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Jimmy Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grant



Dr. Jimmy Oliver Morris (1947-1999) was a graduate of LaGrange High School, and held a bachelor's degree in fine arts, a master's degree in Art Education, and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Georgia. Dr. Morris joined the Clarke County School District in 1968 as an art teacher at Clarke Junior High School. After attending graduate school, teaching art at three universities in the early 1970s, and coordinating fine arts for a South Carolina school district, Morris returned to Athens as the school system's fine arts coordinator in 1982. He continued to lead the fine arts program until his retirement in June 1999. He also served as the CCSD director of community relations from 1992-98. After retiring, Dr. Morris was the director of Athens-Clarke County's newly rededicated Lyndon House Arts Center. He was involved in the community in many ways, including as a member of the Rotary Club of Athens, a graduate of Leadership Athens (1984); and served on the Taylor-Grady Advisory Board, the Morton Theatre Corporation, the Athens Puppet Theater Company, and more.

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