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GIFTED STUDENT CONFERENCE
SLATED FOR MARCH 28

A "Conference on the Gifted Student" will be held Saturday, March 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Bristol High School, Bristol, R.I. Sponsored by six educational organizations from throughout the state, the Conference is open to the public.

Topics to be addressed are emotional needs of the gifted student; planning a gifted program and the parents' role; school and home: working through your newspaper; and creative energy conservation in children. A special performance will be given by the R.I. All-Star Jazz Ensemble.

Dr. James Alvino, coeditor of the Journal for the Gifted, will be the keynote speaker, addressing the subject "Being Gifted: Is it a

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Blessing or a Curse?" Dr. Alvino is also project director of AEGIS at the Educational Improvement Center in South Sewell, N.J.

Welcoming Conference attendees will be Dr. Arthur Pontarelli, acting commissioner of education for the state of Rhode Island. Dr. Daniel McGregor, associate professor of special education at Salve Regina and principal of the Maher Center in Newport, is master of ceremonies.

Noted educators and specialists on the subject of gifted children speaking at the Conference are: Dr. Janice Cowsill, graduate faculty at Salve Regina and director of Pupil Personnel Services for the Newport Public Schools; Carolyn Hazard, consultant for program development with the R.I. Department of Education; Eileen Larkin, consultant, Newspaper and Education Department at the Providence Journal-Bulletin; Catherine Valentino, director of elementary education, North Kingstown Public Schools. Patti Armstrong, member of the North Kingstown School Committee will also address Conference attendees.

The Conference is sponsored by the Rhode Island Association of Teacher Educators; Phi Delta Kappa; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; Rhode Island Department of Education; Council for Exceptional Children-Student Chapter, The Newport College - Salve Regina; Rhode Island State Advocates for Gifted Education.

Members of the sponsoring organizations, non-members and students are invited to attend. For more information about registration contact Kathryn Flood, Salve Regina College, Newport, R.I. 02840. Telephone 847-6650, extension 244.

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