

## Calendar of Events

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May 5, 2026

### **Supporting Creative Giftedness in P-12 Classrooms: Strength-Based Strategies for Teachers**

04:30 PM - 05:30 PM CST

*KGTC invites you to learn more about Creative Giftedness in the month of May*

*Supporting Creative Giftedness in P-12 Classrooms: Strength-Based Strategies for Teachers*

*Presented by Dr. Connie Phelps, Professor Emerita from Emporia State University*

*Tuesday May 5, 2026 4:30 p.m.*

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

*How can teachers recognize the creative strengths of gifted students? What types of curricular activities support their creative potential? Which cognitive and affective characteristics distinguish the creatively gifted from other students? This session probes these questions and more with evidence-based strategies that enhance professional and personal creativity in P-12 classrooms.*

*Connie Phelps, EdD, professor emerita and endowed professor at Emporia State University, directed the Gifted Education graduate and licensure programs for 19 years. She previously taught K-12 gifted students in the Wichita Public Schools and currently teaches K-12 gifted students through the Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative in Emporia, Kansas. She publishes research on giftedness, talent development, and creativity in national and international journals, served as co-editor of Emporia State Research Studies for eight years, and conducts international collaborative research in creative giftedness.*

#### **REGISTRATION:**

*\$10 for KGTC Members*

*\$25 for Non-Members*

#### **LOCATION:**

*Zoom (Link will be sent to participants after registration is complete.)*

#### **REFUND POLICY:**

*No refunds are issued for any reason unless KGTC cancels the session.*

#### **CERTIFICATES:**

*Certificates of completion will be available by request for PD documentation.*

April 7, 2026

**Using AI & the 5F Model for Strengths-Based MTSS & IEPs: Meeting All the Needs**  
04:30 PM - 05:30 PM CST

*Bring a Friend to our April Web Event!*

*Using AI & the 5F Model for Strengths-Based MTSS & IEPs: Meeting All the Needs  
Presented by Dr. Claire Hughes, President of CEC-TAG*

*Tuesday April 7, 2026 4:30 p.m.*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

*In twice-exceptional education, the "strengths-based approach" often conflicts with an IEP process that focuses on weaknesses. This session will highlight the transformative 5F model for IEP/504/BIP development that uses positive educational strategies to develop strengths while mediating the impacts of disability. Practical strategies through the use of AI for crafting strengths-oriented assessments, PLAAFs, goals and accommodations will create educational plans that truly empower 2e students.*

*Invite a colleague from special education or the parent of a twice exceptional child to attend with you this month. We are stronger when we work together!*

*Claire E. Hughes professor of special, gifted and twice-exceptional education at Cleveland State University. Previously, she was professor of elementary and special education at the College of Coastal Georgia, faculty director of special education programmes at Canterbury Christ Church University in the U.K., and has been a Fulbright Scholar to Greece twice. Winner of the Gifted & Award from NAGC, she is President of the Association of the Gifted for the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC-TAG). Her research areas include: twice-exceptional children – particularly gifted children with autism; generational studies; the use of AI in education and international education.*

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April 11, 2026

**KGTC Board Meeting - In Person**

**Topeka**

10:00 AM - 02:30 PM CST

Robyn Aeschliman,

President@kgtc.org

*April 11, 2026 10:00am*

*In Person Board Meeting*

*Everyone is welcome. Please contact Robyn Aeschliman at President@kgtc.org if you wish to join us.*

June 13, 2026

**KGTC Board Meeting - Virtual**

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Robyn Aeschliman,

President@kgtc.org

*June 13, 2026 9:00am*

*Virtual Meeting*

*Everyone is welcome. Please contact Robyn Aeschliman at President@kgtc.org if you wish to join us.*

August 29, 2026

**KGTC Board Meeting - Virtual**

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Robyn Aeschliman,

President@kgtc.org

*August 29, 2026 9:00am*

*Virtual Meeting*

*Everyone is welcome. Please contact Robyn Aeschliman at President@kgtc.org if you wish to join us.*

December 12, 2026

**KGTC Board Meeting - Virtual**

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Robyn Aeschliman,

President@kgtc.org

*December 12, 2026 9:00am*

*Virtual Meeting*

*Everyone is welcome. Please contact Robyn Aeschliman at President@kgtc.org if you wish to join us.*

Coming Soon

**MultiState Gifted Conference March 27**

04:30 PM - 05:30 PM CST