



March 25, 2002 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Jean (Netcher) York Davenport Class of 1940

Jean York Davenport distinguished herself as an internationally renowned educator, author, researcher, lecturer, and educational consultant.

Jean credits the writing, debating, and leadership skills she obtained at Roosevelt High School for her success in the field of education. Jean York was a major contributor to curriculum development in Elementary Reading, Language Arts, and Science instruction. She was a pioneer in the field of team teaching as a method of assisting teachers to meet the divergent needs of students.

Jean earned her B.A. from Kalamazoo College, an M.A. from Wayne State University, and Ph.D. in Elementary Education and Psychology from the University of Indiana at Bloomington.

Her career started in the Southgate Schools where she served as a teacher and as a principal from 1951 to 1960. From 1967 to 1973 Jean served as a Professor of Education and as a Research Associate at the University of Texas at Austin.

From 1973 to 1977 she served as Chairman and Professor of Education at the University of Cincinnati.

Jean York Davenport completed her teaching career at the University of Texas in San Antonio from 1977 to 1988 where she was Director of Certification and Placement and Professor of Education.

In her 37 years as an educator, Jean served in leadership positions in numerous state and national educational organizations, and with the American Red Cross and United Foundations. Professor Jean Davenport served as a consultant to school districts throughout the U.S. and in schools in Yugoslavia, England, and China. Her over 160 publications are utilized in over 30 countries. Her writing,

seminars and lectures were used to train teachers, members of the Teachers Corps, Peace Corps, and the military.

Jean and her husband, Fred P. Davenport, are enjoying their retirement years in Boerne, Texas, outside of San Antonio.