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Munson Congratulates Jago on California English Teachers Lifetime Achievement Award

Monday, February 24, 2020—Great Minds founder and CEO Lynne Munson today congratulated prominent literacy educator and author [Carol Jago](#) on receiving the Career Achievement Award from the California Association of Teachers of English. Jago is only the second individual to receive the award, considered only for those who have rendered significant, sustained service to the association.

“Carol’s work is a wellspring of wisdom for the field,” Munson said. “I am thrilled to see her honored. And I am grateful for the role she played in shaping Great Minds’ early work in literacy.”

Jago served on the Great Minds board of trustees from 2011 to 2014, including one year as chairman, and continues to serve as an emeritus advisor. Great Minds is the creator of the [Wit & Wisdom](#) English language arts curriculum, among others.



Greg Johnson, CATE president, and Carol Jago

Jago taught English in middle and high school for 32 years and is associate director of the California Reading and Literature Project at the University of California at Los Angeles. She served as president of the National Council of Teachers of English and chair of the College Board’s English Academic Advisory committee. She is the author of many books on teaching literacy.

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