



THIS CONFERENCE
WAS FASTER THAN A
SPEEDING BULLET, MORE
POWERFUL THAN A
LOCOMOTIVE, AND ABLE
TO LEAP TALL BUILDINGS
IN A SINGLE BOUND.



LOOK INSIDE FOR
MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT THE
CONFERENCE!

NMAG IS THE ONLY STATE-WIDE ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS OF THE GIFTED, AND AT A LOW COST, WITH NATIONAL SPEAKERS. IT IS ACCESSIBLE, FRIENDLY, AND FUN.

- THIS YEAR WE HAD AN INCREDIBLE TURN OUT FOR A VARIETY OF SPEAKERS, PRESENTATIONS, RAFFLES AND AWARDS. TEACHERS PRESENTED BREAKOUT SESSIONS ABOUT WHAT WORKS IN THEIR CLASSROOM DAY TO DAY. IT WAS TEACHERS TEACHING TEACHERS!
- THE CONFERENCE PROVIDED BOTH THE OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK AND TO HAVE TEACHER'S VOICES HEARD ABOUT UPCOMING POLICY WORK, SHAPING THE FUTURE OF GIFTED EDUCATION POLICY IN NEW MEXICO.

WE HAD A FABULOUS WEEKEND AND APPRECIATE ALL THE PRESENTERS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND OTHER SCHOOL STAFF WHO CAME.

NMAG FALL INSTITUTE 2016



DEL SIEGLE



I LOVED DR. SIEGLE - I COULD LISTEN TO HIM AGAIN AND AGAIN! HE HAS SO MUCH CREDIBILITY AND EXPERTISE IN THE AREA ALONG WITH GREAT PRESENTATION SKILLS!

OUR FIRST PRESENTATION AND KEYNOTE WERE PRESENTED BY DEL SIEGLE. DR. DEL SIEGLE IS A PROFESSOR IN GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION AND HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT. HE IS A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN (NAGC) AND CHAIR ELECT OF THE RESEARCH ON GIFTEDNESS, CREATIVITY, AND TALENT SIG OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (AERA). HE CURRENTLY IS COEDITOR OF GIFTED CHILD QUARTERLY AND AUTHORS A TECHNOLOGY COLUMN FOR GIFTED CHILD TODAY.

DEL SPOKE ABOUT THE QUESTION OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT IN THE GIFTED POPULATION. HOWEVER, HE REFOCUSED THE QUESTION IN HIS FIRST PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSED WHY STUDENTS DO NOT ACHIEVE AND HOW WE CAN HELP CREATE THAT ENVIRONMENT IN OUR CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOLS. HE BELIEVES STUDENTS NEED TO FEEL THEY HAVE THE SKILLS TO SUCCEED, NEED TO FEEL THE TASK IS MEANINGFUL AND NEED TO FEEL THAT THEY ARE IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY CAN BE SUCCESSFUL. HIS KEYNOTE FOCUSED ON HIS WORK WITH AT-RISK GIFTED STUDENTS. AND HOW TO BETTER IDENTIFY GIFTED STUDENTS IN UNDER IDENTIFIED POPULATIONS.

DR. SEGEL'S FIRST SESSIONS WAS JUST INCREDIBLE. I LEARNED SO MUCH AND AM HOPING TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT A LOT OF THAT INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR MY WHOLE SCHOOL.



2018 TEACHER PRESENTERS

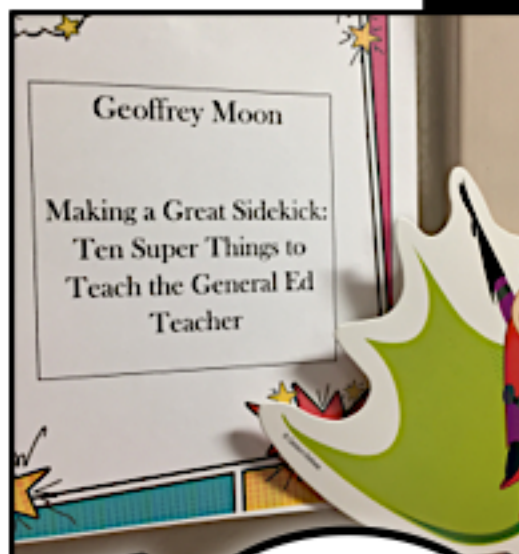
List of presenters

Darryl Bryant

Geoffrey Moon

Kelly Thomas Coyle

Christy Jewell- Roth



WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAID:

More sessions like Christy Jewel Roth's. She offered ideas we could take and use for curriculum.

I ENJOYED BEING AROUND OTHERS WHO ARE EXCITED ABOUT TEACHING GIFTED

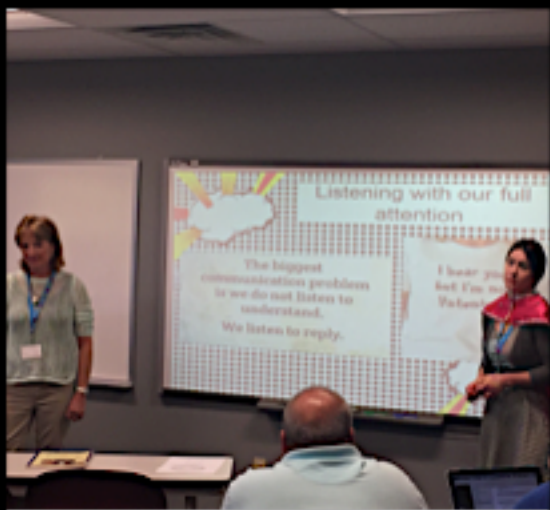
I WAS PARTICULARLY AMUSED AND PLEASED WITH THE PRESENTATION BY DAKOTA DAVIS. HER ENERGY IS CONTAGIOUS AND I PARTICULARLY LIKE THE IDEA OF USING THE CREATIVITY RUBRIC TO GRADE ALL PROJECTS.

THIS WAS THE BEST CONFERENCE IN MEMORY.

I REALLY LIKED THE GIFTED 101 SESSION. IT WAS VERY HELPFUL AND INFORMATIVE

Dr. Del Siegle and Nathan Levy were awesome.





THIS IS MY 5TH YEAR ATTENDING AND I LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY YEAR!

MORE PRESENTERS:
 DEL SIEGLE
 PJ SEDILLO
 J ORTIZ
 KATHY PRICE
 STEVE HEIL
 BILLIE MATTHEWS
 KATRINA PRINCE
 TAMMY GARCIA
 DAKOTA DAVIS
 NATHAN LEVY

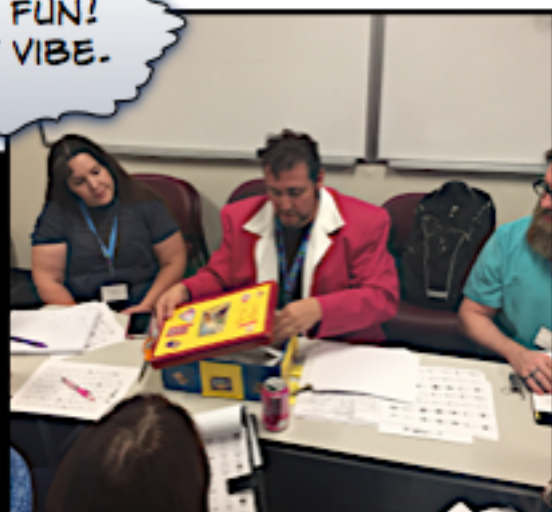
HOW'D WE DO!

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING SUCH HIGH QUALITY, NATIONAL VOICES TO NM!! I WANT MORE FROM THEM!!

This conference was the best to date. Siegle and Levy were excellent presenters and brought new information & strategies to nm

NOW... YOU DID A STELLAR JOB OF BRINGING IN NEW EXPERT VOICES THAT HELPED ME WALK AWAY WITH A LARGE SUPPLY OF NEW IDEAS AND MUCH-NEEDED INSPIRATION. BRING THEM BACK

SUPER FUN!
 GREAT VIBE.

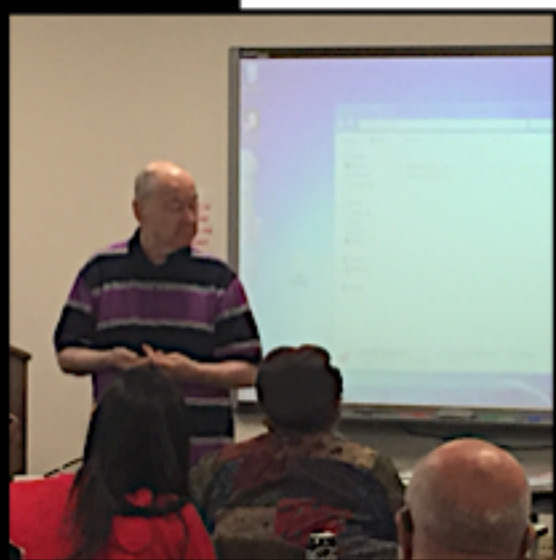
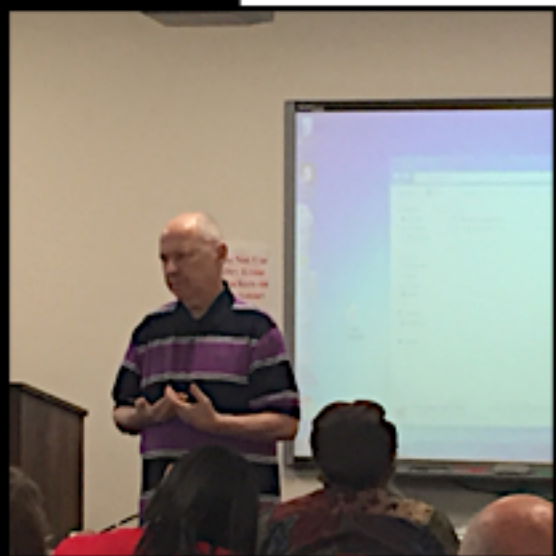


NATHAN LEVY

nathan levy is a cited educator and the author of several cited education books. in his 35 years in education nathan has worked directly with cited students, parents of the cited and cited teachers. he had two sessions out our conference where he taught teachers several "powerful strategies to enhance the learning of cited students." his workshop provided teachers with several, real world ways to reach cited learners in challenging ways. his proven techniques are designed to teach cited students to be more creative and critical thinkers.

NATHAN LEVY
WAS
EXCELLENT.

THANK YOU! LOVE, LOVE, LOVE HAVING NATHAN LEVY'S BOOKS AVAILABLE! GREAT FOR BUSY TEACHERS JUGGLING WORK AND LARGE FAMILIES TO BE ABLE TO ADD TO MY CLASS INTEREST WITH HIS FABULOUS STORIES AND TIPS - THANK YOU!





2016 AWARD WINNERS

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE WAS WHEN WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE THE LIGHT ON THE INCREDIBLE GIFTED TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS WE HAVE HERE IN NEW MEXICO.

OUR TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO KAREN BAEHR, A TEACHER OF THE GIFTED WITH THE GEORGIA O'KEENE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. BAEHR WAS GIVEN THE AWARD FOR HER 8 YEARS ADVOCACY AND PASSION AS A GIFTED EDUCATOR AND FOR HER WORK ON THE APS GIFTED ADVISORY COUNCIL.

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR WAS AWARDED TO KORTH ELLSWORTH, THE ENRICHMENT COORDINATOR AT THE FARMINGTON MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS. KORTH HAS WORKED WITH PARENTS, TEACHERS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATORS AT FMS TO PROMOTE THE NEEDS OF GIFTED STUDENTS AND TO DEVELOP A STRONG GIFTED FRAMEWORK AND PROGRAM FOR ALL FARMINGTON SCHOOLS.

OUR ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO J ORTIZ, THE GIFTED COORDINATOR AND TEACHER FOR THE ESPANOLA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT. J IS PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING GIFTED STUDENTS FIND THEIR OWN MEANING IN THE WORLD AND PUSHING FOR THE RIGHTS OF GIFTED STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AROUND THE STATE.

FINALLY OUR NEW DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PRESIDENTS AWARD WAS PRESENTED BY OUR PRESIDENT CHRISTY JEWELL-ROTH TO BONNIE LACOURT. BONNIE IS A PAST PRESIDENT OF NMAG AND HAS BEEN A GIFTED EDUCATOR IN NM IN THREE DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS. HER NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR GIFTED EDUCATION INCLUDE WORKING WITH COLLEGES TO PROVIDE GIFTED ENDORSEMENTS TO TEACHERS, COORDINATING THE ELEMENTARY GIFTED TEACHERS PLC AND WORKING WITH STUDENTS FROM CHALLENGING GIFTED POPULATIONS AND HELPING THEM SUCCEED.

CONGRATS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!



NMAG MEMBER MEETING

Report of Activities in 2016

- During 2016, the NMAG board held monthly meetings with the 8 members that make up our board (Past President, President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair, Publicity Chair and Newsletter Chair). Much of our work during the year was focused on preparations for our annual two-day conference held in the fall.
- Our Publicity Chair spent considerable time revamping our website. It is much more user-friendly, there is now a link to PayPal, and we are posting more pictures to go along with articles that board members write. He has also worked to increase our visibility on Facebook.
- The Newsletter Chair has worked hard on the format of our newsletter to help "brand" it with the look of our website. Board members have taken turns writing articles to share in the newsletter and on the website.
- The board wrote a letter to NAGC to protest the conference being held in North Carolina after the passage of the "bathroom bill." Though the letter was well received, the venue will not be changed. Rather, NAGC is taking steps to make the bathroom facilities friendly to everyone and will take the opportunity to educate people on this important issue.
- We also wrote a letter to state leaders in Santa Fe based on the passage of ESSA to express our interest in having a voice at the table when decisions are made about the state roll out of its provisions.
- Our board has also pieced together 3 pieces of legislation related to gifted identification and services that we hope to have introduced in the 2017 state legislative session. The 3 pieces are: Right to Appropriate Curriculum Placement, Identification of Twice-Exceptional Students, and Fully Fund Individual Education for Gifted Students.

Election of New Board Members

Christy opens the floor for nominations for our new Board Members.

Christy will be in Past President Position, Jessica will remain Treasurer and Steve will remain our Publicity chair. Jessica Carlisle will remain as Newsletter chair.

Need to nominate and elect: President-elect, secretary and membership chair.

Geoffrey nominates J Ortiz for President Elect. Jessica Koppel and PJ second the motion. Motion passes.

J Ortiz nominates Anna Gibson. Patrick Pelligrino seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Discussion regarding membership chair. Ideas and suggestions are welcome regarding dissemination of information to districts, administrators and teachers.

Job description by-law was reviewed.

Jessica Koppel nominates Cory Messenger. The motion was seconded by JoDee Scholz.

Motion passes.

WELCOME, CORY!!!!

HOW TO JOIN: [HTTP://WWW.NMGIFTED.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](http://www.nmgifted.org/membership)