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Press Release

OATAG announces 2012 Conference for October 20 Featuring Dr. LeoNora Cohen, Ed.D. as Keynote Speaker

Portland, OR: OATAG (Oregon Association for Talented and Gifted) announces that registration is now open for its 2012 Conference scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Century High School located at 2000 SW Century Blvd, in Hillsboro, Oregon 97123. This year's conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:55 p.m. The conference theme is "Learning from our Children" and will feature a keynote speech entitled "One Degree from Kevin Bacon: Six Simple Rules My Students Taught Me" by Dr. LeoNora Cohen, Ed. D. Associate Professor in the College of Education at Oregon State University. Early registration ends on September 30, 2012 with registration starting at \$49.99. OATAG Members and non-members alike are welcome to attend. College students should send an email to service@oatag.org from their college email to obtain a discount code. Register for and learn more about the conference at <http://bit.ly/OATAG2012>

This year's theme, "Learning from Our Children," embodies OATAG's education, support, and advocacy efforts. The Conference's Keynote Speaker is renowned educator and TAG specialist Dr. LeoNora Cohen, Ed.D. who pioneered TAG instruction and services in the state of Oregon. According to OATAG President Stephan Price, "OATAG's annual conference brings together parents, educators, and community members while focusing on advancing education throughout Oregon. Outstanding keynote speakers, exemplary break-out sessions, and hands-on workshops are combined with networking opportunities, valuable exhibitors and vendors, and an atmosphere dedicated to advanced learning opportunities make the 2012 OATAG conference the place to be, especially for those concerned with the education of TAG and high-ability students." Students will have the opportunity to participate in activities provided by the local MENSA chapter. Plan to attend this very special event dedicated to driving excellent educational opportunities for Oregon's students.

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Highlights of OATAG's 2012 Annual Conference "Learning from our Children," happening from 8:00 a.m. to 3:55 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Century High School in Hillsboro, Oregon include:

- Breakout sessions on topics including Intensity, Twice-Exceptional students, STEM education, Level and Rate Instruction, and the Common Core Standards
- An activities area for children 8 and over sponsored by Mensa
- Vendors and community organizations
- A "State of TAG in Oregon" presentation by the Oregon TAG Specialist, Rebecca Blocher
- Professional Development Units will be available for educators

OATAG is a statewide Oregon-based, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that advocates for the needs of talented and gifted children; serves as a resource for families, educators, and communities; and provides direction for excellence in education. Visit OATAG's website <http://oatag.org/> for more information about OATAG.

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