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The Jean C. Prather Teacher Grant For Continued Learning

Sponsored by the Mississippi Association for Gifted Children

MAGC will offer members another grant opportunity in 2016. The all-new Jean C. Prather Teacher Grant (JPTG) is designed to provide a teacher of the gifted with the opportunity to attend a workshop or training in an area of interest that meets expectations for gifted education. The recipient of the JPTG will be expected to "give back" as a trainer for other teachers of the gifted at an annual MAGC conference and in staff development at meetings of regional support consortia across the state when appropriate. This grant may be awarded annually in an amount up to \$600! Watch MAGC's website for the 2016 Jean C. Prather Teacher Grant application... **COMING SOON!**



So, who is Jean Prather?



Our Jean Prather was MAGC's first executive director, taking on that responsibility in 1996. Jean received her Bachelor and Master of Education from Mississippi College and her Educational Specialist in Gifted Education from Mississippi State. She was the gifted program coordinator for Jackson Public Schools from 1986-1998, with background of experience as an elementary teacher, reading and language arts specialist, and teacher of the gifted. After retirement, Jean continued to advocate for gifted children as MAGC's Executive Director and consultant. Along the way, Jean taught in USM's summer gifted programs, was director of the Summer Challenge Programs at Mississippi College, State Director and National Advisory Board member for Odyssey of the Mind, a consultant for MDE, president of MAGC, a member of the special task forces for MAGC, MDE and the Mississippi Legislature, conference leader for USM's parent conference, curriculum consultant for many educational settings, a leader for MAGC's conference, an Ad Hoc teacher for Governor's School and member of the evaluation team, on the Partners in Education Advisory Board, and more. (Whew! And that is not all!) Jean Prather has served as a special consultant for the Southern Baptist and MS Baptist Sunday School Convention boards and was a chaplain for the summer, winter and Paralympics from 2000-2010! There is no question that our Jean is a very special lady, but for me and scores of others, she has been so much more...a friend and mentor, even providing meals and a "girly" bedroom in her home for us to sleep during our visits to Jackson. Those of us who serve in the trenches of gifted education in Mississippi have been blessed to have Jean blaze the way. It is with great appreciation, pride and affection that we name this award for our Jean C. Prather. We are forever in your debt!

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