



# In the TMA Spotlight

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**MRS.  
DOLORES  
JONES**

*High School  
Math Teacher*



Dolores Jones was nominated to be in the spotlight by a parent who had this to say about her: “ I would like to nominate Mrs. Dolores Jones because she goes above and beyond in helping her students by working through her lunch hour with the students and after school as needed. She also makes every effort to contact the student and parent with GOOD NEWS and it is important to her that her students know that she is proud of them, especially when they succeed in something!”

Dolores was born and raised in Mount Dora, Florida. Growing up, she was a girl who preferred playing outside, playing ball, climbing trees, etc. Dolores swam competitively during high school. She spent her summers as a lifeguard and a camp counselor and spent one summer in Brazil as a missionary.

Dolores graduated from Florida State University and swam with “Tarpon”, the synchronized swimming team at FSU. She even competed at an international competition at the University of Massachusetts.

Dolores has been married 39 years (in June) to Ed Jones, one of her childhood friends from Mount Dora. They have 2 children: Christy Walls (TMA ‘90) who is a nurse in Illinois, and Becky Pate (TMA ‘97) who is a Volunteer Coordinator for Teens at Arnold and Winnie Palmer Hospital. They have three grandchildren.

She has been a teacher for 27 years; the last 23 have been with TMA. Dolores has been teaching at TMA since our opening day. Her greatest joys of teaching are helping students and seeing alumni return and tell what they are doing today.

In her leisure time, Dolores loves to swim, read and spend time with her grandchildren. In fact, this summer she is meeting with their 2 oldest grandkids in Kentucky and taking them on vacation for two weeks! Then they will spend another couple of weeks together in Florida.