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## Upcoming Events

Feb. 8 - Gifted Education Day

Feb. 10 - [Gifted Education  
Institute](#) "Changing Lives  
Through Social & Emotional  
Learning" - Whitworth  
University

March 24 - [Invent Washington,  
REGIONALS, Spokane](#)

April 14 - [Invent Washington  
State Competition, Tacoma](#)

For more details and a full list  
of upcoming events, [click here](#).

## Outreach Meetings

It has been a few months  
since over 400 of us gathered  
at Hotel Murano in Tacoma,  
and some of you may be  
feeling ready for some time  
and discussions with like-  
minded peers in the field of  
highly capable education. We  
are here for you!

The following meetings have  
been scheduled, and others

## Gifted Education Day 2018

Vicki Edwards - President

February 8, 2018 is Gifted Education Day in Washington State, as declared by Governor Jay Inslee. Activities begin at 10:00 A.M. in the Columbia Room at the state capitol.

Gifted Ed Day is a day to celebrate gifted students as well as those who work with the highly capable or gifted student population in Washington State.

You will see teachers, parents, students and advocates wearing bright green scarves to visibly show their support for gifted education in Washington State.

If you cannot attend on February 8, please be an advocate for gifted students by emailing support to your legislature. Tell him or her that gifted education is basic education, share how gifted or highly capable services have impacted your family or someone you know.

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**Anacortes** ESD: Thursday, January 11

**Bremerton** SD: Tuesday, March 20

**Pasco** SD: Tuesday, March 6

**Pierce County** Skills Center: Tuesday, March 13

**Spokane**, Libby Center: Thursday, February 15

**Tumwater/Olympia** ESD: Monday, March 19

**Vancouver** SD, Bates Center: Wednesday, April 25

**Wenatchee** ESD: Wednesday, March 7

**Yakima** ESD: Wednesday, April 11

are in the works. Check back often to our Upcoming Events page.

**ESD 105:** Feb 9th, 6:00 at Zesta Cucina's in Yakima, WA

**ESD189:** March 21st, Lombardi's in Everett, WA

For more information, or to suggest a time/location for future meetings, contact Wendy Clark at [vp@waetag.com](mailto:vp@waetag.com)

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## Project HiCapPLUS Online Professional Learning Modules

Access and Equity for Highly Capable Identification and Services and Pedagogy and Strategies that Enhance Learning for Highly Capable

**FREE** to all public and SBE-approved private school educators

## SAVE THE DATE!

Presented **in-person** by module creators:

**Dr. Jann Leppien, Ph.D.**

Center for Gifted Education, Whitworth University

**Dr. Nancy Hertzog, Ph.D.**

Robinson Center for Young Scholars, University of Washington

### WHAT'S IN THE MODULES?

- Proven practices use a variety of data to identify students and match services to their needs.
- Evidence-based strategies support classroom acceleration and enrichment.
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) develop talent in all students.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Teachers, Counselors, Instructional Coaches, Principals, District HiCap Program Coordinators

New to Highly Capable or a veteran in the field? There is something for **you!**

### WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

- Learn strategies to address equitable identification of low income students, as recent legislation calls for.
- Gain resources that support teachers working with advanced learners.
- Join other educators in your region to explore the modules, and examine ways to facilitate implementation in your setting.



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## Summer Scholarship Opportunity

Now accepting applications for WAETAG's Summer Scholarship program!

Deadline for applications is March 31, 2018.

Learn more and [submit your application here](#).

Here's what one of our 2017 Summer Scholarship recipients had to say [here!](#)



## Arguing Equity Issues for Highly Capable

Janet L. Kragen - Gifted Education Legislative Liaison

Jan Kragen describes some of the history of a WAC revision of Section 412 of EHB 2242, addressing the need for districts to do a better job prioritizing identification of low-income students. She also describes her experience testifying before the legislature and gives advice for other teachers who might like to give it a try! Click [here](#) to read the article.

## Teacher Corner

Jen Flo - ESD 113

As part of the classroom recipe, differentiation is a way of thinking about teaching. It's how teachers know their students. It's how we adapt to meet them where they are at. And, it is often a part of a comprehensive program working with highly capable students, grades K-12.

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## Stay Connected



Teachers differentiate across four domains: content, process, products, and learning environment. It is our relationship with students, understanding our curriculum, assessments, strategies and routines, and flexibility that enable us to meet the needs of our students.

A quick internet search can take you to some fabulous resources to help you on that journey. Click [here](#) for the full article, including a few favorites books and websites.

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## Conference Wrap Up and Looking Ahead

Wendy Clark - Vice President/Conference Chair

The WAETAG Board and I would like to extend a sincere thank you to those that attended our conference last October. Record numbers of attendees enjoyed time together with peers in their field and walked away with more tools to help students grow. Our membership and attendance has continued to grow each year, and 2017 was no exception with the highest number of attendees to date. Hopefully, by now, you have been able to share some of what you took away from the keynote speakers and presenters with your students and, possibly, other teachers and administrators in your district. By doing so, we can all help keep Highly Capable needs at the forefront ensuring all students are learning something new each and every day.

For the hundreds of you who completed the online feedback form, we thank you. We use the feedback from that survey to do whatever we can to make improvements for you each year. We received so many heartfelt comments and testimonials!

Find feedback from the 2017 conference and a sneak peek at our keynote speakers for **WAETAG's 2018 Conference on Innovation and Equity** [here](#).

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## Judges Needed

Prodigy Northwest launched "Invent Washington" in 2013. Invent Washington has grown in size every year since its inception.

Schools, programs and districts have their own "Invention Conventions" and regional competitions. Student participants from those competitions may participate in the Washington State Invention Convention, WA iCon, on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Henry Foss IB High School in Tacoma, WA.

Are you interested in judging the April 14 competition? Contact Deb Johnson at [deb@prodigynw.org](mailto:deb@prodigynw.org).

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## WAETAG Vision

All students are recognized, respected and passionately supported for their unique needs, talents and gifts.

## WAETAG Mission

To empower educators and communities to support and champion for the educational and social emotional development of talented and gifted students.

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