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PRE-CONVENTION INSTITUTE  
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9:00am – Noon**

**INSTITUTE LEADER: Karen Jones**



**Karen Jones** is an Adjunct Faculty Member for Empire State College, Mercy College, Adelphi University and College of Saint Rose.

Karen taught for forty years, thirty-four of those years working at Corinth Central Schools. In her career she has taught elementary classroom, middle school and high school reading, and GED. In addition, she served as the K-3 Literacy Coach for six years and the 4-12 Literacy Coach for two years. She also chaired CSE and Preschool CSE meetings. She served as a curriculum development facilitator and provided after school professional development opportunities for teachers. Furthermore, Karen served as the district-wide AIS Coordinator and the District Reading Coordinator. She also served for over twenty years as Commencement Coordinator and Senior Awards Coordinator.

Karen served as a mentor teacher for students and a mentor teacher for teachers. She helped to write the District Mentor Plan. She served for six years as the district's Model Schools Liaison. Additionally, she served on and chaired numerous committees including: Response to Intervention (chair), Data-Driven Decision Making, Child Study Team, APPR (chair), AIS (chair), Math Task Force, Professional Development Plan, School Safety Committee, School Climate Action Committee (chair), Reading Task Force (chair), Technology Committee, and School Improvement Team. In 2004 she was named district-wide Teacher of the Year for Corinth Central Schools.

In addition to her teaching duties, Karen was involved in numerous student activities, including: field hockey coach, class advisor for 8 classes, and National Honor Society advisor. She provided Leadership Training for student groups and advisors.

Karen received her B.S. in Elementary Education from New York State University College Plattsburgh and her M.S. in Reading from University at Albany, NY. She has earned over 120 graduate credits. In addition to her N-K and Grades 1-6 and Reading Certifications, Karen is certified in Wilson Language Program Level I and Level II Upper Steps. She has served as President of, and on the Board of Directors for Iroquois Reading Council. Furthermore, she is a member of *Beta Omega* Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and currently serves as the Chapter President. In addition, Karen is the Educational Excellence Chair for the New York State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma. She is a member of NYS Reading Association, International Literacy Association, ASCD, and Phi Delta Kappa. She has presented workshops at the local and statewide level.

During her time in Corinth Central Schools, Karen was the recipient of numerous competitive grants and fellowships. The largest grant was a Reading First Grant of which she was co-writer. She earned grants for an alternative education consolidation study with Hadley-Luzerne CSD, high school study skills booklet, middle school development, and youth at risk. Fellowships she received allowed her to attend six World Reading Congresses where she had the opportunity to work with reading researchers and teachers from around the world. In addition, she wrote fellowships for the reading department to attend NYS Reading Association State Conference on four occasions. She also helped write the compliance grants for CSPD Consolidated Application and Title I grant narrative.

In 2004 Karen was named the District Teacher of the Year. She has been recognized for perfect attendance for eighteen years. Students recognized her work by giving her the Yearbook Dedication two times and Yearbook Appreciation eleven years. Karen also received the National Honor Society School Service Award three times and has been named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* thirteen times.