



# WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION FOR TALENTED & GIFTED Youth-Adult Partnerships that Improve Advanced Learning & Engagement

A Day-Long Team Experience at the Conference  
Thursday, November 1, 2018 • Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Secondary schools across Wisconsin are using multiple strategies to respond to advanced learning needs: Personalized learning, UDL, differentiation, ACP, Honors & AP tracks, and youth options. The next step in this progression of improving advanced programming is to share this responsibility with students as partners. **This day is intended for schools and districts ready to take on this challenge and opportunity!**

## FOUR-PERSON YOUTH-ADULT TEAMS



Two middle or high school students receiving advanced learning or talent development supports



A school or district G/T Coordinator AND a school or central office administrator

## ACTIVITIES & OUTCOMES

**Before the conference**, the school / district will identify an advanced learning “dilemma” for the team to explore and plan about at the conference.

**In the morning workshop**, youth-adult partner teams will work with Dr. Helen Beattie and student leader, Asah Whalen, of *UP for Learning’s (Unleashing the Power of Partnership)* to explore why it matters that youths and adults are partners in learning and decision-making in schools. This exploration will lay the foundation for a deeper dive into what this partnership looks and sounds like when authentically implemented. Teams will self-assess to identify areas of strength and potential growth, and use tools and strategies to ensure the integrity of true shared responsibility.

**In the afternoon**, teams will co-attend lunch, Dr. Beattie and Asah Whalen’s keynote, and breakout sessions and be provided with work time to develop an action plan informed by a sharpened vision of youth empowerment through partnership.

**Teams will leave this day as capable creators and guardians of their own unique partnerships to continue the work beyond the day.**

## SCHEDULE

7:45 – 8:30 am	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 – 11:30 am	Pre-conference workshop
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Lunch & Keynote
1:45 – 4:00 pm	Breakout sessions and/or team work time
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Exhibitors & Networking ( <i>optional</i> )
4:30 – 5:30 pm	Unconference & Youth Art/Performances ( <i>optional</i> )

### This day is FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND FOR DISTRICTS...

- Looking to bring student voice to the table to improve programming for advanced learning,
- Seeking tools, skills, and strategies to partner effectively with youth,
- Willing to work beyond the traditional source of power and voice in schools,
- Committed to providing the supports and climate to allow youth-adult partnerships to take hold in their school or district,
- Dedicated to addressing beliefs, practices, relationships, and policies that challenge the success and impact of youth inclusion, contribution, and accountability.



★ for Talented & Gifted

Contact [watg@watg.org](mailto:watg@watg.org) for more information and to register

### • About team registration • \$350 per team/day

This team price includes the pre-conference workshop, breakfast, lunch, breakout sessions, and unconference for all four participants for Thursday only. Additional adult membership and regular Friday conference fees apply.

Workshop enrollment has been capped at 8 teams, registered on a first come, first served basis; limited to one team per district through September 28; open to all thereafter.