

December 2023

RENZULLI CENTER NEWS

Special Category

Opening at Talcott Mountain Science Center

An opening for position of Dean of Talcott Mountain Science Center & Academy, Avon, CT. For detail information please see the [job posting](#).

Confratute Announcements

A Taste of Confratute—Register by December 6th!

[Register Now!](#)

Join us for a Taste of Confratute! This virtual event offers a full day of professional learning reflecting the flavors of Confratute. On December 9, sessions focus on responding to the social and emotional needs of students and underachievement. Following an opening keynote, participants have options of four interactive strands and then four special topic sessions. We invite you to join us and share in the conversation!

Regular Registration fee: \$99 (after Nov. 27th)

Event Schedule (Eastern Time)

10:00am-11:00am: Opening Keynote

Promoting Healthy Social and Emotional Development in Young People

11:15 am-12:30 pm and 1:00 pm-2:15 pm: Strand Options-Parts 1 and 2

2:30 pm-3:30 pm: Special Topics

3:30 pm-3:45 pm: Closing

For More Information visit, <https://confratute.uconn.edu/taste-of-confratute/>.

For more information, contact: Stephanie Huntington at stephanie.huntington@uconn.edu





Upcoming Events

Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars for our Renzulli Center events coming up in the New Year! We have a series of in-person and virtual professional learning opportunities coming up in 2024. Visit <https://gifted.uconn.edu/events/> for more details!

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Research

Seeking Current/Formal K-6 Educators for a Survey

I am a UConn Honors student conducting a study about how K-6 teachers set up their classrooms and how they perceive the effects of flexible seating and seating arrangements on students' academic performance and behavior. Study participation involves a brief survey (10–15 minutes), and all responses will be anonymous. Teachers who participate may choose to submit their email to enter a drawing for one of 20 \$25 Amazon e-gift cards on a separate link from the survey. Please click the link below to access the survey. Please contact me or my advisor with any questions by email at ariana.spearin@uconn.edu or catherine.little@uconn.edu. Thank you!

https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2f88SoZfMzApAtE

UConn IRB Protocol X23-0633 Approved November 1, 2023

For more information, contact: Catherine Little at catherine.little@uconn.edu



Study of Subject Acceleration Practices

Seeking Interview Participants

The National Center for Research on Gifted Education is conducting a study to document and disseminate information on how school districts implement subject acceleration (i.e., advancing students in one or more subject areas without whole-grade accelerating the student; may exist in combination with whole-grade acceleration procedures). We are seeking responses from school districts who have systematic procedures in place for subject acceleration. Our study goal is to describe common procedures in place in districts across the country as guidance for districts considering how to approach this practice.

Participation in the study will involve an online interview of a knowledgeable member of the district staff (e.g., gifted program coordinator, director of advanced academics) with the study team. We expect the interview to last approximately 1 hour. Participants will receive questions in advance and will also have the option of submitting responses in writing.

To learn more about the study or to indicate interest in participation, please review the consent form here: https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dczM9ULuiQUd6ke or reach out to Catherine Little at catherine.little@uconn.edu or 860-486-2754.

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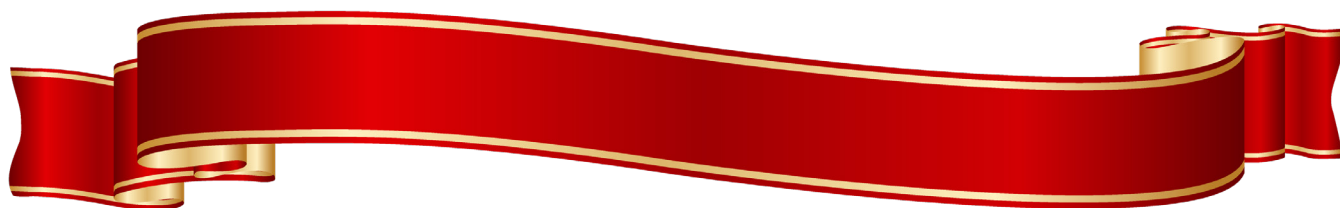
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Awards, Publications, and Presentations

NAGC–2023 Early Leader Award

Congratulations to Dr. C. Matthew Fugate, who graduated with a Master's degree in Educational Psychology with a specialization in Gifted Education (2008) from the University of Connecticut Three Summers Program, for his recognition with the 2023 National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Early Leader Award! Matt's UConn friends and colleagues all over the world are so proud of his accomplishments. In 2014, Matt completed his PhD at Purdue University and is a highly productive scholar. Currently, Matt is Provost of the Bridges Graduate School of Cognitive Diversity in Education, Studio City, CA.

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