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RENZULLI CENTER NEWS

Awards, Publications, and Presentations

3 Summers Grad Named Outstanding Neag Alumni

Andrew Alexi Almazán Anaya has been named the 2023 Neag Outstanding Early Career Professional. He is the director of the department of psychology and coordinator of the project research unit of the Talent Attention Center in Mexico City. He also serves as a professor of the Intellectual Enhancement Program for the Mexican School of Gifted Students. Almazán has a Master of Arts in educational psychology from the Neag School of Education. He has published numerous articles on gifted education and is a frequent speaker on the topic throughout the world. In 2021, he was recognized by the World Council for Gifted and Talented with the 2021 Emerging Leader in Gifted Education award, and Harvard University recognized him in 2020 with the Harvard Derek Bok Award for Public Service. Other notable awards include Mexico's National Prize of Psychology from the Mexican Federation of Psychology and the Extraordinary Award of Research from Universidad Panamericana. See information on all of the Neag alumni award recipients at <https://today.uconn.edu/2023/01/neag-school-2023-alumni-award-winners/>

Free Webinar on Parenting 2E Children

Join us on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 8 p.m. for a free webinar on **Raising Your 2E Child**. Parenting is hard but parenting a twice-exceptional student can feel like we are constantly fighting for what our child needs in a land of people that just don't understand. In this webinar, Dr. Ashley Y. Carpenter teaches us about both the lands of gifted/talented education and special education. Learn the terminology, what to ask for, and who to talk to on your advocacy journey. She is the parent of a twice exceptional child, a former special education teacher, gifted teacher, and is now an Assistant Professor of Gifted Education. Pre-registration is required at <https://gifted.uconn.edu/events/>

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Emily Mofield Vertical Differentiation Webinar

Register now at <https://gifted.uconn.edu/events/> for a free February 11, 2023 webinar with Dr. Emily Mofield on *Vertical Differentiation: Scaffold Supports to Stretch Student Thinking*. In this webinar, you will learn strategies to stretch student thinking, promote deep learning, and provide layers of challenge for high-potential students. These strategies build schema, academic language, and provide scaffolds to intentionally foster gifts and talents of students from underrepresented groups. You will leave with concrete examples to support and extend student thinking across content areas.

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Gifted Children and Other Superheroes

UConn professor D. Betsy McCoach was recently a guest on an episode of *Science Goes to the Movies*. The program focus was on “Gifted Children and Other Superheroes.” In it, McCoach talks about the field of gifted education, as well as identification and service issues the field is facing. The full episode of *Science Goes to the Movies* on “Gifted Children and Other Superheroes” is viewable on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dw07enyllcY>

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