

The Community Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education cordially invites you to attend our bimonthly meeting featuring

# Judith Roseberry

(Past President of California Association for the Gifted)

Topic: How to Live Successfully With Your Gifted Child

**Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 6:30 p.m.**

*Location: I.U.S.D. Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine*

## COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Once again, we welcome a new school year with refreshed energy and anticipation of wonderful experiences that accompany education. I'm excited to continue working with the CAC-GATE Board, and welcome CAC's newest member, Senthamil Selvan, serving as Vice-Chair. The other continuing Board members consist of Terry Freedlander, Chair; Larry Kaplan, Treasurer; and Wendy Bokota, Secretary. Plans for the 08-09 are already in progress, and we hope you're able to take advantage of some of these opportunities.

The most recent addition to the APAAS teaching staff is Patricia Goheen as Eastshore's 6th grade APAAS teacher. Patricia and her husband and two children live in Irvine, and enjoy traveling throughout Europe and China. Prior to her career in education, Patricia worked professionally as a costume designer and specialty crafts-person in theater, film and television. Having taught sixth grade for 16 years at Meadow Park, Patricia is a seasoned educator, and we are excited to have her aboard.

In June, Brywood's 5th grade APAAS teacher, Lynda Wilson, officially hung up her chalk and has moved on to new adventures. Lynda taught at Brywood for twenty-two years and was recognized as Brywood's 2002 Teacher of the Year. She has been involved as a designer and co-presenter of Launch Point, a critical thinking program for IUSD teachers, and served Irvine Unified with her excellent ideas and input for over two decades. With Lynda's additional time, she'll enjoy spending more time with family and friends and continue her volunteer work with the Orange County Museum of Art. Irvine Unified, and the many families she worked with, are better because of Lynda's work, ability, and effort.

Over the summer, twenty teachers completed IUSD's annual GATE Professional Development program. Throughout the three days, teachers worked together on curriculum in providing the following:

- a balanced educational experience across all core curricular areas;
- an academically appropriate and challenging curriculum that emphasizes complexity and depth;

- educational experiences that meet students' abilities, needs, learning styles, and interests;
- an environment that nurtures each student's social and emotional development.

Incorporating these goals into the classroom makes the learning more purposeful and meaningful for all students.

Mark your calendars for these exciting events for parents of gifted children.

- 1) On October 25th, OCC-GATE (Orange County Council for Gifted Education) will hold its annual conference at UCI. There's an entire strand specifically geared for parents. Registration is only available on-line at [www.occgate.org](http://www.occgate.org).
- 2) You'll definitely want to attend the first CAC-GATE meeting, October 28th, to meet the Board and hear from Judith Roseberry on *How to Live Successfully With Your Gifted Child*. Judith Roseberry is the current Treasurer and past President of the California Association for the Gifted. She is also experienced and knowledgeable about the joys (and trials) of raising a gifted student. In the afternoon, Judith will present a workshop for IUSD staff entitled, *Are You a Gifted Teacher?*
- 3) California Association for Gifted's (CAG) annual conference February 13-15, 2009, at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel

Let us know if you have any topics you would like to see addressed at a future CAC-GATE meeting. We hope to see you on October 28th!

Sincerely,



Beth L. Andrews

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### APAAS

## Parent Orientation

February 23, 2009

Oak Creek Elementary School

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

## 2009 IUSD National Merit Semifinalists Named

### CONGRATULATIONS!

These Irvine students are among 16,000 students from across the nation that received an honor.

**Irvine High School:** Kellen Chen, Margaret Chiu, Benjamin Dong, Michelle Fang, Angela Fu, Austen Geene, Thomas Hwang, Cynthia Kok, Jennie Lee, Anupama Murthy, Brandon Nguyen, Kimberly Nguyen, Kimberly Saez, Adeline Tang, Yuxi Tian, Johnny Wu, Mason Yu

**Northwood High School:** Peter Changala, Diane Tsai, Siwei Dong, Yuning Wang, Serena Ghanshani, Cheryl Yu, Rahul Ghosh, Claire Zhou, Winston Huang, Tiffany Zhou, Alan Hwang, Jason Hwang, Stacy Y. Kim, Andrew Lee, Jesse Lin, Kristine Lu, Joseph Luo, Aditya Pai Dhungat, Seyine Park, Timothy Shi, Evan Shih, Jun Won Song, Jennifer Sun, Mikhail Tretiakov

**University High School:** Vikram Abraham, Anna Afasizheva, Radhika Arumilli, Rujia Bi, Faith Blake, Chi-Yi Chen, Chuan-Jay Chen, Cindy Chen, Jennifer Chen, Justin Cheng, Samuel Chi, Julian Delfino, Zachary Foreman, Katherine Fu, Dylan Gwin, Tiffany Houng, Zachary Hsi, John Huang, Jiyoung Hwang, Meng-Hua Ji, Audrey Kim, Jung Kim, Sylvia Kim, Ashlyn Kong, Thomas Kwong, Nitish Lakhanpal, Yong Hoon Lee, Caroline Liao, Kevin Lin, Michael Liu, Sasha Lo, Hillary Martinez, Samantha Masaki, Naoya Ogura, Andryus Planutis, Joshua Ra, Abhinay Reddy, Philip Rojc, Sarah Sandholtz, Patrick Seng, Daniel Shane, Daniel Shih, Astera Tang, Eric Tzeng, Devesh Vashishtha, Ji An Wang, Joy Wang, Jeffrey Yang, Jessica Zhang, Yingchao Zhong, National Achievement Semifinalist, Brittany Habermehl.

**Woodbridge High School:** Francesca DeLa Fuente, Benjamin Filippenko, Gene Jang, Ramanan Kandasamy, Vivian Lee, Rohan Mehta, Rajan Murgai, Kevin Shih

The competition is based on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) taken during the student's junior year in high school. The semifinalists include the highest scorers in every state and represent the top half of 1% of the college bound seniors. These outstanding students will have an opportunity to advance in the competition for about 6,000 Merit Scholarships worth more than \$23 million.

## CAC-GATE CHAIRPERSONS' MESSAGE

By Terry Freedlander

On behalf of the Community Advisory Committee - GATE Board, I would like to welcome back continuing students and families, as well as new families. This is my second year serving as Chair of the CAC GATE Board. I look forward to working with our committed volunteer Board of returning Board Members, Larry Kaplan, Treasurer, and Wendy Bokota, Secretary. I would also like to welcome our new Vice Chair, Senthamil Selvan.

Senthamil has proactively participated in helping children at school as a parent volunteer and as art master teacher. He served as IUSD Science Fair judge and delivered talks at IUSD Career in Science conference for the last several years. Senthamil has been mentoring high school students under Davinci Science Program at Newport Harbor High School.

Wendy Bokota has been volunteering in her children's classrooms and also held various positions in our PTA, including ACE Coordinator, Vice President of Programs, Parliamentarian, GATE Parent Representative and Legislative Action Representative. She has served as Legislative Action Chair for the Irvine PTA and participated in the 4th District PTA Advocacy Team. Wendy is also actively involved with the IPSF Board as a community leader and has been voted IPSF Parent of the Year for Irvine Elementary schools.

Larry Kaplan has been serving as the Treasurer of the GATE CAC Committee for the past several years. He is extremely interested in IUSD continuing to provide educational services tailored to its gifted and talented students.

My advocacy for the GATE and APAAS Programs at IUSD stems from my desire to be involved with the education of my son and daughter. My fifth grade son is in the GATE and APAAS programs at Turtle Rock Elementary. My seventh grade daughter is taking GATE curriculum at Rancho San Joaquin Middle School. I served as the parent representative for Turtle Rock for GATE/CAC, and also served one year as Secretary of the GATE/CAC board. I have been active at Turtle Rock in the PTA, having served two years as Treasurer, and one as Vice President of the PTA. I was Turtle Rock's Parent Volunteer of the Year in 2007. Working with the school administration at Turtle Rock, we held our third annual GATE picnic last June bringing Turtle Rock's GATE and APAAS students and families together with teachers and IUSD GATE staff in a social setting with updates on GATE issues provided. I have also been active in the CA Association for the Gifted, SENG, and OCC Gate Association.

Your GATE CAC Board is committed to providing communication and information via the school Parent Reps. We encourage you all to get involved as active participants in the CAC/GATE parent group. We need your commitment to excellence in education for your children, as evidenced by the nurturing and support you provide to your children. Our Irvine schools would not be considered amongst the best in the nation if we did not have an active, committed parent community such as the one in Irvine.

## Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT)

Optional test used for GATE identification  
for 3rd – 6th grade students

November 5 through December 17, 2009

Pre-registration and \$50 fee required

Form available on-line at

[http://www.iusd.org/parent\\_resources/gate/index.html](http://www.iusd.org/parent_resources/gate/index.html)

## Nominations Are Now Open!

If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, in serving on the Nominating Committee or running for the board of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC-GATE), please fill out the nominating form below and mail it to: Nominating Committee Chairperson, Wendy Bokota, c/o IUSD-GATE, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604. Please respond by November 7, 2008. Elections will be held at our April meeting.

For the office of:

Chairperson (must be a GATE parent who has been a CAC-GATE member) \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chairperson (can be either a parent or staff member of CAC-GATE) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to serve on the Nominating Committee:

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Telephone No.) \_\_\_\_\_

(e-mail address) \_\_\_\_\_

### Johns Hopkins University Talent Search 2009

Johns Hopkins University is sponsoring Talent Search 2009 for highly able and highly motivated students beginning in the second grade. The Talent Search provides an assessment of mathematical and verbal reasoning abilities, interpretive and guidance materials, and opportunities for students to be recognized and honored. Students may participate if they are at or above the 95th percentile on a most recent or next-most recent nationally normed standardized aptitude or achievement test.

Some of the benefits of Talent Search 2009 include:

- Assess a student's high academic talents and/or reveal previously unrecognized abilities.
- Receive statistical data about Talent Search participants; test scores by grade
- Be recognized by Johns Hopkins University for academic talent via certificates and awards
- Receive email news items for gifted students and their families, as well as updates on CTY's programs
- Potentially qualify for hundreds of courses offered by CTY's Summer Programs and Distance Education

CTY Talent Search application fee is \$35.00

Apply on-line at: [www.cty.jhu.edu/ts/tests.html](http://www.cty.jhu.edu/ts/tests.html)

*\*Note: You must first apply for the Johns Hopkins Talent Search and pay a nonrefundable \$35.00 fee. We recommend that you register early for the best selection of test dates and locations.*

### THANK YOU!

To Board Member Carolyn McInerney  
for her continued support and efforts as  
IUSD School Board Liaison to the  
GATE and APAAS programs.

### UCI Academic Talent Search

(Grades 6-10)

The UCI Academic Talent Search (ATS) is for grades six through ten. It identifies students with extraordinary mathematical and/or verbal reasoning abilities, assists participants in their placement in pre-college programs, and offers information and materials which will aid parents and educators of high-ability students. By participating in ATS, students will gain valuable information about their mathematical and verbal abilities early in their academic career, enabling them to plan the most appropriate college-preparatory program.

To be considered for participation in ATS, you must complete the following steps:

- **Complete** the Academic Talent Search application form. You may complete either a paper form or an electronic form. The electronic form is available at the ATS Website: [www.admissions.uci.edu/ats/](http://www.admissions.uci.edu/ats/). Paper applications forms can be obtained by calling the UCI ATS Office; telephone (949) 824-5822.
- **Register** to take the PSAT or the SAT I. See chart for test locations, dates, and times. You may use your completed ATS application form to register for the PSAT when you apply for the Academic Talent Search. However, to take the SAT I, you must register for it separately through the College Board.
- **Mail** your completed application, fees and all required enclosures to UCI by posted deadline. Complete all required items on your application in order to avoid a delay in processing.
- **Fee:** \$30.00 registration fee, in addition to testing fees (see ATS Website above).

Send all ATS Registration and PSAT fees to (make checks payable to UC Regents):

Academic Talent Search  
204 Aldrich Hall  
University of California  
Irvine, CA 92697-1075

When your application and fee payment are received (no later than two weeks prior to your chosen test date), you will be sent a confirmation, and a campus map. If you submitted an on-line application over the web, you will also receive a Parent Permission and Release of Information Form. You may either bring this form with you to the test location or mail it. This form must reach the ATS Office prior to your taking a test or attending a preparation seminar.



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OCTOBER, 2008

## CALENDAR FOR 2008-2009

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| October 13      | <b><i>GATE Enrichment Day</i></b> – Fun-filled day for APAAS/GATE identified students in 4th – 6th grades. PROGRAM IS FULL   |  |
| October 13      | <b><i>Staff Development Day</i></b> – Schools not in session K-12. School staff involved with professional development and program improvement.  |  |
| October 15      | <b><i>Ask-A-Scientist Night</i></b> – Rancho Middle School, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (Grades 6-12)   |  |
| October 25      | <b><i>OCC-GATE Conference at UCI (for parents and teachers)</i></b> – Keynote Speaker, Sandra Kaplan, Ed.D., Featured Speaker – Myron Dembo, Ph.D.   |  |
| October 28      | <b><i>Community Advisory Committee (CAC-GATE) Meeting</i></b> – Administration Center, 5050 Barranca, Irvine, 6:30 p.m.<br><b>Guest Speaker – Judy Roseberry</b>   |  |
| Oct. 30–Nov. 2  | <b><i>NAGC (National Assoc for Gifted Children) Convention –Tampa, Florida</i></b>   |  |
| November 1      | <b><i>SAT and subject tests – register by September 26, 2008</i></b>   |  |
| Nov. 5–Dec. 17  | <b><i>Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT)</i></b> – 3rd – 6th grade students can take this optional test to become GATE identified. Registration material available at <a href="http://www.iusd.org/parent_resources/gate/index.html">http://www.iusd.org/parent_resources/gate/index.html</a> |  |
| December 6      | <b><i>SAT and subject tests – register by November 5, 2008</i></b>   |  |
| January 27      | <b><i>Community Advisory Committee (CAC-GATE) Meeting</i></b> – Administration Center, 5050 Barranca, Irvine, 6:30 p.m. –<br><b>Guest Speaker – TBA</b>  |  |
| January 31      | Astounding Inventions of the Future – Irvine Valley College (Grades K-8)   |  |
| January 24      | <b><i>SAT and subject tests – register by December 26, 2008</i></b>  |  |
| February 23     | <b><i>APAAS Parent Orientation</i></b> – Oak Creek Elementary, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  |  |
| February 13-15  | <b><i>CAG (California Association for Gifted) 47th Annual Conference, Anaheim</i></b>  |  |
| May 2           | <b><i>SAT and subject tests – register by March 31, 2009</i></b>   |  |
| March 11        | <b><i>District Science Fair</i></b> – Northwood High School (Grades 6-12) all day  |  |
| April 28        | <b><i>Community Advisory Committee (CAC-GATE) Meeting</i></b> – Administration Center, 5050 Barranca, Irvine, 6:30 p.m. –<br><b>Guest Speaker – TBA</b>  |  |
| April 28        | <b><i>Honors Vocal and Instrumental Concert</i></b>  |  |
| June 6          | <b><i>SAT and subject tests – register by May 5, 2009</i></b>  |  |
| June 29–July 24 | Summer School – Grades K-8   |  |

**All Dates Are Not Confirmed and Subject to Change.**