



President's Message:

Its been a long summer and Hga has been busy with its online gallery; "Sailing to Higher Education". We were generously supported by Art Nelson Sail Makers who donated sail material for book sling bags which was to complement the upcoming presenters presentation, and publication, "Statistics for Kids" Dr. Chamberlin publication is available, (and if you missed it find his publication on amazon.com) as well as Hga bookbags for the fall semester. The workshop was temporarily postpone and rescheduled for late Spring 2016. The extended time would allow for building professional connections and new faces in gt at a more appropriate time frame for increased attendance. The focus of the workshop was directed to educators interested in pursuing excellence in mathematics for high achievers. The same School, District or Institutions and Applications will still be available for Scholarships upon request in Spring 2016. In July of this year, the TALENT ACT, HR 2960, was introduced in House to support Gifted and Talented Students by Jared Polis (D-CO) and David Young (R-IA). The bill would aid gifted and high ability learners by empowering the Nation's Teachers and TALENT ACT.

It has since moved forward to Committee asking for support from Hawaii Representatives to keep the provisions in the bill with no changes. The bill also provides opportunities for TITLE I students to be identified and excel in their abilities. Find out more about GT at the federal level by going to www.nagc.org/ advocacy. By the time this newsletter reaches you Representatives will be back in session after their August break. The Javit Gifted and Talented Students program is currently funded \$10 million and seek to advocate funding annually. In 2016, the Senate Appropriation committee approved \$11 million for the Javits program however the House eliminated the program with that in mind, NAGC advocacy priorities are as follows: First; to hear from advocates to continue funding the Javits Gifted and Talented Students program in FY 2016. Your support in contacting your Representatives on the subcommittee or reach out to your Representatives to let subcommittee members know that he or she supports the continued funding. There are two bills out that address, ES-EA/NCLB as you may be aware of Senate Bill (s1177) and House Bill (H.R.5), each addresses important points as (s1177) requiring Title II PD plans to improve skills of educators and Administration, identification, student achievement level (@highest level). The House Bill includes some of this language but NOT the Javits program. **Second;** As these two bills work to approve one version approved by House and Senate we ask that you

approach your Representatives and "urge them to propose gifted and talented education provisions from s1177 be included in the final version of ESEA." Support via subcommittee members through your Representative is an important communication tool if they are members or non members of appropriation committee leaders. Early fall provided an opportunity to connect up with HMB High School AP Art Students as they participated in the first initial online gallery for Hga. Their Art Educator, Larkin Evans retired last year but her initiative in jumping on the project is greatly appreciated. We briefly discussed Senior portfolios and their college aspirations after graduation. They were doing some interesting hands on "group projects" and with computer graphics experimenting with surface designs. They need a 3D Printing too! As the fall season is upon us and winter close behind, Hga wishes you and yours a safe and happy holidays and we thank you for all you do for the gifted and talented.

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Sailing as we now are in a sea of conflicting practices, gifted children and their advocates deserve something better, something more substantial than occasional bursts of educational excellence.

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Board News:

Congratulations to Dr. Sundance Friedrich, Ph.D , she recently finished her dissertation ; on Gifted Adolescents Research Study on Social and Emotional research. Her summary results titled; An Exploratory Study of Spiritual and Existential Well-Being, Affect and Self Esteem Among Gifted Adolescents. The summary results will soon be published this fall 2015 at Sofia University, Palo Alto,CA.

Aloha to Debb Aiken as she and her husband have relocated to Fort McCoy in Wisconsin. Debb will remain on Board with Hga and stay connected to us as well as keep Hga current as to current issues in gift education particularly in her subject of interest; Mathematics. She was most helpful in pulling together contacts and helping to organize upcoming workshops for Educators. We wish her and her husband the best as they set out on a new chapter in their careers and lives! Please welcome Patrick Nishimura to Hga Board. Please welcome Patrick Nishimura to Hga Board. He is the new Protocol Administrator for the UH Cancer Research Center. Patrick is also the creator of this year's online gallery organizing the format of the 2015-16 Hga online gallery. Thank you and welcome Patrick, we look forward to working with you !



Hga Scholarship Fund 2015-16 Support; "Sailing forward to Higher Education" online gallery and donate to Hga Scholarship Fund. Your donation for selecting a cardholder (\$18)or wallet (\$25) from Art Nelson Sail Makers of Honolulu a local awning, canvas, rigger and sailmaker by trade will assist an individual in making it possible for them to attend a future workshop, conference or contribute to their financial educational need . Thank you for sailing forward to higher education with Hga.

Thank you to the Artisits, Photographers and Educational Institutions that participated in this year's online gallery:
Andrew McHowell, Hga feature

Artist this year!
KROC Center
Mari, Alyssa, Ethan
Waldorf High School
Moanalua Middle School
Joan Dubanowski
Frank Olivia
Barbara Sumida
Rebecca Snow
Hon. Country Club Artists
Digital Photographers and Artists
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***Please note that Featured Artist: Andrew McHowell 's ; 3's company" (in newsletter) Reprints are available for sale with a % of the sale going to Hga Scholarship. Email Hga at higifted@aol.com and we will be happy to send it to you. Donation of \$50 is appreciated. See request form.**

Hga changed its online theme as of September, as "Bringing Rail to Higher Education" ran from the fall of 2014 to 2015. As we close the 2015 theme and "Sail forward to Higher Education"Hga would just like to follow up and thank those who participated with Hga" a first online gallery. We would like to acknowledge HMB High School Student Artists and their Art Educator; Larkin Evans for being the first High School to participate with Hga. She retired this year and we wish her the best in her future plans! We are thankful for the many participants as Hga has traveled quite far and fast to Higher Education and laid the foundation for a successful online gallery!



Rail 2014

Keep current and read the update to the transit rail that is built on Oahu, Hawaii found at: www.info@honolulu-transit.org. see Rail Tax Extension (6-30-15) /H.B.134



Safety in your School
Recent publications of College Building and School Building included articles on keeping your school and students safe while keeping in mind, the architectural design of the buildings and LEED requirements, ways to implement policy and meet building codes while not intimidating students in a “less evasive” building was tactfully addressed. See August issues of School Planning & Management / webSPM.com and College Planning & Management/ webCPM.com.

Volunteers Needed

Summer Workshop Postponed!

PSU Workshop scheduled for June 18th and 19th has been postponed till Fall/ Spring Semester due to attendance and many students traveling out of town. Hga and PSU (Portlans State University)have a cooperative agreement between both entities in which Hga offers a class through PSU’s COOP/- CEED

Program for undergraduates and graduate level students. Look for next semester’s fall / spring 2015- 2016 catalog at; <http://ceed.pdx.edu> for course syllabus see http://gse.pdx.edu/handbooks/Instructor/pre_to_teach.php Current rescheduled classes will be in early March 2016 as of this newsletter.

Volunteers Needed for 40th

Hga Anniversary and Conference. Contact higftd@aol.com for details. Hga is in the planning process and appreciate your current input or archived /historical information you may have as an educator, advocate, parent or former member.


Memberships

As of December 2016 we will once again be “reactivating” membership dues for interested members that would like to be included in our mailing list. Hga required a membership due some time ago and thereafter stopped some time in 2007/08. We would like to encourage support for scholarship donations first. Secondly, we would like to see upgrading of Hga website, cover additional

printing cost and anticipated cost for 40th Anniversary Celebration. The free membership has been in effect for sometime and we will make ever effort to keep the dues to a minimal amount of \$35 annually or \$60 for two years. We hope you understand to keep communication going while maintaining the quality and Value to the program this may be an excellent time to innitiate dues. Hga is grateful for Donors who have been so supportive

and helped us along and we thank you for understanding our need to build membership while maintaining credibility with our peers.

*HAWAII HAS BEEN FORTUNATE IN THIS DIVERSE AND MULTI CULTURAL SOCIETY THAT WE HAVE CREATED IN THE ISLANDS TO NOT BE VICTIMS OF SOME UNFORTUNATE SITUATIONS THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN THE HEADLINES ACROSS THE U.S., LETS KEEP HI. SAFE



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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 learners, educators, parents and communities. Hga was first established in 1976 and found its roots with the Mensa organization. Some years thereafter, Hga evolved into a resource and referral 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 2015. Our services are free as we rely on donations to the organization. Hga produce a biannual newsletter with additional information available found on our website: www.higifted.info

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