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Ouida Newton has served as an educator in Arkansas for 37 years. Over her career, she has had the opportunity to teach math at every grade level from 6th grade to Calculus, junior high science and physics, and, for the past 20 years, College Algebra and College Trigonometry for the College of the Ouachitas. In addition, she has served as K-12 library media specialist for the Poyen School District. Newton has also been a math coach, curriculum supervisor and involved in both curriculum development and data analysis.

Newton graduated summa cum laude from Henderson State University in 1977 with a double major in math and science and obtained a Masters of Library and Informational Science from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1988. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the National Network of State Teachers of the Year.

She was named the 2014 MAA Arkansas Outstanding Middle School Math Teacher, the 2014 Arkansas Rural Teacher of the Year, and the 2015 Grant County Secondary Teacher of the Year. Newton is the 2015 Arkansas Teacher of the Year.

Her husband, Jerry Newton, is the superintendent of Poyen School District. They have been married for 39 years and have two children and four grandchildren.

Newton has a passion for children and believes that all children can succeed given the love of a community and the diligence of a teacher who believes in them.

Newton is available to speak, conduct workshops, and/or serve on committees around the following topics:

- Common Core
- Content area: math
- Formative assessments
- Standards-based instruction
- Student engagement
- Classroom management
- Teaching and assessing higher order thinking skills