

West Southwest Region Gifted Education

Challenger Update

October-December 2012

Calendar

- **Thurs. Oct. 11:** Network meeting in Durango 9R Board Room from 8:30-3:30.
Hear what we learned at the Directors' Meeting including a presentation on "Rigor" from Chantelle and Mark. All the handouts and Power Points from the meeting can be accessed at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/gt/index.htm>
Learn about updates from Forum and SAC
Discuss/Develop a Timeline for Program Plan
Participate in a Scavenger Hunt using new CDE Gifted Education Guidelines. Bring your laptop!
Case Study Discussions and Peer Visit Planning
- **November 15-18:** NAGC Conference in Denver.
Don't miss Friday's Panel Discussion about Gifted Education in Rural Areas featuring Sherri Maxwell from Dolores!
- **Thurs. Jan. 24:** Network meeting in Durango 9R Board Room from 8:30-3:30.
- **Fri. Feb. 15:** Legislative Day, Denver
- **Fri. Feb. 22:** Beyond Giftedness Conference Denver.
- **Thurs. Apr. 11:** Network meeting in Durango 9R Board Room.
- **Thurs. and Fri. Apr. 25-26:** Gifted Education Directors' Meeting, Denver.

Professional Development Opportunities

- **GERC Grant Funds** will focus on supporting attendance to the NAGC Conference in Denver. Any remaining funds will purchase professional books to improve practice, enrollment fees for on-line classes, (see below,) and materials to support student learning.
- **Addressing the Needs of Gifted Learners:** These online classes will be offered throughout the school year. The \$35 administration fee will be reimbursed to districts when participants complete the class. Credit is offered from Adams State. Link to class descriptions, dates and registration:
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/gt/trainend.htm>
- **Twice Exceptional Training:** Link to description and registration:
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/gt/trainend.htm>



*Gifted students' learning and
growth ensured by needed
provisions and advocacy*