



Annual Message

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FindingYourRootsInEducation!

Hga Spring 2017

Greetings gifted and talented Members and Colleagues,

We hope this message finds you energized and ready for 2017. The new year has brought about new changes and challenges with further demands of volunteer time! I am happy to say that fresh ideas have continued to surface as we move into 2017.

We are fortunate to have new board members join us in late 2016 and introduce new activities, workshops and connections. This spring new board member, Patrick Nishimura will present a workshop presentation on the challenges of high schoolers considering future goals of educational plans including the challenges of financing their higher education. Hga is fortunate to have a Financial Consultant, Nelson Secretario, who will be conducting the workshop for college bound students and their families.

Hga continues to host Buffalo wild Wings first Mondays of ever month to support scholarship funds and operations expenses with members and guest always welcome to attend. Hga t-shirts continue to be an added sources to support Hga.

On a National level, pending budgetary decisions continue.. first continued funding request for the Javits grant, which provides essential funding for research for the gifted and talented is on the check list. The funds effect all affiliates across the states which benefit from the data collection, research, curricula etc.Second, Title I and Title II funds which address low-income population and professional development for bringing services to gt students is an essential factor that supports best practices for the gifted and talented. This is a national effort that we hope many advocates will join in on.

Hga online gallery has begun to call for entries to their annual online gallery; "Finding your Roots in Education" which is this year's theme. Derrick Elefan is the featured Digital Artist that brings to life the roots in education through his photographic eye. Hga is pleased to featured his works this year. Please submit your images by July 1st online to Hga (see <http://higifted.info>) as the online gallery runs from 9/1/17 to 9/1/18. Find your roots by visual images of old classmates, schools, colleges, teams, educators etc..all influential in your educational development.

Lets look forward to a successful year building new collaborations, connections and further our purpose and mission of Hga. Please contact us anytime at higifted@aol.com

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