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Dr. Jones served at the National Science Foundation (NSF) for 14 years (1972-1986) in several capacities, including Senior Program Analyst for the Mathematical and Physical Sciences and Head of the Program Analysis Office. In these positions he assisted in coordinating the development and presentation of annual NSF budgets and program plans to the White House Office of Management and Budget and the U.S. Congress.

Prior to joining the NSF staff, he was Professor of Mathematics and Chairman of the Department of Mathematics at Florida A & M University (1967-1972). In October 1996, Dr. Jones was one of three recipients of the Outstanding Science Alumni Award from the College of Science at The Pennsylvania State University.

He founded Futura Technologies, Inc. in 1989 to support innovations in mathematics education through the use of technology. Through this company, he developed written and manipulative mathematics materials for teachers, students, and parents covering grades K-3 on a national scale. He earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Chemistry from Lincoln University (PA), and the master's and doctoral degrees in Mathematics from The Pennsylvania State University.