

Merritt Alden Booster: Award of Achievement



The CAG Award of Achievement honors individuals who have provided long-term ongoing support to the organization and sustained efforts on behalf of gifted children. We cannot think of a worthier recipient than Merritt Booster.

Merritt has been a member of the CAG Board since 1998. She has been both the Educator and the Parent Representative for the Redwood Region, and served for many years on the Publications Committee where she wrote or contributed to several of CAG's Position Papers and other documents, and was a co-author of the CAG publication, *The Leadership Challenge: A Guidebook for Administrators*. For the last seven years, Merritt served as the Chair of the Publications Committee. Merritt's excellent insights and clear thinking, as well as her conscientious devotion to her work, were always a great benefit to the CAG Board.

Merritt was the GATE Coordinator for the Rincon Valley Union School District in Santa Rosa where she developed the district's GATE program and a GATE Teacher Certification Program. She worked closely with GATE parents and students, writing the GATE Parent Handbook and organizing after-school enrichment classes, Junior Great Books, Odyssey of the Mind, parenting classes, and the GATE Mini-Conferences. She also led the district in receiving CAG's Five Star Award.

CAG thanks Merritt for her many years of excellent service.



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