AGENDA

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  Registration Open  Outside Columbia B

1:00 – 1:15 pm  Welcome  Columbia B
Sally Krisel, NAGC President
M. René Islas, NAGC Executive Director

1:15 – 2:15 pm  NAGC Advocacy Strategy
Bill Knudsen, Director of Government & Affiliate Relations, NAGC

2:15 – 3:15 pm  Building a State & Local Structure to Support Advocacy – Lessons Learned from Education Advocacy in Texas
Sheri Hicks, CAE, Executive Director of the Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented

3:15pm – 4:15 pm  Gifted Education Works – What We Know From Research
Moderator: Jonathan Plucker, Ph.D., NAGC President-elect, Julian C. Stanley Endowed Professor of Talent Development at Johns Hopkins University
Del Siegle, Ph.D., Director of the National Center for Research on Gifted Education, University of Connecticut
Jill L. Adelson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Louisville

4:15 – 5:15 pm  The Art and Science of Engagement
Mary Ruth Coleman, Ph.D., University of North Carolina

5:15 – 5:45 pm  Advocacy Goals
Sandra Johnson, Chair of the Legislative and Advocacy Committee, NAGC

5:45 – 6:00 pm  Wrap-Up, Questions, Feedback, and Congressional Packet Pick-up

MONDAY, MARCH 19
7:30 – 8:30 am  Continental Breakfast  Columbia B

8:30 – 8:45 am  Welcome  Columbia B
Bill Knudsen, NAGC

8:45 – 9:30 am  The Power of Parent Support and Advocacy Groups
Tracy Elford, Past-President, Blue Valley Parent Advocates for Gifted Education

9:30 am – 10:15 am  ESSA State Plans that Support Gifted Education – Policy & Advocacy
Lessons Learned and Tips to Maintain & Grow the Momentum
Michael Petrilli, President, Fordham Institute
10:15 am – 10:30 am  Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm  Scaling Advocacy – An Open Discussion
   Julia Link Roberts, Ed.D., Western Kentucky University, Mahurin Professor of Gifted Studies and Executive Director of The Center for Gifted Studies and The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  Building a Successful Grassroots Strategy – Lessons Learned from the Afterschool Community (Plated Lunch)
   Jennifer Rinehart, Senior Vice-President, Policy and Research, Afterschool Alliance

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm  View from Capitol Hill (TBD)

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm  It’s Still a Baseball Game: Connecticut & lessons that work at the local, state, federal, and international level
   Bianka Kortlan-Cox, J.D., Vice-President Legislation and Public Policy, Connecticut Association for the Gifted

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  Training for Hill Visits – What to anticipate & role-playing
   The Honorable Karen A. Johnson, Senior Advisor at Potomac Strategic Development Co. and former Assistant Secretary of Education for Legislation and Congressional Affairs

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm  Hill Advocacy: Best Practices & Wrap-Up
   Bill Knudsen, NAGC

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20**

7:30 – 8:30 am  Continental Breakfast  Thornton

9:00 – 4:00 pm  Congressional Visits: Allow 45 minutes to walk over, clear security, and arrive at first appointment. Optional to meet in the hotel lobby at 8:30am and walk over.