November 2026 News

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SHARE THIS ISSUE!

This month only, we're making NAGTNews openly shareable! While this newsletter is typically a member-exclusive benefit, we invite you to share it with colleagues, friends, or anyone who might appreciate a closer look at what NAGT has to offer.

BONUS: Anyone who joins now receives the rest of the 2026 year FREE with their 2027 membership!

Let others experience the value of NAGT - pass it on!

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News & Announcements

Thanks for Joining us at GSA Connects 2026 in Denver!

It was wonderful to see so many of our members engaged in conversations at the booth, participating in discussions at posters and oral sessions, and celebrating all that we do every day.

AGU26 is right around the corner!

NAGT is pleased to sponsor geoscience education sessions at the Fall 2026 AGU Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, from December 7-11, 2026.

While NAGT will not be operating a booth in the exhibit hall this year, members and leadership will be present, and we look forward to connecting!

AGU ANNUAL MEETING
7–11 December 2026 | San Francisco, CA

Learn more about NAGT at AGU26

Renew Your Membership Today & Invite a Colleague

Maintain your engagement with NAGT by continuing your membership for 2027 today! Take advantage of your member benefits, including

- NAGTNews, our monthly newsletter
- 15% discount on GSA Connects registration
- **Access to JGE**, the Journal of Environmental Education, and online access to Science Activities from Taylor & Frances
- AGI offers free access to the Geologize online course, "**Practical Geocommunication**"
- From Brunton, a 30% Member Discount when you use the code NAGT_30.



Now is also a great time to invite a colleague to join! Do you have new faculty in your department, or a new graduate student? Tell them about NAGT and encourage them to join. If they join now, their membership will be valid through the end of 2027.

Giving Tuesday is December 1: Support Earth Education for All!

December 1, 2026, is Giving Tuesday, a day to show your support for the causes and organizations you care about. NAGT has a new Donation Portal where you can donate to the Program fund, giving NAGT the flexibility to respond as needed. You can also choose to support Professional Development, Students, Awards, or Capacity Building. As a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization, all contributions to NAGT are 100% tax-deductible. **Donate today,** or support us on Giving Tuesday. You can also support us by renewing your membership or encouraging others to join.

Lead a National Community

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) at Carleton College, which



Learn about the Executive Director position

Apply by January 4, 2027

provides services for NAGT operations, activities, programs, and leadership.

Nominate yourself or a colleague for an NAGT Committee

NAGT runs on volunteer power, and our members help steer our work to address issues that are important to the community. 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? **Learn more about NAGT's committees and nominate yourself or a colleague**, or learn more on our **Get Involved in NAGT Leadership** page.

Make a Sustaining Gift through our Donation Portal

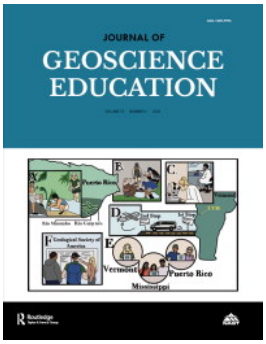
NAGT's donation website and donor portal have a fresh new home, powered by Givecloud. Giving is now more streamlined than ever. You can set up recurring contributions, review past transactions, and download receipts, all in one place.

Make a sustaining gift today!

Thank you for supporting NAGT and Earth Education for All!

Publications & Resources

Journal of Geoscience Education (JGE)



JGE is always looking for submissions related to learning and teaching in the geosciences and related domains.

November 2026 Featured Article

This month, the editors of JGE selected the article, **Identifying El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) preconceptions held by college students prior to instruction**, by Queen E. Roach and William W. Cobern, to be free for all to access. Congratulations authors!

Submit a Manuscript **View JGE's Latest Issue**

In The Trenches



In the Trenches (ITT) is an interactive online publication designed to provide a venue for NAGT members to learn about and discuss teaching strategies and resources, the work of NAGT committees, sections, and divisions, and other ideas relevant to Earth educators and education researchers.

Recent Articles

ITT recently published two articles

- **Making Plate Tectonics Visible: An Inquiry-Based Modeling Approach** by Queen Roach and David W. Rudge
- **Teaching Critical Thinking in a Large Lecture Class** by Thomas Hegna

Learn more about submitting an ITT article

Teach the Earth



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

Contribute Resources to Teach the Earth

November 2026 Featured Activity

Naturally occurring events on Earth can have far-reaching consequences. In this month's activity, Teleconnections, by K.J. Farrell and C.C. Carey, students test hypotheses about how far-away drivers interact with local lake characteristics to affect lake temperatures and ice cover in different lakes as they set up a lake model and force it with changing climate scenarios.

Awards & Kudos

Nominate Your Outstanding Teaching Assistants (OTA)

Nominations due December 15

Do you have an exceptionally talented Teaching Assistant who deserves recognition? Consider nominating them for the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (OTA)!

All OTA Awardees receive a one-year membership in NAGT through a gift from past president Tom Hendrix.

NEW! Starting this award cycle, OTA awardees will also receive $2000 thanks to the generous support from the Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation's Earth Science Program,

OTA Nominations due December 15

Nominate Outstanding Earth Science Teachers

Nominations due February 1

Outstanding Earth Science Teacher (OEST) awards are given for "exceptional contributions to the stimulation of interest in the Earth Sciences at the pre-college level." Any teacher or other K-12 educator who covers a significant amount of Earth science content with their students is eligible. Eight national finalists are selected, one from each NAGT regional section. Some sections also recognize state/province winners.

OEST Awardees receive a 2-year membership in NAGT as well as many other benefits. Learn more about Section Awardee and State/Province Awardee benefits.

Individuals may apply themselves or nominate a colleague for the award.

OEST Award Nominations due February 1

Professional Development

Register for the Heads & Chairs Workshop

San Francisco, CA
December 6, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Register by November 30 for the AGU/AGI Heads and Chairs of Geoscience Departments workshop!

This one-day, free workshop connects department leaders with research, practical tools, resources, and a community of peers committed to building strong and resilient geoscience programs. Participants will explore evidence-based approaches that can be adapted and implemented within their own departments and institutions, while building connections with colleagues leading programs across a range of institutional settings.

Learn More about the Heads & Chairs Workshop

View the Schedule

Register by November 30

Facilitated by NAGT, this workshop will be held prior to the AGU Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, on Sunday, December 6. Participation in AGU26 is not required to attend the workshop.

There is no fee to register, but you must register in advance (by November 30).

Navigating AI in Geoscience Education Conference

Virtual
February 8-12 and 17-18

This 2027 online conference will bring together Earth educators from across disciplines to take part in a community discussion of how AI is impacting undergraduate geoscience teaching and learning, how we are changing our practices, and to chart a path forward. It builds on and responds to the energy and interest expressed by the community at our December 2025 webinar.

Registration closes December 13.

Join the GeoAI Community

Learn More about the Conference

Register for the Conference by December 13

Apply for the 2027 Geoscience Faculty Early Career Workshop

Saint Paul, Minnesota
June 20-24, 2027

Faculty in their first three years are encouraged to apply to participate in NAGT's multi-day Early Career workshop at Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN. This long-running annual workshop is highly endorsed by past participants. Workshop participants build community

with peers and take part in sessions on topics including effective teaching strategies, course design, establishing a research program in a new setting, working with research students, balancing professional and personal responsibilities, and time management.



Apply by March 15, 2027

Bring an NAGT Traveling Workshop to You

Rolling applications

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 your department could do a better job serving your students? We can help you!

Learn More about the Traveling Workshop Program

Choose your Workshop

Read more about the current TWP in the month's In the Trenches.

From Our Members

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 NAGT newsletter!

PhD Position in Geoscience Education Research at University of Copenhagen

The position is part of the research work package "Disciplinary Writing Practices in the AI Era: Enhancing Learning in the Geosciences" at NNF-USE, led by Professor Kristine Harper. The PhD will be part of the research group on University Science Education, which hosts several other scholars working on higher education discipline-based educational research (DBER). NNF-USE, led by Professor Jenny Dauer, also partners with scholars from two other Danish universities (University of Aarhus, University of Southern Denmark) as well as those from abroad. Applications are due November 29, 2026, with an anticipated start date around April 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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