

## Press Release



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### For Immediate Release

## ***NAGC Congratulates 2023 Award Recipients***

**Washington, DC (October XX, 2023)** – The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) is pleased to announce its 2023 award recipients! We congratulate these dedicated educators, leaders, scholars, and advocates who support the growth and development of all gifted and talented children. We look forward to celebrating their achievements at the Celebration of Excellence during [NAGC23 in Lake Buena Vista, Florida](#).

**Ann F. Isaacs Founder's Award**

Ann Robinson, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

**Administrator of the Year Award**

Liam Dawson, St. James Public Schools

**Distinguished Service Award**

Tarek Grantham, University of Georgia

**Carolyn Callahan Doctoral Student Award**

Keishana Barnes, University of Memphis

Austina DeBonte, Bridges Graduate School of Cognitive Diversity in Education

Annessia Bullard, The University of Georgia

Callie Turk, Bridges Graduate School of Cognitive Diversity in Education

Yao Yang, Purdue University

**Early Leader Award**

Matt Fugate, Bridges Graduate School of Cognitive Diversity in Education

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**Early Scholar Award**

Sakhavat Mammadov, University of Georgia

**Gifted Coordinator Award**

Lisa Ernsberger, Elkhart Community Schools

Kirsten Maloney, Fairfax County Public Schools

Elizabeth Uptegrove, Charleston County School District

***Gifted Child Quarterly Paper of the Year***

Scott J. Peters, "The Challenges of Achieving Equity Within Public School Gifted and Talented Programs"

**Masters and Specialists Award**

Jay Huston, Johns Hopkins University

Phoebe Patterson, Johns Hopkins University

Sheyanne Smith, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

**President's Award**

James B. Hunt, Former Governor of North Carolina

**About the National Association for Gifted Children**

The [National Association for Gifted Children \(NAGC\)](#) is the nation's leading organization focused on the needs of gifted and talented children. Dedicated to uplifting and empowering those who support children with advanced abilities, NAGC provides energizing professional learning, impactful research, and inspiring advocacy to allow its members to work collaboratively so that all children have equitable opportunities and support to develop their gifts and talents.

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