Imagine the Possibilities

300+ content-rich sessions covering 16 topic strands in gifted education

Special sessions featuring innovation, collaboration, and the Whole Gifted Child

Private illuminations & dessert reception hosted by Disney at Epcot® on Friday evening

Exclusive Disney Youth Education Series for convention attendees on Wednesday and for children with adults on Friday and Saturday

Live interviews and engaging conversations with keynote speakers and other experts at the NAGC Networking Niche

Interact with gifted education leaders, parents, teachers, and researchers

NAGC is a global network reaching over 20,000 educators, researchers, parents, and policymakers devoted to supporting gifted children in achieving their full potential.

Exhibit Hall featuring cutting edge products, publications, and resources
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Convention Schedule At-a-Glance

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Pre-Convention Program: See page 3 for details
Disney Youth Education Series
AM and PM Sessions

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

Pre-Convention Programs 8:00 AM–2:30 PM
Opening Keynote 3:00–4:15 PM
Opening Exhibit Hall & Reception 4:15–6:00 PM
Network Evening Events 6:30–8:30 PM

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

Concurrent Sessions 8:00–9:00 AM
Exhibit Hall Open 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
Concurrent Sessions 9:15–10:15 AM
General Session: 10:30–11:30 AM
June Scobee Rodgers, Challenger Program

Lunch & Exhibit Hall Break, Poster Sessions 11:45 AM–1:15 PM
Concurrent Sessions 1:15–2:15 PM
Concurrent Sessions 2:30–3:30 PM
Concurrent Sessions 3:45–4:45 PM
Celebration of Excellence 5:00–6:15 PM
Donor Reception 6:30–7:30 PM

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

Concurrent Sessions 8:00–9:00 AM
Exhibit Hall Open 9:00 AM–4:30 PM
Concurrent Sessions 9:15–10:15 AM
General Session 10:30–11:30 AM
Jennifer Stancil, Glazer Children’s Museum

Lunch & Exhibit Hall Break, Poster Sessions 11:45 AM–1:15 PM
Concurrent Sessions 1:15–2:15 PM
Concurrent Sessions 2:30–3:30 PM
Concurrent Sessions 3:45–4:45 PM
Celebration of Excellence 5:00–6:15 PM
Donor Reception 6:30–7:30 PM

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

Super Sessions 8:00–9:00 AM
Super Sessions 9:15–10:15 AM
General Session 10:30–11:30 AM

*Free access to the park
Dinner on Your Own
(Food & Wine Festival will be taking place on this day)
Dessert Party at Epcot®
and Illuminations 8:15–9:00 PM
Registration Rates & Information

REGISTRATION RATES

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**PRE-CONVENTION**

**Wednesday, November 2**

_**DISNEY YES Programs**_

- Energy & Wave Physics Lab  | 9:00am - 11:00am  | $125
- Science of Disney Imagineering | 8:00am | $125
- Discovering the American Spirit | 7:30am | $125
- Introduction to Global Citizenship | 8:30am | $125
- Disney Leadership Strategies | 8:00am - 12:45pm | $125
- Exploring Careers in Marine Sciences | 8:30am - 1:00pm | $125

**Thursday, November 3 (8:00am - 2:30pm)**

- Models to Implementation: From Theory to Practice  | $149
- Identifying and Serving Gifted and Talented African-American and Hispanic/Latino Students: Future Directions for Research, Collaboration, and Practice | $149

**REGISTRATION RATES & INFORMATION**

**REGISTER ONLINE:**

- www.nagc.org

- Individuals can register with a credit card or print form and mail in with check or purchase order
- Groups register on one form, print, and mail in with a check or purchase order

**QUESTIONS?**

Call 202-758-4268 or Email adriane@nagc.org

**CANCELLATION/CHANGE/SUBSTITUTION POLICY**

NAGC Convention cancellations must be received at NAGC in writing no later than Friday, October 21, 2016. All cancellations, substitutions, and registration changes will be charged a $100 processing fee. Refunds will be issued within 90 days.

**Hotel Information**

The official hotel is **Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort**

1000 Buena Vista Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
Phone: (407) 934-7639

**SPECIAL NAGC RATE:** $159.00 plus tax

Book your hotel now: [https://www.mydisneymeetings.com/nagc2016/](https://www.mydisneymeetings.com/nagc2016/) and access important Disney links and online tools to plan your visit.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** October 10, 2016
Pre-Convention Program

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

AM & PM SESSIONS

REGISTRATION FEE: $125 per attendee
(includes scheduled transportation from Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort to the parks and park admission)

DISNEY YOUTH EDUCATION SERIES

The Disney Youth Education Series is a collection of unique, enriching experiences designed to engage young minds and show students the path to making dreams a reality. These practical learning programs use Disney storytelling, dynamic cast members, the environment of the Disney Parks, and the power of hands-on learning to spark creativity and unlock the hidden potential within our students.

Disney customized the YES programs exclusively for NAGC Convention participants. NAGC registrants will engage in an educational adventure and learn how to apply the curriculum and insights gained in their classrooms or homeschools and share the magic with their students. This collection of guided field studies is accredited, standards-based, and uniquely designed to reinforce classroom lessons.

Capacity per program is limited—Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Programs run approximately 3 hours.

PLEASE NOTE: Departure time from Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort will be 30 minutes prior to the start time of the program.

APPLIED SCIENCE

Energy and Waves Physics Lab at the Magic Kingdom® Park
Explore how the physics of light and sound are at work creating unforgettable park experiences.

The Science of Disney Imagineering: Gravity at Disney’s Hollywood Studios®
Discover how Walt Disney Imagineering uses the powers of science to develop our world-famous theme parks and attractions.

LIBERAL ARTS

Discovering the American Spirit at Magic Kingdom® Park
From the Declaration of Independence to the Wild West, you are transported back in time to discover the American Spirit.

Introduction to Global Citizenship at Epcot®
Explore cultural connections and competency to prepare students as global citizens on the world’s stage.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Disney Leadership Strategies at Epcot®
Uncover elements and strategies of great leadership and learn how to identify and nurture existing skills to become effective leaders.

Exploring Careers in the Marine Sciences at Epcot®
Learn from Disney marine educators about the roles and responsibilities acquired by marine scientists to excel in the fields of animal care, marine research, and conservation at The Seas with Nemo & Friends.

Disney Youth Education Series will also offer a limited number of Friday and Saturday morning programs for children, accompanied by an adult. Visit www.nagc.org for more information.
Models to Implementation: From Theory to Practice

Designed by the NAGC Early Childhood, Middle Grades, and Special Schools and Programs Networks

Geared for those new to gifted education as well as those that are looking to make changes to programs, and others interested in various service and programming models.

Gifted education offers a full choice of models and theories for developing programs and services, often times leaving the practitioners to wonder what a particular model might look like if implemented in their setting. This pre-convention program will focus on eight models of gifted education practice and highlight how various schools are implementing the models in their setting. There will be an opportunity to investigate the practical applications of the model, interacting with practitioners of the models. The day will aim to answer such questions as: How do gifted children, their teachers, or coordinators benefit from the various models? How can each model work together with the others?

CONFIRMED MODELS AND EXPERTS AS OF 3/1/16:

- **Integrated Curriculum**
  Joyce VanTassel-Baska, Smith Professor Emerita, William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

- **Schoolwide Enrichment**
  Joseph Renzulli, Professor, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
  Sally Reis, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

- **Acceleration**
  Susan Assouline, Director, Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
  Nicholas Colangelo, Dean, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

- **Reggio Emilia**
  Nancy Hertzog, Director, Robinson Center for Young Scholars, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

- **Autonomous Learner**
  George Betts, Professor Emeritus of Gifted Education and President, NAGC, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

- **Online/Blended Learning**
  Darby Carr, Head of School, Laurel Springs School, Centennial, CO
  Megan Palevich, Director of Education and School Principal, Laurel Springs School, Centennial, CO

- **Problem-Based Learning**
  Shelagh Gallagher, Engaged Education, Charlotte, NC

Identifying and Serving Gifted and Talented African-American and Hispanic/Latino Students: Future Directions For Research, Collaboration, and Practice

OPENING KEYNOTE
Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools

PROGRAM CHAIR:
Jaime A. Castellano, Luciano Martinez Child Development Center & Maverick Education, West Palm Beach, FL

CO-CHAIRS:
Margarita Bianco, Associate Professor, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO
Tarek C. Grantham, Professor, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Join the nation’s leading African-American and Hispanic/Latino scholars, authors, and researchers in the field of gifted education for this special opportunity for practitioners, researchers, and administrators to address the needs and improve the education of African-American and Hispanic/Latino children.

The program is divided into four content strands. For each strand, breakout sessions and a mini-keynote presentation will be offered.

- **Equity, inclusion, cultural competency, and social justice**
- **Social/emotional growth and development; curriculum and instruction**
- **Next generation/innovative assessments**
- **Family/parent collaboration/partnerships**
Keynote Speakers

FRIDAY AM KEYNOTE

June Scobee Rodgers

June Scobee Rodgers is an educator who has taught from Kindergarten through college. She is the widow of Challenger Space Shuttle Commander Richard “Dick” Scobee. As founding Chairman of the Challenger Center, she has dedicated her time and energy to continuing the crew’s educational mission. Each year at the Center, hundreds of thousands of students participate in STEM-focused programs. June created the Star Challenger science adventure books for young readers to further spark their interest in science and math. She has served on the President’s National Advisory Council on Education, and in 2015, June received the distinguished Alan Shepard Technology in Education Award.

SATURDAY AM KEYNOTE

The E. Paul Torrance Distinguished Lecture Series presented by Scholastic Testing Service

Jennifer Stancil

Jennifer Stancil is the new President and CEO of the Glazer Children’s Museum in Tampa, Florida. Jennifer is a scientist, trained in human biology, animal behavior, and mathematical modeling. Her career started in Alabama and then North Carolina, working to engineer the programming for two new museums – McWane Science Center and Marbles Kids Museum (previously Exploris). As Executive Director of Educational Partnerships at WQED Multimedia, the PBS affiliate in Pittsburgh, Jennifer created and directed WQED’s strategies for outreach and cutting-edge content. She launched the overall education brand iQ:smartmedia. Jennifer won the Roy L. Shafer Leading Edge Award from the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC), and she is an awardee of the prestigious MacArthur Digital Media Competition. In 2015, Jennifer was awarded an Emmy™ for her role in creating and producing the national TV series, iQ: smartparent.

PRESIDENTIAL SERIES

The 2016 Presidential Series reflects the current initiatives of NAGC President George Betts. Sessions will address supporting the comprehensive needs of the whole gifted child, supporting parents, and hearing the voices of NAGC’s members.

SIGNATURE SERIES

The 2016 Signature Series features invited leaders in the field of gifted education. These sessions will broadly reflect the convention theme of “imagining the possibilities” while incorporating the concepts of effective collaboration and innovation.
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Make it Happen at #NAGC16

The 2016 NAGC Annual Convention is hosted in partnership with the Florida Association for the Gifted (FLAG)