



Hga

FALL / WINTER 2017-18

NOVEMBER 2017

Special Points of Interest:

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- *Scholarship Awards*
- *Advocacy*
- *College Planning*
- *Finding Your Roots in Education*



MESSAGE FROM HGA

Greetings to all !!!

Its been a busy 6 months as you may know, Hga was present at the annual conference in DC and thereafter was advocating for gifted education from a local and national viewpoint. Funding was always an issue as we advocated for support for the Javits funds again in 2017 for 2018. advocacy efforts continue to make Gifted education a high priority. Communication with both State Senators will remain essential come March '18 on the Hill.

Come summer we were ready to follow up with college planning , resources

workshop/ mid year budget hoping to maintain a stable scholarship fund. We were fortunate to be able to hold board meeting at the CRC site due to Board Member Patrick. Through Hga's collaborate with PSU and Hga as a cooperative agency Hga once again was able to offer a class in professional development for gifted education curriculum. As a sponsoring agency with PSU I was able to do a follow up site (fall '17) visit at their school (Scott School, OR.) for one of the students. A very beneficial collaboration for educators and Hga! . By July we partnered with

the Albizia Project which directed its efforts to the homeless/refugee and possible a classroom architectural setting.

In August we did a call for scholarship applicants from UH School of Architecture and a MENSA group, Serteen which directs its efforts to highly intellectual students at the MENSA level.

By September we looked at Donation options to prepare for 2018 Hga Scholarship recipients. Our Hga Website, was released as we presented our online gallery , of, "Finding Your Roots In Education". The theme left open for one's



interpretation brought about ideas of old school ways, nature, lessons learned etc. Please take a moment and view the online gallery! Hga collaboration with its PSU Student via professional development class presented an opportunity to collaborate further in curricula and professional de-

velopment opportunities on a National level. Hga is presenting this PSU students' model lesson plan as another option for educators to use in the classroom . The educator's focus is on Spanish language students in the primary grades. delivered through a math lesson plan for K students.

She hopes to development added differentiation curricula for future use as resources applicable for her grade level. Rosario is one of many ambitious, dedicated and fledging educators that believe in gifted education in the Northwest. I was happy to be able to focus efforts this past sum-

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INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

mer and do an independent curricula for Ms. Rosario. Hga contacted OATAG the OR Affiliate with Ms. Rosario and hope the connection will benefit her and her Spanish languages students. Please feel free to view PSU COOP Classes online. Most times they are offered twice a year, Summer and Fall or Spring. October was time for Hga's Award presentation for local Scholarships. We were ex-

cited to award; recipients from UH School of Architecture and the Serteens We encourage donations throughout the year to Hga Scholarship Fund if interested please email Hga or send donations to Hga P.O. Box 22475, Hon HI 96822. Hga also started a drive for matching funds for 2018 to support Hga Scholarships and Advocacy efforts as NAGC is always on the "Look out" for those dedi-

cated to the mission of gifted education and encourage networking at all levels. By November we solicited Board Nominations for 2018 and also a call for Board Member Donations (by 12-31-17) in support of Hga The NAGC Convention will provide an opportunity for Hga to do an informal presentation on its collaboration with the Albizia Project and how sustainability plays an important role in the future



BRINGING YOU CURRENT!

of generations to come. We hope to hear from you by March via testimony, letters of support or emails as how you have been proactive in supporting, collaborating and being part of Hga's and NAGC mission to recognize the importance of supporting gifted and talented individuals that make a mark in history and future efforts in varied disciplines. !

NAGC Convention this year will be in November 9th to 12th in Charlotte, North Carolina. Affiliates across the US will attend to bring forth current trends, research findings and topics of interest to move gifted education in the right direction!

Thank you to Hga's supportive Board members and those who have gone above

and beyond their efforts to support its mission. The many sponsors who have contributed in their own way to support college planning and higher education, we thank YOU! We wish you Happy Holidays, Warm Sunny Days and Cozy Nights

Christine Ohtani-Chang
President, Hawaii gifted
assoc.

FUNDING ,GRANTS,WORKSHOPS ETC...

Hga has been busy working on communicating to schools, Universities and parents what we have offered to keep us connected with the gifted and talented.

Spring we were able to offer a career and collage workshop for college financing planning.

Thank you to Board member , Patrick Nishimura who coordinated the presentation.

The workshop was once again

offered in fall this past October for College, University and high school students and parents. We hope to lend our resources for students, parents, educators present to network with speakers.

Through our collaboration we connected with the Albizia Project so they also became a workshop topic so students and parents could see what was available for their students, children and peers in

higher education locally.

Hga once again offered their scholarship funds this past fall along side national scholarships as the; the Cooke Foundation with deadlines fast approaching, PEW Foundation offering year round grants, PELL grants, and select NAGC Scholarships. Other various science (STEM) opportunities; Klorane Botanical Foundation, NASA, and Torrance Creative Language/Arts.

HGA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2017



Congratulations to UH Architecture Student; Moses Lio and Rand Oshiro .Also Serteen Hawaii Students; Sara Kay and Kiana Hasegawa for their outstanding work this past school year. Hga recognizes gifted and talented students that have gone above and beyond their educational requirements both intel-

actually and creatively to fulfill a well rounded, whole child profile. These students have gone above and beyond to gain experience, exposure to different curricula and contributed to their communities .

Hga is proud to recognize them as nominees of the Hga Scholarship Award for 2017.

Please join us in congratulating these model individuals and their contribution to the gifted and talented school of thought.



Growing
Bright
Minds!

NEW BOARD MEMBER AND VISITING PROFESSIONALS

Please welcome Tari StMarie formerly an educator at Logan School for Creative Learning in Denver , CO. This private K-8 school for gifted and talented learners targets students in experiential learning methodology. Tari is currently working on Maui with the DOE system and is very interested in becoming an active member Board Member with Hga once fully acclimated with

the system. We welcome her experience and educational background to Hawaii gifted assoc.

On January 18th, 2018 , 6 to 9 pm, Hga is hosting Tiji Koenderink from the Netherlands. He will presenting a 2 hour workshop on the topic of giftedness. He has written 3 books and will be presenting;" the 7 Challenges of the Gifted Stu-

dent"

See his website ; www.takeontalents.com for more infor. If you are interested in attending (site TBA) please contact Hga at higifted@aol.com deadline to register is December 15th. His colleague Femke also from the Netherlands has highly recommended his work. She visited the islands and was very impressed!



ALBIZIA COLLABORATION

Congratulations to Joseph Valenti and his team of students to erect the first frame of the Albizia Project! Hga formed a collaboration with the UH School of Architecture to capture this unique project close to home. The sustainable housing that Joey Valenti created lends credit to his creativity, intellect and forward thinking to solve current issues and immediate social issues., while recognizing the usefulness of the plen-

tiful albizia trees here in the islands. He recognize the abundance of the albizia trees and saw how its wood could work to the advantage of his housing project while integrating a design concept. His team of architect students pulled it off and erected the first frame of the project thesis past summer session at UH Manoa. Congratulations for work well done!

See; <http://higifted.info> as well!



Sustainable
Successful
Solid
Safe



Hga working for gifted and talented education!

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Hawaii gifted association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) who's mission is to support gifted learners, educators, parents and the communities. We are a gifted and talented resource and provide assessments, testing, workshops and outreach via referrals. Our purpose to provide tools and answers to those seeking to support and identify the gifted and tal-

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THANK YOU TO HGA VOLUNTEERS!

Board Members of 2017!

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Mahalo to jasmine Baker who will no longer be on Board in 2018 but please welcome new Board members; Tari St Marie!

Thank you to the many supporters of the hga Scholarship fund, without them we would not be able to offer aspiring Individuals monetary support for their educational goals.

Thank you to those who have questioned, called, referred or recommended parents to Hga. We hope to remain a link to resources unavailable to those seeking advice, referrals and connections with schools, parents and other professionals.

Happy
Holidays and
plants a fresh
thought for
the New
Year!



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