

Florida Association for the Gifted Monthly Newsletter

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Updates

As per our ByLaws (see below), "if there is only one nominee for an office, that nominee shall be deemed elected to office". At the close of our nominations process on April 30, 2016, Kathleen Casper was the only candidate to accept the nomination for President Elect, and submitted her bio as per the Call for Nominations requirement.

Therefore, as the Nomination and Election Committee Chairperson, I am pleased to present Kathleen Casper, J.D. to the membership as FLAG's 2016-2017 President Elect and Conference Committee Chairperson!

Please join me in welcoming Kathleen back to our FLAG Board of Directors! Kathleen will begin in the position on Wednesday, May 25, 2016. She can be reached at her new FLAG email address: conference@flagifted.org

Kathleen's biography:

I am excited to put my name in to run for President-Elect of the Florida Association for the Gifted. I am leaving the Florida Department of Education where I have worked as the Gifted Education Specialist for the state of Florida, to move back to the Tampa Bay area and get more involved on the advocacy side of things and to work with children and families again as an educator. I would love to continue to dedicate my time to working on gifted education issues and to continue to work with the FLAG board.

I am a teacher with multiple endorsements (history, language arts, early childhood, elementary education, and gifted education). I received my Bachelors of Arts degree at the University of Washington and my Juris Doctorate at Seattle University School of Law. I am an attorney (licensed in Washington State and two federal courts: the Western District of Washington and the Northern District of Florida) and I have worked in family law and education law among multiple other areas of practice.

I am a parent of four gifted children ages 10-23. I have worked as a teacher in several counties throughout Washington and Florida, including Pinellas, Pasco and St. Lucie County, Florida. I was the highly capable program (gifted education) facilitator for Tacoma Public Schools, one of the largest school districts in Washington. I also was formerly the secretary for the national board of directors for SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) and spent four years on the national board. Before

leaving Washington State, I was the president-elect and conference chair of WAETAG (Washington Association for Educators of the Talented and Gifted) and on their board for several years. I present nationally and throughout the state on gifted issues, I write a gifted education blog, and have been published in many different magazines.

I spent this past year as the FDOE representative on the FLAG board, and the previous year I was the legislative chair for FLAG, where I spearheaded the first legislative day at the state capitol building, as well as worked on the early entrance to kindergarten bill among other projects. This year I have learned a lot about how things work in multiple districts across the state by visiting dozens of schools and programs on whirlwind tours throughout Florida. I brought national experts to speak on gifted education monthly webinars for district and community members, I worked collaboratively with other organizations for twice exceptional and other at-risk students including children in foster care, our kids in early learning programs, and English Language Learners, and I worked on projects to expand gifted services to more students across the state. And I have worked on the local planning committee for the upcoming National Association for Gifted Children's annual conference in Orlando.

I would love to bring more of these types of projects, specifically more webinars and training opportunities and resources to our FLAG members, as well as to assist with conference planning and other work that we can do to expand awareness of gifted children's characteristics and needs throughout the state. Thank you for considering me for the president-elect position.

Stephanie Georgiades, M.A.
Immediate Past President, FLAG, Inc.

Upcoming Events

The National Association for Gifted Children has partnered with FLAG to host the NAGC Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida. The convention will be held at the Walt Disney World Resort beginning on November 3, 2016 at 7:00 AM. The convention will end on November 6, 2016 at 12:00 PM. The convention theme is: "Imagine the Possibilities-Make it Happen". For more information regarding the convention or to register for the event, follow the link below.

<http://www.nagc.org/professional-learning/nagc-63rd-annual-convention>

Resources

Hoagies (comprehensive lists and links to curriculum materials, research articles, networks, trainings and more) <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org>

Davidson Institute Database (resources for gifted education and programs for gifted students) <http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/>

Texas Association for the Talented and Gifted (quick access to resource lists about gifted characteristics, etc.) <http://txgifted.org/what-giftedness/>

Twice Exceptional Newsletter (information about students who are gifted and have other learning challenges) <http://www.2enewsletter.com/>

Duke TIP (resources for gifted students, classes, etc.) <http://tip.duke.edu/>

Gifted Homeschoolers Forum (resources for gifted students and families), <http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/>

Mission Statement

The mission of FLAG is to connect and empower educators and parents who promote and support educationally sound programs for gifted students through awareness, advocacy, and action.

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