ABOUT THE WORLD CONFERENCE

The 2019 World Conference will be held on the campus of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Vanderbilt University is located in the heart of downtown Nashville.

There are several hotels along the perimeter of Vanderbilt University that are offering reduced rates for conference attendees. The university is only 12 miles from the Nashville International Airport. After you are on site, you can walk, catch a bus, or take an Uber/Lyft or taxi to nearby attractions, restaurants, museums, and live entertainment.

“I found the entire conference challenging and useful, and immediately applicable to my classroom environment.”
— ROBERT BAITON (AUSTRALIA)

“The content of the conference sessions was quality and the opportunity to interact with around 600 GT colleagues from 30 different countries who share great commonalities all provided a memorable experience for me.”
— JOYCE MILLER (UNITED STATES)

“As a doctoral student it was a great investment in myself, and a unique experience to meet scholars from all over the world, improve my knowledge about the field, and make networks. I came back home with great ideas and very excited about enhancing gifted education in Brazil.”
— RENATA PRADO (BRAZIL)

KEYNOTES
• Dr. Camilla Benbow (United States)
• Prof. Dr. Sheyla Blumen (Peru)
• Dr. Lannie Kaneovsky (Canada)
• Dr. Melinda Webber (New Zealand)
• Prof. Albert Ziegler (Germany)
• Dr. Paula Olszewski-Kubilius, Dr. Rena Subotnik, and Dr. Frank Worrell (United States)

Proposal Submission Opens
August 15, 2018
Proposal Submissions Due
December 15, 2018
Notification of Proposal Acceptance Ends
March 1, 2019
Last Day for Presenters to Register
April 15, 2019
Early Registration Ends
April 15, 2019
Conference Schedule Available
May 15, 2019
Regular Registration Ends
June 30, 2019

Members of the WCGTC receive a discount on conference fees. See worldgifted2019.com for more details.
Dear Potential World Conference Attendees,

The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children holds a World Conference every other year. The next World Conference will be in 2019 in Nashville, Tennessee. You won't want to miss this opportunity to be with others who are equally interested in children and young people with gifts and talents.

The theme is “A World of Possibilities: Gifts, Talents, & Potential.” Preconference workshops, keynotes, and presentations will explore the many possibilities embedded in the conference theme. Perhaps you will want to submit a proposal for a presentation, so note the dates for making submissions.

We have hotels and a campus residence hall to provide choices of places to stay, and that information will be posted on the website. All are close by the Vanderbilt University campus which is the conference venue. There are lots of places to eat on campus and close by, so you will have choices to make.

Nashville holds many opportunities for seeing historical sites as well as experiencing the music for which the city gets its reputation as “the Music City.”

I hope you will mark your calendar to be in Nashville July 24-28, 2019.

Sincerely,

Julia Link Roberts
President, The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children
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Western Kentucky University

ABOUT NASHVILLE

One of the 25 largest cities in the United States, Nashville’s historical and cultural significance spans more than 230 years. From unique historic sites like Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage to attractions that celebrate the city’s musical heritage, including the renowned Ryman Auditorium and Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, the city’s past is skillfully brought to life.

Adopting a work hard, play hard attitude, Nashville has perfected the art of mixing business with pleasure. Innovation and creativity flow through Middle Tennessee’s vibrant, diversified economic climate and are certainly hallmarks of the area’s most famous export—music.

Nashville’s diverse food scene has been touted by epicureans, praised by critics and most importantly, appreciated by hungry diners from around the world. Known for Southern fare with global flare, the city’s menu options run the gamut from the supremely casual to elegantly appointed feasts.

From the moment you touch down in Music City, it’s clear the Nashville experience is one that will be truly unique. Before guests even arrive at baggage claim, the city’s beautiful, light-filled airport starts every stay off on the right note as live music, vivid artwork, and the tantalizing aromas of a variety of delicious cuisines tease what’s to come.

We look forward to welcoming you to Music City!

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• Giftedness and Talent
• Creativity/Innovation
• Identification: Models, Instruments, and Approaches
• Wellbeing/Social and Emotional Needs
• Twice/Multi-Exceptional Learners
• Guidance and Counselling
• Diversity in Giftedness
• Parenting or Care Giving
• Schooling Alternatives for the Gifted and Talented
• Advocacy: National, State, Regional, and Local
• Leadership Development
• Programming, Curriculum, and Pedagogy
• Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM)

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