



August 2026 News



Starting with this issue, NAGTNews comes to you through a new platform hosted by Constant Contact. The content you rely on is still here: news updates, professional development, publications, and career opportunities. We'd love to hear what you think as we settle into the new format.

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News & Announcements

Congratulations New NAGT Leaders!

National Officers

- Cody Kirkpatrick - Second Vice President
- Heather Lehto - Councilor-at-large
- Stephanie Sabatini - Councilor-at-large

GER: Geo Ed Research Division

- Larry Collins - Past President
- B. Zo Kreager - President
- Hannah Scherer - Vice President
- Stacy Yager - Secretary

Geo2YC: The Two-Year College Division

- Diondra DeMolle - Vice President
- Veronica McCann - Newsletter Editor
- Peter Berquist - Archivist

Pacific Northwest Section Officers

- Gui Aksit - Vice President

Southeastern Section Officers

- Natalie Bursztyn - Vice President

South Central Section Officers

- Sabrina Ewald - President

NAGT seeks a new Executive Director



Applications due by
January 4, 2027

NAGT is looking for a collaborative, strategic Executive Director (ED) to advance excellence in geoscience education and sustain a vibrant professional community.

The ED serves as NAGT's chief executive officer and public representative, working with elected leadership, contracted staff, volunteers, members, and partner organizations to advance the association's mission and long-term sustainability. NAGT is a member-driven nonprofit supported by a contracted Executive Office at the Science Education Resource Center (SERC), Carleton College, which provides communication and management services, website hosting and tools, and financial, membership, election, and donation services.

[Learn more about the NAGT ED Position.](#)

[Join NAGT at GSA Connects](#)

Denver, CO -- October 11-14, 2026

Are you planning to attend [GSA Connects 2026](#) in Denver? GSA Connects is a fantastic way to engage with geoscientists worldwide, present your work, and participate in critical conversations that shape the future of the geosciences.

NAGT will be sponsoring a variety of sessions. Watch for more information on those in next month's newsletter! Visit us at booth #801 in the exhibit hall. Contact Brianna Douglas at bdouglas@carleton.edu if you are interested in volunteering.



Learn more
about GSA
Connects

Member Discount

GSA and NAGT have collaborated to make attending GSA Connects more affordable. NAGT members are eligible to receive a 15% discount on registration for GSA Connects 2026.

Save the Date! NAGT's 2026 Awards Ceremony is coming soon

Friday, September 25



Join NAGT as we celebrate this year's award winners! Our virtual celebration will be on Friday, September 25. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, watch for email announcements and check the NAGTNews in September.

[Nominate yourself or a colleague for an NAGT Committee](#)

NAGT runs on volunteer power. Much of our work, from programs to policy, happens because members step up to serve on committees, and several committees are looking for new voices right now. Interested in shaping where NAGT goes next? [Nominate yourself or a colleague](#), or learn more on our [Get Involved in NAGT Leadership](#) page.

[NAGT's New Donation Portal is Live!](#)

NAGT's donation website and donor portal have a fresh new home, powered by GiveCloud. Giving is now more streamlined than ever. You can set up recurring contributions, review past transactions, and download receipts, all in one place.

Visit the new
NAGT Donation
Portal Today!

Thank you for supporting NAGT and Earth Education for All!

2026 Earth Educator Rendezvous Recap

Thank you to everyone who attended the [11th Earth Educators' Rendezvous \(EER\)](#)! We hope the event provided you with inspirational teaching ideas and creative ways to continue to build our community. Let us know how the Rendezvous inspired you and any suggestions for future events by completing the [End of Meeting Survey](#) by August 18.



Publications & Resources



The Journal of Geoscience Education (JGE) is always looking for submissions related to learning and teaching in the geosciences and related domains.

[Submit a Manuscript](#)

[View JGE Latest Issue](#)

August 2026 Featured Article

This month, the editors of JGE selected the article "[Developing dispositions needed for the geoscience workforce in the undergraduate curriculum: a preliminary study and framework for instructors](#)," by K. Lagerwall, K. Viskupic, and A.E. Egger to be free for all to access. Congratulations authors!



[Teach the Earth](#) is a portal to thousands of resources from dozens of Earth Education websites. Managed by NAGT, this portal supports teaching and learning about the Earth by providing online resources for K-12 and higher education in the geosciences and related fields. Resources include classroom activities, course descriptions and syllabi, information about pedagogical strategies, topical collections, and more.

[Explore Exemplary Activities](#)

August 2026 Featured Activity

Engage your students with the GETSI module, "[Monitoring Volcanoes and Communicating Risks](#)" by Kaatje van der Hoeven Kraft, Rachel Teasdale, and Beth Pratt-Sitaula. Students examine GPS, tiltmeter, seismic, and lidar data and propose USGS alert levels. Students also consider volcanic impacts on nearby communities.

Workshops & Webinars

[Bring an NAGT Traveling Workshop to You](#)

The Traveling Workshops Program (TWP) brings NAGT's professional development program to you, working with you to customize a workshop to meet your group's needs. The TWP has well-tested workshop sessions on adapting to change, (re)designing your courses and curriculum, inclusive mentoring, supporting all students, and more. Are you preparing for a program review or responding to feedback from one? Have you seen changes in the faculty in your department through new hires or retirements? Do you feel you could do a better job serving your students? We can help you! [Choose your workshop](#) or [learn more about the program](#).

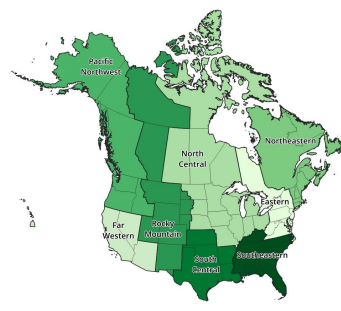


Section & Division Highlights

Regional Section News

Connect with your section leadership today to be a part of grassroots efforts to elevate geoscience education. Check out the [Regional Section web pages](#) to learn more about your Section and efforts to engage and support geoscience education in your region.

If you are a Section Leader, you can reach your members through this newsletter!



Topical Division News

NAGT Divisions bring together members who share a specific professional interest. Current Divisions include [Geo2YC](#) (Two-Year College Division), [GER](#) (Geoscience Education Research Division), and [TED](#) (Teacher Education Division). Each Division sets its own meeting schedule, retains its own dues, and holds a seat on the Association Council through its President, giving members both a focused community and a direct voice in NAGT's national governance.

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From Our Members

Gauging Support for Teaching Geosciences Across North America: An Earth in Common Initiative

DEADLINE: August 31, 2026

The GSA Education Division is excited to invite your input on a potential new geoscience education initiative connected to Earth in Common, a GSA-led collaboration with the International Geological Congress (IGC). Earth in Common seeks to advance geoscience research, education, and public understanding of Earth systems across North America and the societies that depend upon them, with major gatherings in Montreal (GSA 2027), Calgary (IGC 2028), and Portland (GSA 2028).

As part of this effort, we are exploring the development of Teaching Geosciences Across North America, a collaborative collection of high-quality educational resources highlighting the geology, landscapes, Earth systems, and societal connections throughout North America.

We have developed a [brief survey](#) (5-10 minutes) to learn more about your interest in developing curriculum, reviewing resources, contributing regional expertise, as well as types of support that may be needed. The survey will remain open until August 31st, 2026. We are in the ideation stage, so responding to the survey does not commit you to participating. Your feedback will help us determine whether there is sufficient interest to move forward and will help inform potential requests to GSA Council for stipends and other project support.

Please complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/kyebn9DVRPEFDkZRA>. If you have questions about the project, contact Missy Eppes at meppes@charlotte.edu or Darryl Reano at Darryl.Reano@asu.edu.

Attention! Do you teach mineralogy, petrology, structure, sedimentology, and/or stratigraphy?

DEADLINE: September 15, 2026

If yes, we would love to hear from you! We are investigating geoscience instructors' perspectives on analogies in upper-level geoscience courses. We are seeking faculty from R1s, R2s, and Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (PUIs).

For this study, we are asking geoscience instructors to complete a short 10-minute pre-interview survey. At the end of the pre-interview survey, you will be asked to provide your contact information to set up an approximately 60-minute virtual interview. We will ask how you use analogies in your classroom, your beliefs about analogy effectiveness, and barriers or challenges to using analogies for instruction.

You will be compensated with a \$75 Amazon gift card after completing the pre-interview survey and the interview.

If you are interested in participating, please click the following link to access the pre-interview survey: [Geoscience Instructor Perspectives on Analogies in the Classroom](#)

Note: The pre-interview survey will be closed on September 15th, 2026, or once we have reached our goal of interview participants.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Caden Rhoades (crhoades1@niu.edu), or Dr. Nicole LaDue (nladue@niu.edu) at Northern Illinois University.

AGU Faculty Travel Grant

DEADLINE: September 18, 2026

- Are you an early- to mid-career geoscience faculty member?
- Are you employed at a 2-year college, 4-year undergraduate U.S. institution, or an under-resourced international institution?
- Do you need financial support to attend this year's AGU annual conference in San Francisco, California (December 7-11)?

If you answered "YES!" to these questions, apply for the AGU Faculty Travel Grant today! Awardees will receive a travel stipend and have opportunities to participate in special workshops and networking events.

Learn more at <https://www.agu.org/Honors/ftg>

GSA Connects 2026 K-12 Educator Exchange

Denver, CO -- Sunday, October 11

Join the complimentary GSA Connects K–12 Educator Exchange! Connect with geoscientists and fellow educators, discover classroom resources and career pathways,

attend a featured GeoCareers session, and earn 0.4 CEUs.

Special Issue on Spatial Thinking in the Geosciences

DEADLINE: December 31, 2026

Do you have a Spatial Thinking manuscript you have been meaning to finish? Consider contributing to a Special Issue of the open-access journal Education Sciences (ISSN: 2227-7102) entitled "Enhancing Spatial Thinking and Visual Literacy in the Geosciences." Manuscripts that complement the existing papers in this special issue may be given a waiver of the publication fee.

For further details, contact Nicole LaDue (nladue@niu.edu), and please visit: [Enhancing Spatial Thinking and Visual Literacy in the Geosciences](#).

Career Hub

Looking to connect with a wide audience in the geoscience education community? Post your job openings, postdoctoral positions, internships, assistantships, or undergraduate research opportunities on the NAGT Career Hub!

Your posting will be featured on the [NAGT Career Hub](#) website, posted on NAGT's social media, and included in next month's NAGTNews newsletter!

Bowdoin College - Assistant Professor in Earth & Oceanographic Science

The Department of Earth and Oceanographic Science, Bowdoin College, invites applications for a full-time tenure-track faculty appointment in geoscience applications of artificial intelligence at the Assistant Professor level.

Review of applications will begin September 1, 2026, and continue until the position is filled. The position begins July 1, 2027.

NAGT - Executive Director

The National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) seeks a collaborative and strategic Executive Director to lead the organization in advancing excellence in geoscience education and supporting a vibrant professional community. Review of applications begins January 4, 2027.

Post Opportunities to the NAGT Career Hub!

Questions? Comments? Reach out to the NAGT Media Editor, Cheryl Manning, at media-editor@nagt.org.

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