the online gallery by April.

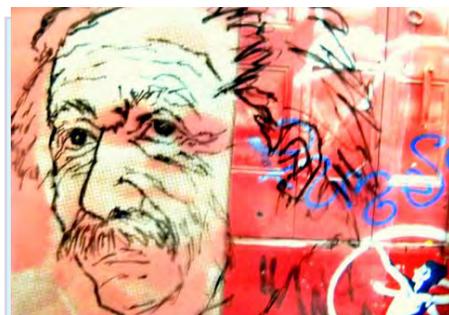
Prospectus will be sent out soon!

We look forward to a variety of  
images and invite you to submit  
them to [highgifted@aol.com](mailto:highgifted@aol.com). Several  
familiar organizations will once  
again participate. Know of anyone  
in particular? Let Hga know! See  
the 2014 online gallery at [http://  
highgifted.info](http://highgifted.info) for more information  
and view the format.

## Advocate for your child

After discovering your child needs  
something different in school, your  
child's teacher is your first contact.  
Though the thought of approaching  
the teacher can be daunting, there  
are several actions you can take to  
increase the chances of a successful  
*(read the rest of this helpful  
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the NAGC site:)*

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The Hawaii Gifted Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of the gifted and talented, educators, parents and communities. Hga was first established in 1976 and found its roots with the Mensa organization. Some years thereafter, Hga has evolved into a resource for the gifted and talented, offering feedback, advocacy, workshops, annual gallery show, consultation and assessments. We currently have 13 members on Hga's Board of Directors for 2014. Our services are free as we primarily rely on donations to the organization. We produce a biannual newsletter with additional information available found on our web site at [www.highgifted.info](http://www.highgifted.info).



### Invitation to enter the Aloha Show Exhibition

Hga encourages students to take advantage of member sponsorships offered by the Association of Hawaii Artists. The organization, established in 1926, will be exhibiting at Honolulu Hale under the sponsorship of the Mayor's Office on Culture and the Arts. The entry date for the "Aloha Show" is March 30 with the exhibit being held through April 17. This would be an excellent opportunity for our talented young adults to show their artwork! All interested and talented artists--we would like to see you there! Please contact Hga for registration details and any questions. We will assist you through the process. Please click on this link for the [prospectus](#) and more information. Write Priscilla Hall--she will be happy to help you through the registration process!