



# Hga

LOOK UP

Fall 2021

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- Hga Update
- Fall 2021
- Resources
- Board Members
- Fall/Winter activities
- Book Review
- Grants/Scholarships
- Look UP!
- Advocating for GT
- Budget

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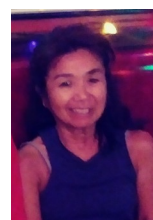
Greetings GT Supporters  
There is a light at the end of the tunnel Gifted Education has taken its toll on many educational institutions both private and public. The educational shortage of teachers, remote learning the challenging times have made many hesitant as to the best choice to make for the advancement of students and educational institutions. NY has abruptly changed its direction as states previously have and lowered the bar to facilitate Gifted and Talented education. Lets get noticed!(pg.4)  
\*Please welcome new Board Member ,Malcolm Mekaru

From UH Manoa Sustainability program. <http://hawaii.edu/sustainability/> He brings an array or experience to contribute to Hga Board! \*Our Hga Scholarship 2021 will be postponed till 2022. \*There have been several various opportunities thru the John Hopkins, John Cooke Foundations as well as local opportunity via Hga Federal Credit Union all to support higher education. \*That being said, don't forget about our GOFUNDME call to support higher education\*Thank you to Board Member Patrick who again coordinated the gallery slide show as we all Look

UP to a positive 2022!  
Hga hopes we can all move forward in a positive direction. Happy Holidays to you and yours!

<http://higifted.info>  
Thank you!

Christine Ohtani-Chang

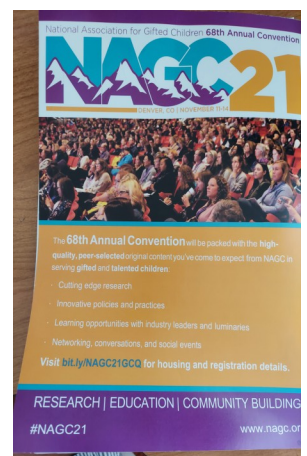


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## NAGC 68th Convention, 11/11-11/14, Den, CO.

Join us this fall 2021 as we convene for the annual NAGC Convention, a long awaited gathering for professionals to convene and address Gifted and Talented excellence. We hope to look up and consider the opportunities for students who have not been able to participate in such learning options. Our gifted and high achievers need professional support to take them to the next level. Advocate with US!

Summer Workshops Postponed, further information in 2022  
June 24th, "**Growth Mindset**" Thursday 4to 5 pm HST  
Registration \$25  
June 26th, "**Inspiring Creative Young Writers**" Saturday , 9-12 noon HST





## Featured Article Highlights for Fall 2021

### MINDFULNESS AT WORK

#### Try this easy tactic to trick your brain into making better decisions

When it comes to serious decisions in business or in life, this mental quirk can set us up for catastrophic failure unless we actively work to keep it in check.

[READ MORE](#)

This school year will be another challenging one for teachers, who also must support the social and emotional needs of their students -- writes Beth Pandolpho, instructional coach and former high-school English teacher. In this context, school districts and parent groups must step up to support teachers.

**Full Story:** [Education Week](#) (10/15)

### Resources, Grants, Scholarships

- \*\*Hga Scholarship 2022 submission deadline 10/1/2022, Reminder!!!
- \*\*John Hopkins Scholarship
- \*\*APFCU 2022 Scholarship

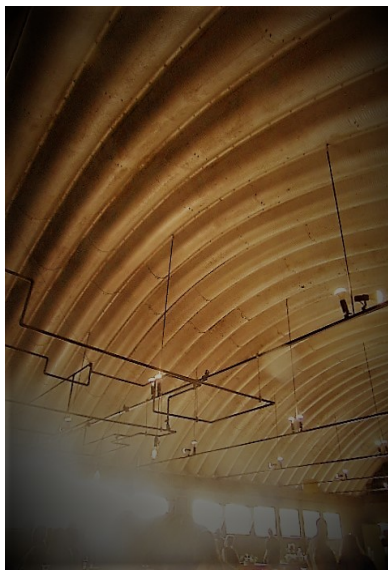
#### Researchers: Pandemic strengthens students' ingenuity



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While the transition to remote instruction was challenging, it also caused many students to act creatively and with ingenuity, write researchers from the University of Colorado Boulder and University of Colorado Denver. In this article, they detail findings from their research that counters the narrative of learning loss during this period.

**Full Story:** [EdSurge](#) (10/11)



*Creative minds always question the possibilities*

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## Creativity comes in all sizes

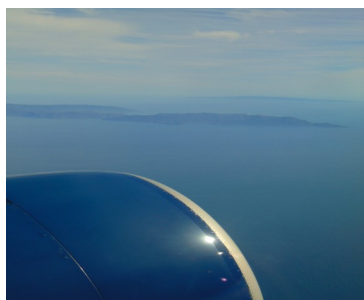
The US Academy of Sciences at the National Mall in DC is home to Albert Einstein Memorial. It was dedicated in 1979. The bronze sculpture of Einstein by Robert Berks at "first sight appears all wrong". The enlarged proportion of its head compared to the body mass portrays a "clumsy posture of the body with sloppy clothing". However, one feels that Berks captured the essence of this renowned genius as the likeliness of a child. The questioning, curious, rebellious attitude and stubbornness were all characteristics Einstein portrayed. However, his fresh ideas, unexpected outlook and insight brought forth the Genius he was.





## Resource; Which way in 2022?

“..The excursion into the world of aeronautical engineering ended rather suddenly, when Eisnsteins’s new wing was installed on a small aircraft, for a test flight. The aircraft took off well enough but then proved unstable in flight. As the rest pilot described his experience after take off. I was hanging in air like a pregnant duck.



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**just Look UP!** Thank you to Board Member Patrick for 2021-22 gallery Show LOOK UP! We hope you will be inspired to take a positive outlook as we move forward in 2022!!



“Who invented relativity is like asking who invented the Sail.The question is badly posed and meaningless..the answer depends on the kind of sail. The square sail was invented by the Egyptians, but the lateen sail (the first fore-and-aft -sail was invented by the Arabs

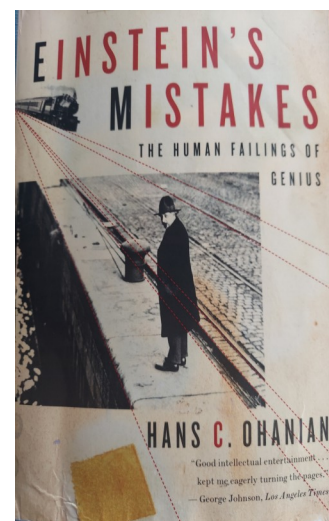
## Einstein made Mistakes too!

### Einstein’s Mistakes- The Human Fallings of Genius

By Hans C. Ohanian

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Many perceived Einstein’s Genius and Creativity as one of the most original minds. Although somewhat rash and and injudi-



Hans C. Ohanian is from Vermont. He studied with John Wheeler at Princeton and authored several textbooks and articles on physics.

## Book Reviews and Recommended Reading list by Deb Aiken



### Total Participation Techniques: Making Every Student an Active Learner, 2nd Edition By Pérsida Himmele and William Himmele

Teaching techniques have evolved over the years. Teachers need to keep the students’ interests and their desire to learn in a way that involves interaction with all the students. This book offers 51 teaching

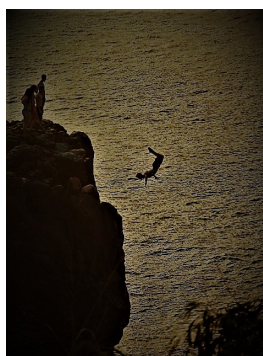
techniques to assist the teacher and engage the student in learning and participating. It deters students from being passive and not contributing to the lesson. These Total Participation Techniques (TPT) have been tested in the classroom and can be used as formative assessments.

One of my favorite on-the-spot TPT is a Chalkboard Splash. It allows students to see how their peers responded utilizing a limited number of words. It is quick and allows the student to get out of their seat as they place their answer on the board. If students include their name, it is on the opposite side of the sticky note, so only the teacher is aware of who generated the response. It is a good way to promote discussion during the last 10 minutes of class. It also can be utilized in the last 2 minutes of class, where the teacher collects the responses and uses the findings to modify the next lesson.



Delayed our **Garden Bistro** has been closed . The business hopes to REOPEN in 2023 following CDC guidelines. Small gatherings allowed at this time. Come check our outdoor seating, garden fresh and local foods, and an ocean view! Also our nursery and gardens.

## Creativity Rocks 2021!



JOIN US! NAGC CREATIVITY NIGHT ON 11/11/21 ,AT NAGC 68TH CONVENTION. THE EVENING EVENT WIL BE FILLED WITH INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS, OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER WITH PEERS, ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2021 PAUL E. ORRANCE AWARD AS WELLAS LUCKY NUMBER DOORPRIZES!



Join Ring Central Connect, to hear Keynote speaker , Steve Wozniak discuss how to foster Creativity and drive innovation while cultivating personal and business growth

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## New Board Members!

Please welcome  
Malcolm Mekarū  
from the UH  
Manoa campus  
Sustainability  
Dept.  
And also  
his own  
company  
Magic Box  
Welcome  
Malcolm!



Look Up something new for  
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lish your article in our next  
Newsletter Spring 2022!  
Email, [higifted@aol](mailto:higifted@aol) for  
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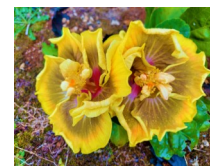
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The Hawaii gifted association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to enrich the lives of the gifted and talented learners, educators, parents and communities. Hga was first established in 1976 and found its roots with the MENSA organization. During this period the MENSA group offered direct services and outreach through their membership. Some years later, Hga has evolved into a resource and referral source for the gifted and talented offering consultation, assessment. Workshops and advocacy support.

Hga Scholarships are awarded annually every fall to select individuals who demonstrate and support excellence in their academic interest.

We are governed by voluntary members of the Hga Board of Directors which contributes to the mission and purpose of the association. Hga is an Affiliate of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC). More information is available online at <http://higifted.info> or email Hga at [higifted@aol.com](mailto:higifted@aol.com)



LOOK UP in 2022, as we all move  
past these trying times !

2021/22



## ADVOCACY; Looking Up and Out for the GIFTED AND TALENTED

### Advocacy Comm.

Christine Ohtani-Chang  
Byron Inouye  
Malcolm Mekarū

**“I’m a student here is how we finally pushed Harvard University to divest from fossil fuel.**

After years of pressure we finally convinced the University to remove oil, gas and coal “from its 53M endowment . One of its members of the ‘student organization who worked on the campaign explains how and why they fought the country’s richest

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### Legislative Update ON BUDGET for Education:

**PELL Grant** increases maximum by \$500 till 2029-30/ \$9 Billion for **Retention and Completion** Grants to institutions of Higher Education/ **GROW YOUR OWN PROGRAM**, \$197 Million to address teacher shortage in high-need subjects and locations/ \$2 Billion for grants to **Community Colleges** to expand and develop the workforce in high-skill, high-wage or in demand sectors while also \$5 Billion to create or expand registered **Apprenticeship Programs**.

**NAGC Legislative Advocacy Network** This week in Washington, both the House and Senate were out of session for most of the week, but are scheduled to return the week of October 18. The most significant development during the week was that the House passed and President Biden signed into law an increase in the debt limit that will stabilize the country's financial systems and avoid a federal default until early December. A longer-term solution must now be found over the next few weeks. In addition, congressional leaders are still negotiating on the budget reconciliation package, although there still has not been significant movement on the bill publicly. At this stage of the process, it is important to continue advocacy efforts and urge federal policymakers to prioritize critical investments in CTE – more details are provided below. As we await further action by Congress, here is the most important news from Washington this week: New NAGC Leadership to LAN is David Cutler, he replaces Bill Knudsen, past Chair. Legislative Advocacy Network Conference March, don't forget March 2022, NAGC.org







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# **The commercial transformation of America's schools**

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# RUTH BADER GINSBURG



*A Life*

Jane Sherron De Hart



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- *ruth bader ginsburg*

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Last week, we lost an American hero. Ruth Bader Ginsburg, fondly known as RBG, was a stalwart champion for women's rights and gender equality during her tenure as a law professor, judge, and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Her life's work and legacy are perpetuated by the continued activism and advocacy that she inspired. We celebrate her life, her service, and her courageous dissenting voice with a reflection on her own words and stories from her life and others who continue to agitate the status quo.

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