



Manne Magady named regional winner for Paul Morris Community Service Award State honor recognizes former and current Board of Education members for commitment to volunteerism

Manne Magady, a former Lee's Summit R-7 School District Board of Education member, was recently named a regional winner for the Paul Morris Community Service Award. The award, sponsored by the Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA), recognizes current and former Board of Education members for their commitment to community service.

Mr. Magady will be honored at a MSBA state banquet on June 11 along with all 17 Missouri regional winners. One of the 17 will be named Missouri recipient of the Paul Morris Community Service Award, receiving a \$1,000 individual award and an additional \$1,000 to be used by his or her school district for scholarships.

A long-time Lee's Summit resident, Mr. Magady was nominated by colleagues on the R-7 Board of Education. He taught social studies at Lee's Summit High School for 30 years and was elected to the Board of Education after his retirement from teaching. Mr. Magady served on the Board of Education for 12 years, providing a voice for students, staff members and citizens alike.

He served two years as the Board's vice president and as a member of numerous Board committees and district-wide teams. Within the community, Mr. Magady serves as a member of the Lee's Summit CARES Executive Board (a group devoted to combating teen substance abuse and violence), helped initiate the Lee's Summit Kids Voting effort, served as a co-chairperson and member for the R-7 bond and levy election citizens' committee, serves on the Lee's Summit Gamber Center Advisory Council, is a member of the Truman Heartland Charity Foundation Board, volunteers at Longview Community College's popular Ethnic and Children's Festival and has volunteered weekly with Lee's Summit Social Services, a local food pantry and emergency assistance organization, for many years. Through Social Services, he has helped coordinate efforts to gather school supplies for needy children in our school district.

In addition, Mr. Magady is a member of the R-7 Citizens' Advisory Committee and Jacomo Chapter of Retired School Personnel and a former long-time member and chairperson of the Lee's Summit Human Relations Commission. With the Human Relations Commission, he helped initiate and has chaired the community's popular Birthday Tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., which has grown into one of the metro area's largest celebrations of Dr. King's life. This year, he co-chaired Lee's Summit's first-ever Day of Service, held on Martin Luther King Day to provide a day dedicated to volunteerism. He was a founding member of and continues to serve on the Lee's Summit Coalition for Excellence in Education, a group formed in the 1990s to help ensure quality Board of Education candidates who are dedicated to excellent public schools. He also works as a part-time educator through the Truman Library's Educational Division. Mr. Magady has been recognized as the Eastern Jackson County's Volunteer of the Year, received the Lee's Summit Humanitarian Award, received the Lee's Summit Rotary Club's Award for Community Service and was named Retired Educator of the Year by the Jacomo Chapter of Retired School Personnel.

The Paul Morris Community Service Award was established in memory of Paul Morris, a school board member from Mt. Vernon, who was serving as president of MSBA when he passed away in February 2009.