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NAGC Announces the 2024 Class of Javits-Frasier Scholars

Washington, DC (September 10, 2024) - The [National Association for Gifted Children](https://www.nagc.org) (NAGC) is pleased to announce the individuals selected to be in the 2024 class of the [Javits-Frasier Scholarship Program](#). The program's primary goal is to increase culturally and linguistically diverse students' access to talent development opportunities through educator training and support related to equity and excellence in gifted education. As all scholarship recipients must be working in Title I schools, they also serve the critical role of being catalysts for change in the attitudes and perceptions some educators have historically held, which have impeded the full development of potential in culturally and linguistically diverse students.

This year's scholars include:

- Brittany Bonner, Southern Pines, NC
- Cassidy Loridon, Detroit, MI
- Crystal Perez, Phoenix, AZ
- Hannah Pond, Cayce, SC
- Jennifer Daniel, Sterling, VA

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- Jessica Aleshire, Bloomfield, NM
- Brandon Frazer, Detroit, MI
- Diane Vaughn, Osage City, KS
- Innocent Duval, Detroit, MI
- Mallory Aferi, Redford, MI

NAGC Board President Shelagh Gallagher said of the program, "I was involved in the early days of the Javits-Frasier Scholars program, and I know how exciting it is to gather together this group of bright, motivated teachers from schools that might otherwise not be represented at the NAGC Annual Convention. The field has benefitted from the leadership of this group of teachers, but more importantly, students benefit when they return to the classroom with new tools to support advanced learning and new perspectives on what giftedness looks like in different environments."

The 2024 class of scholars will be recognized at [NAGC24](#) in Seattle, WA, November 21-24. In addition to registration to the annual convention, scholars receive a travel stipend and hotel accommodations, a two-year NAGC membership, and attend special programming led by members of the NAGC Diversity and Equity Committee and current and past NAGC leadership, and are paired with a professional mentor from among the NAGC membership.

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.