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# RENZULLI CENTER NEWS

## Upcoming Events

### ToC Upcoming Online PD-Register Now!

#### Online Learning Events 2024–2025

Join us for a [Taste of Confratute!](#) These virtual events provide interactive professional learning reflecting the flavors of Confratute. Our expert speakers address key questions and provide practical guidance for educators to support high-level learning in and out of classrooms. Each event begins with a keynote address and Q&A, followed by breakout sessions on the topics of the day.

## Awards, Publications, and Presentations

### UConn Team at NAGC

The team from the Renzulli Center had a busy trip to the NAGC Convention in Seattle! Visit our [NAGC page](#) to see a list and handouts from our team presentations, and be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see photos and updates!

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### Renzulli Academy Named School of Distinction

**Dr. Joseph S. Renzulli Gifted & Talented Academy - Category 1: School of Distinction in Connecticut**

*Marissa White*  
Hartford Public Schools  
November 15, 2024

It is my absolute honor to announce that Renzulli is now a **Category 1 School of Distinction in the State of Connecticut**. This is based on The Connecticut Next Generation Accountability System (NGAR) which uses 12 indicators to evaluate how well schools prepare students

for success in college, careers, and life. These indicators are used to categorize school performance overall. Category 1 schools are the highest performing schools in the state.

Congratulations to Renzulli Academy! Not only did the school make substantial progress from 2022–23 to 2023–24, but they are the first HPS school to ever achieve Category 1.

In addition, the Connecticut State Department of Education recognizes schools as Schools of Distinction for their overall performance, academic growth, or improvement. Schools that are recognized as **Schools of Distinction are in the top 10% of schools in the state.**

**Renzulli has been identified as a School of Distinction for High Performance and High Growth in Math.**

<https://www.hartfordschools.org/o/renzulli/article/1877419>

## Joe's Corner

### Online and Magazine Articles

[Underrepresented Students in G/T Programs](#)

[Ways to Promote Curiosity in Young People](#)

[The Enrichment Triad Model and Community Building](#)

[The “Uncheatable” Projects Students Want](#) by Michael Hernandez, ASCD, November 1, 2024

[A Teacher Recalls When His Students Schooled the Pentagon](#) by Jud Esty-Kendall & Esther Honig, Heard on NRP’s Morning Edition, October 11, 2024

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