



Parent Newsletter

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GATE/SAS Parent Webinars

Upcoming Virtual Events for Parent Learning

Gifted/Talented Programs is proud to offer a variety of learning opportunities for parents of gifted and high achieving students. Our first event of 2022 is the January 31st webinar *Supporting Our Students to Develop Critical and Creative Thinking* with Dr. Eugenia Mora-Flores. Dr. Flores is a Professor of Clinical Education in the Rossier School of Education at the University of Southern California (USC). She has written 10 books in the area of literacy and academic language development (ALD) for English learners including, *Connecting Content and Language for English Learners*, *Balanced Literacy for English Learners*, and *Inquiry-Based Science for ELs*. She has also published a number of articles and chapters on literacy and language across the curriculum and gifted education for English Learners (ELs). The webinar will take place from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. and will be recorded for parents that are unable to attend the live event. [Click here for the flyer.](#)



Dr. Joy Lawson Davis

The **13th Annual GATE/SAS Parent Conference** will be hosted virtually again this year on Saturday, March 12, 2022. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Joy Lawson Davis. Dr. Davis' session is titled, *Our Time is Now! Strengthening the role of Parents as Gifted Education Advocates & Activists*. Dr. Davis is an award-winning author, scholar, professional learning trainer, independent consultant, and equity activist. Her areas of expertise are culturally responsive teaching, equity and access in gifted education programs and meeting the needs of diverse gifted learners with multiple exceptionalities. Davis is an Instructor at Johns Hopkins University, School of Education/Gifted Education and Bridges Graduate School for Cognitive Diversity. She also served five years

on the Board of Directors of the National Association for Gifted Children. Dr. Davis is the author of numerous publications including the books: *Bright Talented & Black: A Guide for Families of African American Gifted Learners*; *Gifted Children of Color Around the World*: (co-edited with James L Moore, III), *Culturally Responsive Teaching in Gifted Education* (co-edited with Matt Fugate, Wendy Behrens & Cecilia Boswell): *Empowering Underrepresented Gifted Students: Perspectives from the Field* (co-edited with Deb Douglas) and the upcoming *Bright, Talented & Black, 2nd Edition* and *Bright Talented & Black Educator's Supplement*.

Joining Dr. Davis as our second speaker will be Dr. Nicole Tetreault. Dr. Tetreault is a neuroscientist, writer, meditation teacher, and speaker. She specializes in neurodevelopment and neurodegenerative disorders and translates the promise of neuroscience and positive psychology for individuals to live the best quality of life. Dr. Tetreault has presented for Gifted/Talented Programs several times and is always very well received. This year, Dr. Tetreault's session is *Insight into a Bright Mind: The Latest Neuroscience of Neurodiversity, Exceptionalities and Living as Liberated Beings*.

Important Dates

- ♦ **January 31:** Parent Webinar with Dr. Eugenia Mora-Flores
- ♦ **February 10:** OLSAT-8 Informational Meeting for Parents of Second Grade Students -[Flyer](#)
- ♦ **February 17:** OLSAT-8 Informational Meeting for Parents of Second Grade Students - [Flyer](#)
- ♦ **February 21:** Presidents Day Holiday
- ♦ **March 2-3:** OLSAT-8 Testing for Second Grade Students
- ♦ **March 9-10:** OLSAT-8 Testing for Second Grade Students
- ♦ **March 12:** 13th Annual GATE/SAS Parent Conference