



Hello members of ITAG and friends of gifted education across Iowa,

The April Spotlight on Gifted Education includes two items. The first is a great opportunity to nominate outstanding candidates to serve on the ITAG Board of Directors. It's a great group of passionate people, and we encourage you to consider running! The second item this month is a six class mini-unit about *perfectionism*, developed for upper-elementary, but useable for any age. Enjoy!

If you are currently a member of ITAG, are motivated by the values of the organization and have the time available to serve, consider running for a Board Member position!

The Iowa Talented and Gifted Association is seeking candidates to serve on the ITAG Board of Directors. You may submit names of qualified individuals or self-nominate candidates for the Fall 2010 elections. The qualified individual must be a current ITAG member (dues in good standing) and willing to serve a two year term. The individual must be willing to attend four regularly scheduled meetings each year. The Board of Directors represents personnel from the Area Education Agencies, colleges, local school districts, local chapter affiliates and parents.

The role of an ITAG Board Member is to assist in the organization of the ITAG Annual Conference, assist with the Annual Talented and Gifted Young Scholars Conferences, contribute to the ITAG *News Magazine* and email *Spotlight*, and promote awareness of ITAG's purposes and goals.

To be placed on the ballot, send a **brief** bio that identifies the nominee's credentials and background that would help ITAG move forward as an organization. (You can see the current board and their bios on the ITAG website.)

Deadline for submission is July 1, 2010. Mail nomination to ITAG Office, 5619 NW 86th Street Suite 600, Johnston IA 50131-2955 or email to schartier@nwaea.k12.ia.us. Please receive approval from your nominee prior to emailing or sending the information.

Voting for ITAG Board Members will take place online. Watch future Spotlights for the candidate bios, pictures, and the voting link.

Recently, the ELP teacher and guidance counselor at an Ankeny elementary school collaborated to develop and teach a *perfectionism* mini-unit to identified fourth and fifth grade students. Conversations and readings focused on defining perfectionism, comparing perfectionism to "pursuit of excellence", and tips for combating perfectionism. Please feel free to use part of all of the attached unit plan!

If you have lessons or units you'd like to share in future Spotlights, please e-mail them to ITAG@assoc-serv.com.